

May 2026

B4 in May

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 May, we’ll spend some time learning about Spiritual Gifts: given by God through the Holy Spirit



that empower Christians to “seek and serve Christ in all people.” We’re excited to welcome guest speaker Canon Andrea Oetman to join us in the process of discernment. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 12 at 6pm** for dinner. We’d love to see you there!

All Saints’ Yard Sale May 30

The church-wide rummage sale coming up on **Saturday, May 30 from 9am-3pm!** Sign up for a table, bring and sell your items, and donate a portion of the proceeds (at least 10%) to a ministry of your choice at All Saints’. Ideas include: the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, Outreach, Men’s Fellowship, Camp Cross scholarships, etc.

If you have a few items you’d like to donate without reserving a table, you can donate them to the youth table! Contact Theresa Grate to arrange donations and volunteer to help staff the table.

This year, there will also be a Community Thrift donation trailer onsite to take leftovers after the sale.

All proceeds raised from the trailer donations will benefit the Outreach Committee. See the article on pg. 3 for further details about the trailer.

The yard sale has been a great success in past years, and we’re excited to bring it back. Sign up now in the narthex to reserve a table! If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Loer or Meg Milligan.

Musicians Wanted!

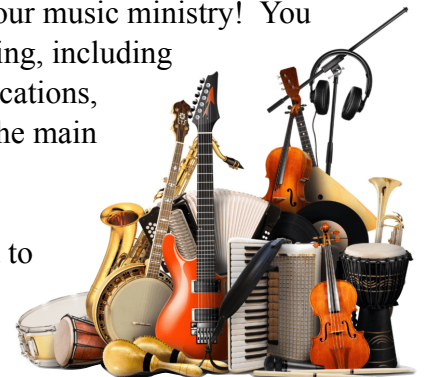
The choir will be taking a break during the summer, and we would love to invite members of All Saints’ to provide music for our offertories. We are looking for volunteers to fill the summer Sundays starting from June 14th.

Whether you sing, play an instrument, or have a group you’d like to perform with, we welcome your gifts! No need to be nervous - All Saints’ is a safe and supportive environment for musicians of all ages and skill levels.

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Accompaniment is available if needed. If you have any questions or need help selecting an appropriate piece, please contact our music director John Spencer (document_spencer@yahoo.com).

Speaking of musicians, we are seeking a part-time Choir Director to join our music ministry! You can find a full job posting, including responsibilities, qualifications, and compensation on the main page of our website,

allsaintsrichland.org. Please spread the word to any musicians in your life!



Children and Youth Ministries – May 2026

Godly Play in May. Godly Play is our education time for our younger students, ages 3 through 5th grade. We meet each **Sunday at 9:00am**. We hear the story, wonder, work with materials in the room, feast and pray together. Stories through the end of the school year are:

- May 3: The Lord's Prayer (*new!*)
- May 10: The Story of Mary
- May 17: Pentecost
- May 24: No Class/Memorial Day weekend
- May 31: Good Shepherd and World Communion

May 31 will be our last day in class for this school year. We also use Godly Play at our Vacation Bible School in July (see article elsewhere)! Our Godly Play Sunday classes will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day in September.

Children's Chapel at the beginning of the 10:15 Sunday service continues through the summer!

Youth Class in May. The Youth Class on **Sunday mornings from 9 to 10am** will meet up in the loft through May 31, with the exception of May 24 for Memorial Day weekend. They will be finishing up their study of the Acts of the Apostles through the month, with a special guest on May 31 for Trinity Sunday! Anyone in middle or high school is welcome.

Nursery update. You may have noticed that our Nursery care has been temporarily moved to the multi-purpose room for the last month. The roof over the Nursery was leaking again, and it has taken multiple visits and inspections to figure out where the water is getting in. We hope that it will be fixed soon and we will be back in the Nursery room. But in the meantime, we are still providing Nursery during the education hour and the 10:15 service.



Pentecost Tie-dye, May 10. If you didn't tie-dye your Pentecost shirt in April, this Sunday is the last day! The dye table will be available after both services. A team will then take out the wax doves and the shirts will be ready for pick up on May 17. **Wear your shirts on Pentecost Sunday, May 24!**

Youth Table at Rummage Sale, May 30. Our Youth Ministry will host a few tables at the church rummage sale on May 30. Don't want to host your own table?—bring your donations to add to the Youth table! Youth and families are invited to help staff our table, too! Contact Theresa Grate if you would like to help with this. All funds from our table will go towards sending Iris, and chaperone Katy, to the Provincial EYE gathering this summer.

High School Graduate Recognition, May 31. We will be celebrating our graduating senior on this Sunday during the 10:15 worship service, and afterwards at coffee hour. Come help us celebrate!

Calix Smith is graduating from Hanford High School. While in high school, they played the French horn, trombone, mellophone, *and* trumpet in several different bands, as well as in the pit orchestra



for multiple musicals. Calix also found time to participate in multiple clubs centered around both service and fun.

At All Saints', Calix has helped with funeral receptions, VBS, been an active member of our youth group, and this past Halloween brought an ensemble of Hanford band members to play outside the church as we passed out candy. They were a huge hit! Calix will be attending Central Washington University in the fall, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Criminal Justice, and plans to continue playing in all the bands at Central.

Leaders in Training (LIT), June 29–July 2. Interested in being a counselor at Camp Cross? If you will be entering 10th grade in the fall, or older

(adults, too!) and are willing to volunteer a week of your summer mentoring young people, please consider being a camp counselor. All counselors must attend this leadership training. Cost is \$100 (covers room and board at camp) and All Saints' can provide scholarship money if needed. Visit www.campcross.org for more information and to register.

Scholarships for Camp Cross. 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. Camp session information is available on the website www.campcross.org. Registration is now open!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Come find out more about our plans for this year's Vacation Bible School, "**Living Water,**" at the VBS Volunteer Meeting on **Tuesday, May 19, at 7pm.** This meeting is for anyone (adults, or youth entering 7th grade or older) interested in helping with this summer's VBS, either during the week of the event in July, or in preparation.



We need group leaders, storytellers, craft and science leaders, music leaders—anyone who would like to help! Please consider sharing your gifts with our young people this summer! We will meet in the multi-purpose room for our meeting. If you are interested in helping, but can't attend the meeting, please contact Theresa Grate at school@allsaintsrichland.org.

Community Thrift Trailer

The Outreach Committee is hosting a Community Thrift donation trailer, which will be at All Saints' from **Thursday, May 28 to Wednesday, June 3.**

Parishioners, friends, neighbors are all invited to bring donations to add to the trailer as a fundraiser - we earn 12 cents per pound, with a cash bonus if we exceed 3,000 pounds! The trailer is a great place to donate your spring cleaning items if you do not wish to host a table at the rummage sale, or to put any leftovers from that sale.



Acceptable donations include: clothing, books, shoes, toys, electrical items, accessories, linens, crafts, tools, media, flat screen televisions, and small workout equipment.

Items NOT accepted: large appliances, large workout equipment, furniture, mattresses/box springs, chemicals or paint, mowers, tube TVs, or tires.

We are also looking for volunteers to help sit with the trailer during open donation times, which is 3 to 6pm each night, and after the rummage sale on Saturday, and after church on Sunday. Sign-up sheet in the narthex!

Saints and Sinners

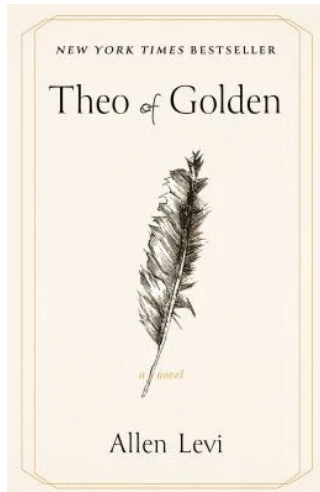
The May get together of the Saints and Sinners potluck group will meet **Friday, May 15** at the home of Lynne and Chuck Rawls, located at 4600 Collins, West Richland.

We will gather at 6pm for beverages and conversation, and then eat at about 6:30. All should bring their own table service, and a dish to share, if they are able. If you would like wine please bring a \$5 donation.

Sign up in the narthex the Sunday before or RSVP to Lynne so she knows how many to expect - call 509-967-2395 or text 509-222-9182.

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *Theo of Golden: A Novel*, by Allen Levi. This 2025 book has been a “word-of-mouth smash hit” and runaway bestseller—the book everyone is talking about!



One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and

giving each portrait to the person depicted, in exchange for their story. This is a story of giving and receiving, about the power of generosity, and the importance of connection and kindness.

We will meet on **Thursday, May 28 at 6pm** for potluck and discussion of this book. 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.

Outreach Focus for May: Mirror Ministries

Our Outreach focus for May is Mirror Ministries and its mission to respond to domestic minor sex trafficking with the love of Christ through local education, intervention, restoration, and aftercare.

Current needs include: T-shirts, leggings or drawstring/elastic waist pants sizes S-XL (new or gently used); new socks; toilet paper and paper towels; packaged shelf-stable individual meals (ravioli, soup, macaroni & cheese) and snacks (beef sticks, granola bars, etc.)

Thank you for supporting Mirror Ministries' vision in helping local victims of sex trafficking become survivors who have hope, healing, and restoration. Donations may be brought to the Outreach box in the narthex.

All Saints' All Serve

The mission of All Saints' Episcopal Church is “Equipping the Saints to seek and serve Christ in all people.” The Ministry Committee of the Vestry has been working on ways to make service a routine part of the life of all members.

“Tumbleweed Tasks” was the first version of this service and, as established in 2023, was meant to enable various parish ministries to list work that needed to be done and provide a vehicle for people willing to do the work to sign up. Some evolution was needed to keep tasks flowing.

After the necessary discussion required by tradition and Canonical obligations, the Ministry Committee has moved to an “All Saints All Serve” model. Rather than the “Tumbleweed Tasks” station, an easel pad will be available for members to record a service they rendered. Those who are already serving in various ministries (Acolyte, Altar Guild, Choir, Building & Grounds, etc) can list a completed task in their ministry. A younger member can list a service they rendered (“Picked up litter on the playground”). Work done outside the parish for others (building ramps to make homes more accessible) would be appropriate to record.

The goal is for everyone in the All Saints' Community to serve, which strengthens the parish and enlightens us all about our connections to each other, to the world at large, and supports the mission of “Equipping the Saints to seek and serve Christ in all people.” Hopefully, by the end of the year, most parish members will have written at least once on the easel pads, recognizing that we are the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.



Adult Formation

In May we will finish our 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?" By exploring the teachings of scripture, we're learning more about different aspects of biblical justice and wholeness.

- May 3: Luke 19:1-10 (*Right the Wrong*)
- May 10: Mark 11:15-18 (*Act against injustice*)
- May 17: Luke 18:1-8 (*Be persistent*)
- May 24: Nehemiah 5 (*Choose generosity*)
- May 31: Leviticus 25 (*Proclaim Jubilee*)

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

VBS 2026: July 13-17

Our theme for this summer's VBS 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. We will end the week with our traditional potluck lunch, and sing a song in church on the Sunday following VBS week (July 19).

VBS will be held July 13-17, from 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 up through 6th grade (just finished 5th grade). The cost is \$15 per camper and camperships are available if needed—we want everyone to come to VBS!

Invite your friends! Register now at:

<https://bit.ly/vbs2026registration>.

VBS would not happen without all of our wonderful volunteers, so if you would like to help at VBS this summer, please attend the volunteer meeting on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm** in the multi-purpose room.

There will be some prep days in June for people to help, and the food donation list will be out in June. Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org with any questions.

Wanted for VBS:

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

- corks
- various craft materials that will float: 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.
- potting soil
- gravel or small pebbles (like for an aquarium, or of similar size)



Senior Warden's Update

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.

As part of this effort, the vestry will be meeting with the Diocesan Transition Officer, Susan Cleveley, on May 27. She will be guiding us through the search process. Keep the vestry in your prayers, for we are all trying to do God's work.

April Vestry Summary

The All Saints' Vestry met on April 13, 2026. The formation discussion centered on Chapter 2 of the book *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, which focuses on fear and the moral life.

The Property Committee explained that a roofer identified and filled a hole in the roof over the education wing that has caused multiple major leaks. They are hopeful that reports of water damage are (finally) behind us.

The Administration Committee reported sound financials and began initial conversation about projects that could draw on our Undesignated Memorials Fund to improve church facilities.

The Ministry Committee will be launching a Vestry Person of the Month program in April. The Rev. Rachel Jackson will be the first vestry member to attend both Sunday services and introduce themselves to the congregation. Rachel will also announce an "Every Person Serves" program to highlight all the service work done by the congregation (see pg. 4 for more information).



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

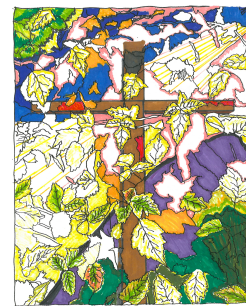
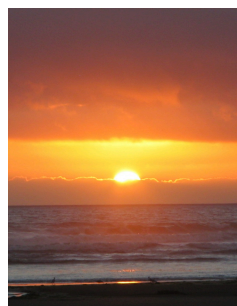
Queer Camp: August 28-31

Labor Day Family Camp: September 4-7

We want everyone to be able to enjoy all that our diocesan camp has to offer. Scholarships are available; see pg. 3 for more information.

We Give Thanks...

- to Ann Barry for finding back-up palms at the 11th hour before Palm Sunday! Additional thanks to the volunteers who trimmed and cleaned the palms until they were nice enough to hand out.
- to the Altar Guild and the volunteers who cleaned and beautified the church for Easter Sunday.
- to everyone who donated candy to the Easter Eggs, and Theresa Grate and all the volunteers who stuffed the eggs, and hid them for the annual hunt.
- to Adam Muhlestein for his faithful service as All Saints' Assistant Music Director over the last two years.
- to our Jr. Warden John Wells for his tireless work on the roof leaks, and to Ron Moore, Paige Andrew, Linda Munson, and all who are helping with the many on-going building and grounds projects.
- to the generous parishioners who supported this year's Kairos retreat with both prayers and donations.
- to the artists in our parish for creating such lovely covers for the Vigil and Easter Sunday bulletins: Lisa Richmond, Tom Smith, and Laila Krowiak. In case you missed them, here are their submissions:



Rector's Corner

Spring is such a season of hope! The depths of winter are past; days are getting warmer, flowering trees and shrubs abound, and this year's crops are peeking out of the soil.

As a hobby gardener, I find myself wandering through garden centers and dreaming. It's so inspiring to envision miniature bare root trees growing to offer shade and beauty; tiny seeds or small starts producing abundant fruits and veggies. In my imagination, it's a simple thing: stick a plant in the ground, add water, and wait (more or less patiently) for the results. Such a small investment for such great gains!

But then comes reality. Growing healthy, productive plants requires intentional, ongoing effort and investment. It's a fine thing to visit a nursery and be inspired, but it's also important to remember that every bit of greenery is the product of many, many hours of labor and many dollars' worth of equipment and materials. All kinds of cultivated plant life require time, care, and nourishment to become the healthiest, most robust it can be.

There's a reason that farmers work very long days. And there's a reason garden centers and landscape companies do a booming business.

Isn't that true of the church as well? A thriving congregation requires the ongoing attention and care of its members. None of All Saints' faithful life and witness - vibrant worship, engaging formation for all ages, compassionate care, generous giving and service - could exist without the people in this community stepping in to make them happen. By God's grace, every single one of us has "time, talent, and treasure" to offer; every single one of us is called to be part of the whole body of Christ in some way. You've heard it many times: "We Make Church Together."

Our vestry's Ministry Team is beginning a new initiative: "All Saints All Serve." You'll read more about it elsewhere in this newsletter (pg. 4). Please do consider the ways you serve at All Saints', knowing how vital you are to the fullest expression of God's glory when you do!

God's peace,
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