



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

(from *The Book of Common Prayer* Psalter)



*Psalm 121 has always been
one of Pastor Gail's favorites.
You can read why starting on page 2.*

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A Tale of Enchantment in the Enchantment Lakes Wilderness Area by Pastor Gail

While David and I were in Spokane in early June for his doctors' and dentist's appointments, I had an incredible adventure. We flew to Spokane on June 4 and were planning to stay until June 12, so we could drive back to Roseburg for Sunday's Holy Trinity Sunday. The first two days in Spokane were fun, but not overly eventful. On Friday and Saturday nights, we were invited to several friends' homes for "socially-distanced gatherings" in their backyards. As we all commented, it's been such a long time since we've had a chance to gather, to talk meaningfully, and to look into our futures.

Sunday morning, we had plans to attend an "online" church service and were just having breakfast when a text message (of rather urgent nature) came from my friend, Cheryl.

"Heidi (that's my hiking or trail name), what are you doing from Monday-Thursday? I have been able to get a permit (and you know how these are very difficult to obtain) for a three-night backpack in the Enchantment Lakes Wilderness Area. My sister was planning to come from CA, but just last night she backed out, not wanting to travel that far. Do you want to take her place on this short-notice backpack?"

Well, I did not text her back immediately. But I did begin talking to David about it. We decided that it would be a great time for me and he was fine with being at our home in Spokane Valley with just our cat!

Cheryl picked me up the next morning. I had hurriedly packed for the backpack. We drove across the state to Leavenworth, laughing and singing as we went. We stopped at the Ranger Station to get last-minute instructions and meet her other two friends from her church and headed into the wild!

It was rainy when we hiked the five miles into Eightmile Lake. The clouds cleared long enough for us to pitch our tents. Then the rain stopped and we emerged to a glorious scene. We were on the edge of a beautiful lake that had steep slopes on two sides and gentle slopes down to the lake on the other sides. Cheryl and her other friends were all fly fishers so they had a great time tempting the fish, but no strikes. When you backpack you need to eat extra calories, so after dinner we feasted on "Reese's Peanut Butter Cup" s'mores!



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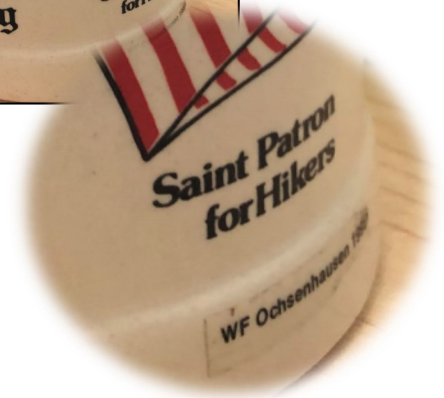
A Tale of Enchantment, continued

The next morning after breakfast, we left our tents set up and hiked another five miles over to Caroline Lake. It was beautiful, but there was lots of snow as the trail dropped down to the alpine lake, so we stayed at the top and had a great lunch while watching the birds soar. Back at our camp, the fisherpeople fished and I thought about the richness of God's creation. Psalm 121 has always been a favorite: "I lift up my eyes to the hills . . ." Read it if you have time.

We headed over to our next trail to Colchuck Lake. This was the most arduous of the hikes and we all felt VERY glad when we got to the lake. That's why the big grins on our faces!

As I was unpacking my books in the office, I noticed a pottery beer mug with St. George on it. On further inspection, the mug shows that St. George is the patron saint of hikers! It is no wonder that I am fitting in so well here. A camp song that we shared was "Our God is an Awesome God." Truer words for the trip could not be expressed!

Your hiking pastor, Heidi
(also known as Gail)



Treasurer's Report by Kathy Glockner

I want to thank the parishioners of St. George. Because of you, even with the coronavirus, we are in the black. I think most everyone has been keeping up with their pledges. The bottom line of our budgeted amounts shows a deficit of over \$8,000. As of May 31, our actual bottom line was over \$8,000 in the black. Again, some of that includes prepaid pledges, which will decrease our bottom line as we proceed through the year.

At this point I want to thank each and every one of you who have kept up with your pledging. I will have Kirstin print out statements after she completes the month of June so you can see where you are in paying your pledges.

Kathy Glockner, Treasurer

In Memoriam

Charles William Van Sickle

April 27, 1944 - May 31, 2020

A Memorial Service with Military Honors was held for Charles Van Sickle on June 17 at St. George's.



Charlie loved trees and animals and had respect for every living thing. He could make or mend anything. He could talk to anyone about anything. His enthusiasm and passion for life, his generosity, and his strong sense of justice will be sorely missed.



Safari!

by Kathy Glockner

In September I took a trip of a lifetime to South Africa. I could go on for pages, but I'll keep this short.

It was part tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe as well as part safari. We stayed at the most wonderful resorts and rode the gorgeous Rovos Rail for three nights. The train was a restored narrow-gauge railway with beautifully restored cars all paneled in teak wood. Our last three days were spent at Thornybush Resort in South Africa.

We saw the "Big 5," which includes the lion, Cape buffalo, leopard, rhinoceros, and elephant, as well as many other animals and beautiful birds, some of which included wild dogs, hyenas, zebras, giraffes, impala, wildebeest, sable antelope, kudu, and many others. Our driver didn't stay on the roads, but took us up to where the animals were. I have hours of pictures and video.

I've always wanted to go to Africa to see the animals. I will probably go back next year to a different part—maybe this next year.



Victoria Falls during a drought. Taken by another traveler with my cell phone.



We had to get off the bus leaving Zimbabwe and get off again to enter Botswana. Returning, we got off yet again to leave Botswana and a fourth time to enter Zimbabwe.

(Photo by Bill Pulpit, fellow traveler)

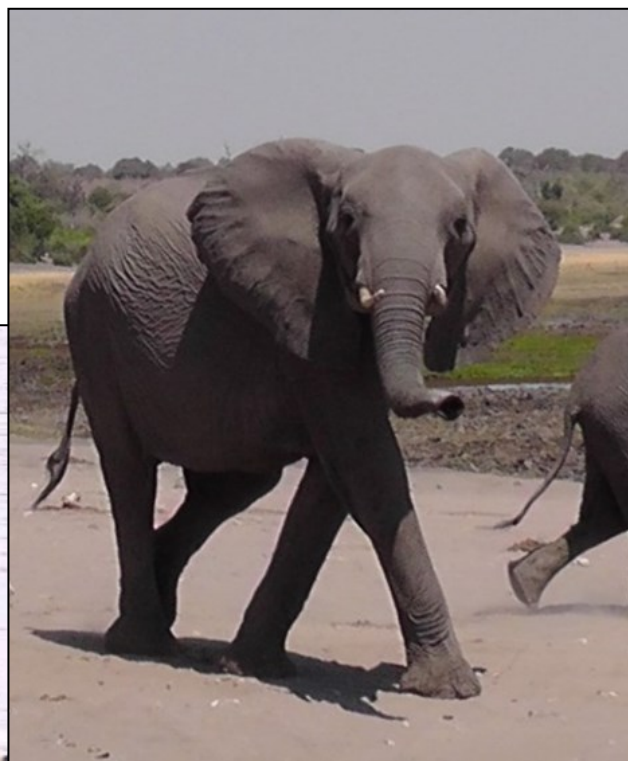


We saw this leopard 30 to 40 feet up in a tree feeding on the impala it had dragged up there.

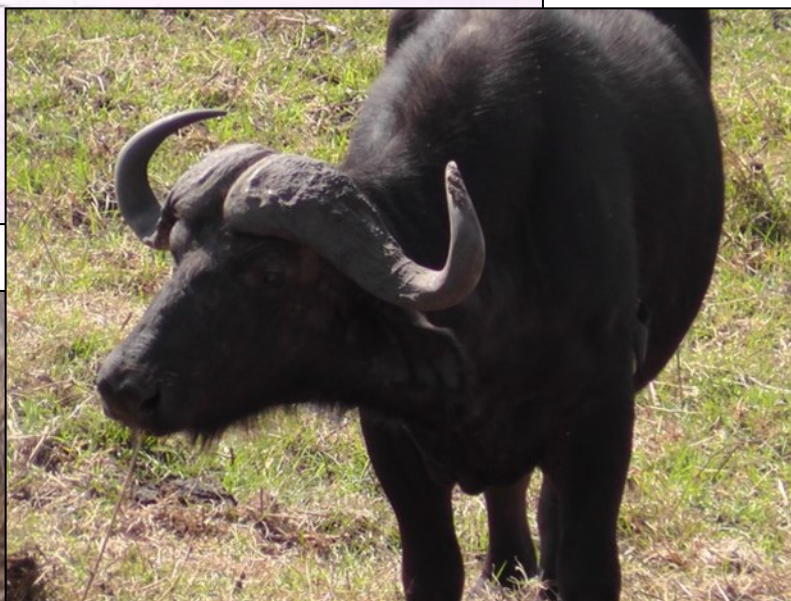
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Safari! continued

Clockwise from right: elephant, Cape buffalo, lion, and hippopotamus. I was surprised to learn the hippo is the deadliest animal in Africa. Most of the Big 5 were seen at Thornybush Resort, although we saw many of them at other areas



Hippo picture by Bill Bulpit.



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

After the long shut-down, ECW decided to have a meeting to wrap up the year, review what we discussed online, and plan for an "Epic Rummage Sale." We expect it to be large, so we will try to keep it as simple as possible.

Between the Internet and this meeting, we decided to compensate Tenaya Wright and Julie Ortiz for March, April, May, and June. And, thanks to Karla Roady's work, we provided a Welcome Basket to the Dubas when they arrived. It is amazing what can be done with e-mail.

We voted to retain the current officers for next year. Our next meeting will be **Sept. 17** at the home of Jewell Gates.

Thelma Sayers's thought for the day:

"Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world walks out."

And a note from Pastor Gail:

"David and I were thrilled to receive the home-cooked dinner and salad for our first night. Thanks to Karla and the entire ECW for making us feel so welcome!"

FISH

Roseburg Food Project

From the June FISH Newsletter:

We are excited to announce that our current plan for the August 8th food pickup is that it WILL happen! While this isn't a guarantee due to COVID-19, we are currently working on the details on how to continue with the food pickup safely. If Douglas County continues to have low COVID-19 cases, we look forward to collecting your green bags again. So shop those sales and clean out the cupboards! We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

BottleDrop

The FISH Pantry now participates in the non-profit bottle drop program. Please let us know if you would like one of our blue bags to fill up with your refundable bottles and cans. When you drop them off at Bottle Drop, FISH gets the credit! Just another easy way to help fight hunger.

Turning in bottles at BottleDrop:

1. Fill your blue bag.
2. Go to BottleDrop at 740 NE Garden Valley Blvd. between 6 am-10 pm.
3. Take blue bag to drop door at far left of the building.
4. Scan code on label to open door.
5. Leave bag in the chute! Thank you!

<https://fishofroseburg.org>

Parish Life



***Happy Birthday
Blessings
for Wally Hunnicutt
on his 91st birthday!***

***Organist/Music Director Hilary Hall
sent this thank-you note to the office.
Office staff got her permission to share it with Dragon Scoop
readers.***

Thank you so
very much for leaving
me on your payroll
though this time.
I am sooooo
grateful!

Thank you
for all the ways
you make this world
a brighter one.

Love you all —
**thank
you**

Parish Life



***Social distancing** is the new normal*



*From the choir loft, **David Jones** acts as cantor or designated singer so the congregation will hear the words to the hymns that we can't yet sing.*



***Happy Birthday Blessings**
for Melvin Wilcox
(front and center)*



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to provide flowers
for the altar
in July.
We need your help!**



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10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am**

July ★★