

April 2026

Holy Week at All Saints'

Holy Week, the week-long series of services that honor Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, is the most sacred time of the church year. It began on Palm Sunday, when we recount Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and concludes with the *Paschal Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). And of course at the end we'll celebrate Easter Sunday with much rejoicing! Don't forget to bring flowers for the cross and bells to ring!

There are many opportunities during Holy Week at All Saints' to worship and prepare our hearts for Easter. Services marked with an asterisk will also be live-streamed:

- **Maundy Thursday:** April 2, 7pm
- **Good Friday:** April 3, 12pm & Stations of the Cross, 7pm*
- **Great Vigil:** April 4, 7:30pm
- **Easter Sunday:** April 5, 8 & 10:15am*

If you have any questions about these services, please contact the church office or ask any of our clergy. We're happy to help!



Stations of the Cross, Apr. 3

Following the footsteps of Jesus - the Way of the Cross - became an important part of pilgrimages to Jerusalem. As early as the 5th century, "replicas" of these places began appearing in other lands, gradually becoming the Stations of the Cross seen inside many churches by the 17th century.

Sometimes, the Stations are set up outside on the grounds of a church or monastery. This was often a

way for people to make a pilgrimage of sorts without the cost, time, or danger involved in traveling to the Holy Land. Traditionally, people move from one station to the next, accompanied by readings and prayers.

All Saints' worship space, with its lack of side aisles, makes traveling from station to station impossible for a group, so here, the congregants sit and the presenters move. The children and youth will be joined by the choir to present the Stations of the Cross for the parish on **Good Friday, April 3 at 7pm**. We hope you'll join us for this unique and beloved All Saints' tradition, whether in-person or via livestream on our website.

B4 in April

Building Bridges Between Believers continues! "B4" is a year-long program seeking to combine monthly opportunities for learning and spiritual practice, with small group reflections and mutual prayer. We hope to develop connections with one another as we learn to recognize the connections between our lives and work and the roots of our faith.

In April, we'll spend some time digging into theories of Atonement, and the ways Christians have tried to understand and explain the salvation of the cross. Then we'll learn about the use of music in a life of prayer. Yes, we shall sing! Please join us on **Tuesday, April 14 at 6pm** for dinner. We'd love to see you there!



Rector's Corner

It's April— Eastertide, and spring! I'm always grateful for the joyful promise this season holds. Longer days and warmer temperatures gladden my heart and our celebration of the risen Christ reminds us, yet again, that nothing and no one are beyond the reach of God's love. This year at All Saints', the hopeful news of healing from both Bishop Gretchen and Deacon Mark makes it all seem even more glorious.

At the same time, I can't help but acknowledge that sorrow and suffering are also still very real. Daily I hear stories of illness and grief from friends and neighbors near and far. On a larger scale, our current political and social climate is filled with division, uncertainty, and fear. Too many powerful people feed the flames of conflict and chaos for their own gain, and beloved children of God in our community and around the world suffer as a result. It would be so very easy to fall into despair.

But that is why the glory of this season matters. It does not deny what is wrong with the world; it reminds us of a crucial truth: that the wrong is not all there is, and evil is never the end of the story. The worst that humanity can dish out does not have the last word - resurrected Love does.

Grace, justice, and mercy are God's response, and they must be ours as well. Now more than ever, we are called to live faithfully and generously, as Jesus teaches us: loving our neighbor, speaking truth, seeking justice, and striving for peace. The world does not need more anger or fear; it needs more faith-filled disciples who reflect mercy and love, and witness to the exultation of Easter:

Goodness is stronger than evil.

Love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness.

Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours through the One who loves us.

God's peace,
Jane+

Adult Formation

In April we continue to focus on one of the questions in our Baptismal Covenant: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" When we say "I will, with God's help," we are committing ourselves to seek God's justice in our own lives and in our world. But what does that mean, exactly? We'll spend some time "Seeking God's Justice Together" by exploring the teachings of scripture to learn more about different aspects of biblical justice and wholeness.

Apr 5: Easter; No Class

Apr 12: 2 Samuel 12:1-15
Calling leaders to account

Apr 19: Esther 2-8
Using power to protect the powerless

Apr 26: Leviticus 25
Working for freedom and fairness

Grab your cup of coffee or tea and join us Sundays at 9:15am. Hope to see you there!

Children and Youth Ministries – April 2026

Godly Play in April. Godly Play is our education time for our younger students, ages 4 through 5th grade. We meet each **Sunday at 9am** in the Godly Play classroom. We hear the story, wonder, work with materials in the room, feast and pray together. Come join us! April stories are:

April 5: Easter—No Class

April 12: Knowing Jesus in a New Way, part 1

April 19: Knowing Jesus in a New Way, part 2

April 26: Knowing Jesus in a New Way, part 3

Youth Class in April. After Easter, the Youth Class will finish up their reading and study of The Acts of the Apostles. Each week, they read a chapter or two, learn and discuss. Come be part of the conversation and learn about the early history of the church.

There will be NO Sunday School or Children's Chapel on April 5 for Easter. There will be a Children's Sermon at the 10:15 Easter service, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt after church. You are welcome to bring your own Easter basket for the hunt!

Easter Egg Hunt, April 5. Following the 10:15 Easter service we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children and parents should meet in the multi-purpose room downstairs after the service to get some guidelines for the hunt, while the Easter bunnies finish hiding the eggs. You are encouraged to bring your own basket, but we will have some extras if you forget. Our egg hunt is for all kids up through 5th graders.

Book Presentations, April 12. We will be presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles and our 4th graders with Books of Common Prayer during the 10:15 service on this Sunday. Current students should have received an email about this. If you do not have your own copy of a Bible or Prayer Book and would like one, please contact Theresa.

Shirts due for tie-dying, April 19. If you wish to bring in your own shirt to tie-dye for the Pentecost shirts, your shirt needs to be here by April 19. Shirts need to be 100% cotton, white shirts. Some t-shirts will be available at the church for purchase, or you may bring your own. You will get to do your own tie-dying in the weeks following.

Youth-Senior Tea, Saturday, April 25. Our April Youth Group gathering will be the Spring Youth-Senior Tea on Saturday, April 25. All youth in grades 6-12 who are participating with the Tea, should be at church by 10am to set up and prepare the food. The Tea is from 12 noon to 2pm, and we should be done with clean up about 2:30.

Elder parishioners invited will be receiving their invitations soon; if you do not receive an invitation but would like to attend, you are most welcome—please call the church office and let us know you will be attending.

Tie-Dyed Pentecost Shirts

We will once again be making the batiked and tie-dyed shirts for Pentecost (it's an every-other-year kind of project)! If you don't have one, or need a new one, this is the time! This is for all ages. You have two ways to get a shirt: buy your own white shirt and bring it in, or purchase one of the white t-shirts that we will supply. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex to pre-order, or call the office.



White shirts are due at the church on April 19. The shirt must be 100% cotton, white. Also, avoid pockets or buttons down the front because they interfere with the dove (though we have and will work around if needed). Before turning in shirts to the church, please wash them first to take out any finishes on them (or the dye may not hold), and write your name on the tag, or if there is no tag, on the inside shirt collar seam or bottom inside hem, with a Sharpie permanent marker (do not write directly on the shirt material that forms the outside of the shirt or it WILL show through). We can also write the name on the shirt for you.

A group of volunteers will be applying wax doves to all the shirts on one day (and only one day—it is too involved of a process and not quick), and then YOU get to tie-dye your own shirt at church. We are still finalizing which days, but it will be two of these dates: April 26, May 3, or May 10. Then a team of volunteers will take the wax back out of the shirts and the finished shirts will be ready to pick up on May 17 so you can wear them on Pentecost, May 24!

Contact Theresa Grate if you would like to volunteer to help with the behind-the-scenes parts of this process. The finished shirts are beautiful and machine washable!

Outreach Focus for April: Pet Overpopulation Prevention

Outreach is collecting items for Pet Overpopulation Prevention (POPP) Tri-Cities during the month of April. POPP's mission is to promote responsible pet ownership by educating the public regarding spaying and neutering their pets, offering spay/neuter assistance, and providing various methods of caring for and finding homes for feral, abandoned and/or homeless pets.



POPP needs include premium brands dog/cat food, dog/cat beds and toys, fleece blankets, potty pads, waste disposal bags, litter (unscented), chew treats, laundry soap/dryer sheets. POPP's full donation wish list is posted on the donation box in the narthex. POPP is thankful for your support!

Saints and Sinners

Saints and Sinners will meet for their monthly social hour and potluck dinner at All Saints' on **Friday, April 17**, weather permitting, in the Memorial Pavilion for the first time! Saints and Sinners is a social group open to all adults of the parish and we are delighted to have additional folks join us. Our hosts for April are Annette Gordon and Marjie Mack and we appreciate their efforts.

We have a social hour from 6-7pm with wine and non-alcoholic beverages, and eat dinner at 7. Couples bring either a main dish or two sides (starter, salad, side dish, or dessert); singles bring one of these. We expect to use the kitchen to keep dishes warm or refrigerated as needed. Also, please bring your own table service if possible, and if you have one, a shatter proof wine glass. We will have some extras if you don't. (I think they are safer than glass stemware outside.)

We will have a signup sheet in the Narthex the preceding Sunday or you can call or text Linda Munson at 509-521-8981. If you don't sign up you can still come as we have ample tables and chairs.

Parenting Workshop

Our parenting workshop will meet **April 19** after the 10:15 service in the church library. Our new book is *Good Inside* by Dr. Becky Kennedy, subtitled "A guide to becoming the parent you want to be."

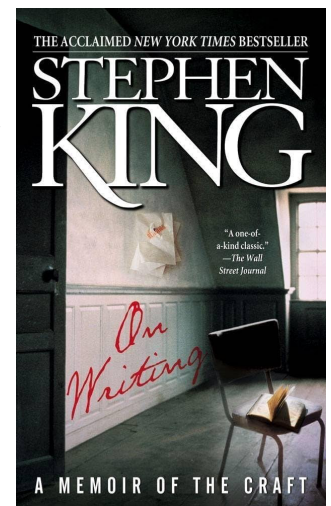
We will be discussing part 1 of this book (Chapters 1-10) which is around 100 pages. Even if you have not read the book, feel free to come and join our discussion.

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King. Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft.

On Writing has been called brilliant, inspiring, and entertaining, whether or not you are an aspiring writer. King gives advice on writing along with memories from his childhood, through his struggling early career, to a near-fatal accident and his recovery that followed. "When you write a story, you're telling yourself the story," he said. "When you rewrite, your main job is taking out all the things that are not the story." (This sounds a lot like Godly Play!)

We will meet to discuss the book on **Thursday, April 23**, beginning at 6pm with a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Anyone is welcome to join in! Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org if you would like to be added to the book group email list (and get first notice of the next book to read!).



Puzzle Library

During the fall book sale at All Saints' it was abundantly clear that there are many in the parish who enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles. The pew along the wall in the Parish Hall was stacked with a plethora of jigsaw puzzles.

Most of us enjoy putting a new puzzle together – what, once or twice? And then the puzzle sits in the closet collecting dust until we remember to donate it to the next sale. So, perhaps we can find a more purposeful life for those puzzles by bringing them to the church now.

Much like our Little Free Library outside the education wing, there is now a bookcase for donated puzzles, located in the Parish Hall next to the kitchen. Got a puzzle you're not going to put together again? Bring it to the church and add it to the collection, and at the same time pick out a new (to you) puzzle to take home and put together. When the next book sale comes along, we'll move most of the puzzles to the sales tables, and start a new collection.

There are already a few donated puzzles for you to check out, so donate a puzzle and pick up a puzzle!



Senior Warden's Update: New Rector Search

As most of you know by now, Rev. Jane has announced her upcoming retirement, effective the end of August. The vestry has determined that we should call an interim priest, hoping to have someone on board in September. I am in contact with the diocese regarding the search process for a new rector.

This process is slow and deliberate, and is to a great extent dictated by the diocese and the national

church. The first task is to write a profile for our parish; beyond that, I don't know at this time. The vestry will be meeting with the Diocesan Transition Officer, Susan Cleveley, in May. At that time, we should know more about how we will proceed. I will keep you posted as I know more.

At the present time, we need to enjoy Rev. Jane's time with us and carry on as usual! We need not be anxious, for we are in good hands - God's hands.

VBS 2026: July 13-17

Our theme for next summer's Vacation Bible School at All Saints' is "*Living Water.*" Our stories will include Creation, Jesus Stills a Storm, and the Woman at the Well. Art and science will involve water, and we will have a dedicated time to play in the water at the end of each day. VBS will be held 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 through 6th graders (just finished 5th grade). Registration will open soon; invite your friends!



VBS would not happen without all of our wonderful volunteers, so if you are a youth in 7th–12th grade, or an adult, and would like to help at VBS this summer, please contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org.

We will have a volunteer meeting on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm** in the multi-purpose room. Please plan to attend to find out more about what we will be doing, and all the ways you can help!

Wanted for VBS:

These items can be dropped off in the church office, or brought in on a Sunday:

- various craft materials that will float: corks, wooden craft sticks, craft foam, small plastic tubs (like from cream cheese, margarine, or yogurt—wider than they are tall).
- small, tropical houseplants that will work in a terrarium—please contact Theresa if you might have some.
- the food donation list will be out at the end of May.

March Vestry Summary

The All Saints' Vestry met on March 16 and spent its formation time reading the first chapter of Scott Bader-Saye's book, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, which explores the harmful impacts of fearmongering in American media, culture, church, and politics. They also reflected on Psalm 48.

The Property Committee spent the bulk of its breakout time considering the best solution to the recent leaks over the education wing downstairs. The Ministry Committee is working on creating a new "Every Person Serves" board in the Parish Hall and a new "Vestry Person of the Month" program to begin in April. Details on both programs are coming soon. The Administration Committee looked over healthy financial figures from February and explored the Church's new money market account.

The Vestry approved Colin Berry, Luna Watters, and Mary Andrew as members of this year's Audit Committee. Thanks to them for volunteering! Senior Warden Jan Wells has been working with the Diocesan Transition Minister Reverend Susan Clevely to plan her visit to All Saints' during the last week of May. Reverend Clevely will help us plan our search for a new rector, and the vestry will begin initial work on our parish profile before her visit.

Camp Cross 2026

Dates have been released for this summer's camps! There are a few new sessions this year. You can find out more about each session at campcross.org.

Labor of Love 1: May 15-20

Youth Ministry Leaders: May 22-24

Labor of Love 2: June 5-10

Faith Formation Retreat: June 19-23

Leaders in Training (LIT): June 29-July 2

Days at the Lake: July 2-5

Mini Camp: July 6-9

High School Camp: July 12-17

Intermediate Camp: July 20-24

Arts and Music Camp: July 27 - 31

Mid-High Camp: August 3-8

Clergy Camp: August 10-13

Queer Camp: August 28-31

Labor Day Family Camp: September 4-7

We want everyone to be able to enjoy all that our diocesan camp has to offer. Any student attending Camp Cross for the first time is eligible for a full scholarship from All Saints' First Timer Fund. Returning campers can apply for a full or partial scholarship from the Robison Fund. Contact Theresa Grate in the church office for more information.

We Give Thanks...

- to all those who helped make the recent Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success. Many hands DO make light work (and make things fun, too!). They include: Steve Goheen, Bill Powell, Mike O'Neill, Sam, Deacon, and Easton Stone, Al Wells, Bruce Gillespie, Tom Smith, Liam Larson, Rich Conley, Ron Moore, Rick Walling, John Wells, and Paige and Mary Andrew. In addition, special thank you's go to Theresa Grate for the announcement signs, tabletop prayers, info cards, and placemats, and Rachel Loer for all "publishing" work!
- to Katy O'Callaghan, Andie Slonecker, and Theresa Grate for practicing some prayer practices with the Youth during Lent.
- to the many hands who made 100 paper Easter baskets for the retirement homes - they will delight their recipients!
- to all who helped make cloth Easter bunnies for Easter deliveries: Susi Czarnek (who brought us this craft), John Wells, Marlo Wallace, Lilly Wallace, Kathy Meyer, Breanne and Valerie O'Hare, and Theresa Grate, and to the Youth Group who finished them.

