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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Mission Statement:
"Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors"

Welcome to the Family of God!

Shawn Smith was baptized on Sept. 20 by the Rev. Janine Goodrich.

Pictured with him below are his baptismal sponsors, Betty Jo Hoffman and Walt Combs.



The congregation participated by renewing their own baptismal vows.



Photos courtesy of Karla Roady.

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

Pop Quiz: What is The Church?

- A. An organization upholding the values of society.
- B. A community service group.
- C. A place to learn how to be good and moral.
- D. A building where people worship.
- E. None of the above.

I may date myself, but I can't help feeling like I'm on the *Welcome Back, Kotter* TV show—I've got my hand up ... "Ooh! Ooh! Ooh! Ooh! Ooh! I know this one. It's **E**!"

Now, you may think that's my seminary education on display ... but I have to confess that I owe this one to my Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Harstad. Because over 50 years ago, she taught me a song (maybe you know it?):

*"I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus all around the world—
yes, we're the church together!"*

It seems like that should be obvious ... but it's sad how often we get it wrong. From the beginning, people have tried to convince us that the answer was **A**—*An organization upholding the values of society*. But that's how the church became an institution that held Inquisitions and condemned Copernicus and burned anybody who dared to challenge the church's authority. This version of the church flew Nazi flags and ran boarding schools for Native Americans. Honestly, it's the very worst a church can be ... yet one we are so often tempted to be.

And **B** ... well, **B** isn't so bad. It's a good thing to be a community service group, after all. Like the Rotary Club ... they do amazing work locally and around the world. And then there's the PEO ... the Kiwanis ... the Lion's Club ... the Scouts ... the Elks ... and lots of other groups. And really—they're all good, they make a difference ... but they're not the church. The church is more than just a service club.

And the problem with **C** is that some of the most moral, kind, and good people I know are

not Christians. So you can obviously learn that elsewhere.

And **D** ... well, though a building may be handy, we really don't need one to be a church. Some churches meet in people's homes. Some meet in gymnasiums. When Faith Lutheran first started, they met in the Armory building. So obviously, as much as we love our buildings ... that's not the church.

So, 50 years later ... Mrs. Harstad is still right. What is the church? The church is the people who follow Jesus. That's it. No other criteria. At its heart, the only thing that holds the church together is Jesus. There is no argument, no value, no concern that we have that is not measured in the love of Jesus. We come together because of his amazing love for us ... to hear the stories and to remind each other that we are his. And then we see where that love leads us in our everyday lives. The truth is that the church is really not an *organization* of any sort. Rather we are just people who try to follow Jesus, all around the world. Yes, we're the church together!

In the love of Jesus,
Rev. Janine



Upcoming

Pet Blessing Service

Together with Faith Lutheran and First Presbyterian Church, we will hold a Pet Blessing Service on the Feast of St. Francis—Sunday, October 18, at 3 pm—downtown at Eagles Park (at the corner of Jackson and Lane, across from the Presbyterian Church).

Bring your critters as we recognize and give thanks for God's Spirit within our beloved companions.



No Bible Study on October 14.

The Revs Goodrich will be at the Lutheran Bishop's Convocation.

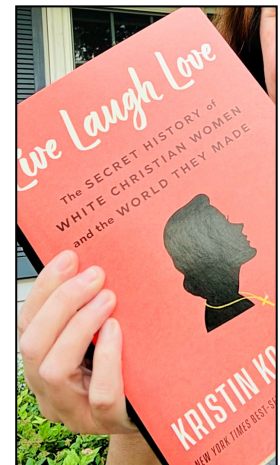
No Brewed Theology in October

Invitation to a Book Study

We have been invited to join a book study with Pastor Sue Van Stelle at the Presbyterian Church.

What do Precious Moments figurines, *Little House on the Prairie*, Sarah Palin, Hobby Lobby, Norman Vincent Peale, Mormon wives, Amy Grant, and free market capitalism all have in common? They are all covered in Kristen Kobes Du Mez's latest book,

Live, Laugh, Love: The Secret History of White Christian Women and the World They Made.



Both men and women are invited to join Pastor Sue's book club featuring this book. Meeting dates and times will be determined by the people interested. If you are interested, contact Pastor Sue at pastor@fpcrose.org. You can find out more about the book at <https://kristindumez.com/books/live-laugh-love/>. It includes a book club study guide to give you even more of a sneak peek into the topics covered.

Aebleskiver Brunch

AEBLESKIVER BRUNCH

Everyone is Welcome!

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2026
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
 820 West Kenwood St., Roseburg, OR
www.faihtroseburg.org
 Traditional Danish aebleskivers (pancakes/donuts) served with sausage, fruit cups, juice & coffee.

Proceeds Benefit Faith Lutheran Church HVAC Fund
 Helping Keep Our Church Comfortable for All

A little Danish happiness in every bite!

We are invited to Faith Lutheran's Aebleskiver Brunch after church on Sunday, October 11, 11-1.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW had our first meeting of the year with friends and family of Tenaya Wright—our dishwasher for years. Her sister gave us wonderful information about their family background and their connection with St. George before many of us got here.

We decided to get proactive to support FISH. The first Sunday of each month will be FISH Sunday. Bring canned food or money. Checks should be made out to St. George and then our bookkeeper will send a monthly check to FISH. Be sure to write FISH in the memo. If you want to donate cash, just put it in the container next to the collection plate. If you want credit for a tax refund, you will need to put the cash in an envelope with your name and FISH written on it. We will start Oct. 4.

The Rummage Sale will be Oct. 11-17 with setup starting Oct. 12. The sale will be Wed. & Thurs. 4-6, Fri. 9-4, and Sat. 9-noon. We will do a potluck on Saturday after we have cleaned up.

This is the sale to bring winter, holiday, and gardening items since we won't have another sale until May.

Rummage Sale:

Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 14 & 15, 4-6
Fri., Oct. 16, 9-4
Sat., Oct. 17, 9-noon

Parish News

In Memoriam

A memorial service for **Lori Combs** will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 2 pm. May she rest in peace and rise in glory! (Coverage of the service will be in next month's newsletter.)



Birthday Blessings for

Bill Riley and Leigh Van Sickle



Photo by Karla Roady.

All Hallows' Eve

A recent post on a popular Facebook page asked its followers about Halloween: Do you celebrate it or not? For me, this is a non-starter. I love pretty much everything about Halloween—the costumes, the decorations, the wax lips; the vintage TV specials, the spaghetti masquerading as slimy intestines at the school haunted house, the excitement on the faces of trick-or-treaters, the fact that I gave birth to two kids who don't like peanut butter and chocolate and dump all the Reese's they collect into a big bowl for me (#winning) . . . I could go on and on.

Not all Christians are as enthusiastic about October 31. Some churches teach that Halloween is a holiday to avoid, that it is somehow “demonic” and opposed to the teachings of Jesus.

Our own Anglican/Episcopal tradition offers a different take. Halloween is “All Hallows' Eve,” the day that anticipates the Feast of All Saints and reminds us that we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses” who cheer us on in life as we encounter things that are scary and hard.

Besides the fact that Halloween is a day linked to a major Christian festival and is generally a whole lot of fun, there are other positives to encouraging children take part in it. For starters, Halloween can help our kids overcome their fears, step by step, as they are ready. The first year my husband donned his infamous “Chucky” mask to greet trick-or-treaters, my then three-year-old screamed in terror and bolted, not stopping until she reached the end of our driveway. A couple of Octobers later, she decided she wanted to wear the mask herself—along with her Princess Elsa costume.

Halloween also gives children a chance to begin to confront the reality that there is darkness, pain, and ill will in our world. The struggle between good and evil represented by my daughter's Elsa-Chucky costume mashup is a struggle that plays itself out daily across the globe. Whether it's the evils of racism, greed, and indifference to suffering and oppression or the horrors of warfare, disease and famine, the battle between the power of life and the power

of death is real. The great Good News of our faith, though, is that no matter how fierce this battle becomes, we do not have to tremble over its ultimate outcome.

There is a reason why some of the words Jesus speaks most frequently in the Gospels are “Do not be afraid.” Regardless of what terrors we encounter in life, we can meet them with courage and hope, for in Jesus, God has already won the victory over death and destruction. The answer to the prayer we chant at the Cathedral during our annual Halloween Costume Blessing—“From ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord deliver us!”—the answer to this prayer has already been given, definitively. Our Christian conviction is that God will deliver us, God has delivered us. In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, “Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than death, victory is ours, victory is ours, through Him who loves us.”

I wish you all a happy and hopeful All Hallows' Eve.

~ The Rev. Julia Mitchener
The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, GA
Oct. 25, 2019



The Preacher & The Teacher

1970 October into November

Sunday afternoon Charlotte and Dick were there and we discussed plans for their marriage. Then I met with our delegates to the upcoming Diocesan Convention. Not satisfied with the trip to Siltcoos, the GFS [Girls' Friendly Society] had a Hallowe'en party on Tuesday, October 27—a little early! It was about this time that we began to get a woman to help Caroline with cleaning and other household chores; the first one was a Mrs. Legge. On Wednesday there was the usual Staff meeting with Joe Russell, Lorraine Cable, and this time with Frank Troy regarding things at Riddle.

Thursday was mid-term time for the econ class, but I had to get Mr. Crisman to proctor the evening class for me, as I had to go to Eugene to meet with the "Board of Appeals" to hear congregations objecting to their [Diocesan financial] assessment. I stayed at the Eugene Hotel with Albert Sayers from Grants Pass. The Convention met at the hotel that evening and all day Saturday. I spent that night with my Uncle Herbert Smeed and we walked back to the hotel together for the Saturday session. I drove home via South Hilyard, Dillard Road, Creswell and Cottage Grove. "Tired and out of sorts!"

Sunday was All Saints Day. After the usual three services I baptized Jamie Ann Jenkins. That night I showed slides with Caroline doing the narration. There were 110 out for the potluck. Both Sunday and Monday were beautiful days, which helps the morale. Monday night's men's meeting at Grants Pass had only our three from Roseburg and Bob Blanton from Cave Junction, so we got home earlier than usual. Too soon after the Convention.

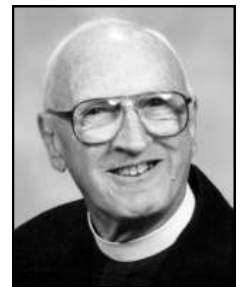
Col. Randolph was still in the VA Hospital, so I called on him. Friday I had seatbelts installed in the Datsun, then picked up Caroline after her school and drove to Siltcoos. Coast Realty wanted to sell us four more lots on down the road for an investment. It might have been a good investment but we turned it down. We spent the night, and then drove back to Roseburg next morning in time to open up at 9 o'clock. I had my haircut and

complained that the price had gone up to \$2.50! When I was at the U. of O. it was 25 cents for a haircut. Looking ahead to 2002.....

Sunday afternoon a work party steel-wooled and varnished the floor of the nave and choir—a tremendous undertaking. And I cleaned out accumulated debris from my office. The next night Floyd Walker and I put things back after the painting job Sunday. That same afternoon the ECW board met at Kathy Ray's. Tuesday the Southern Deanery met at the Church of the Ascension in Riddle with Fr. Troy as celebrant.

Wednesday was Veterans' Day, so I took Caroline to a joint Kiwanis-Rotary luncheon at the Hotel to hear General Pierce speak. (His wife, Clara, was an active member of St. George's.) Later we watched the parade in the rain, in spite of which it was "the largest and most impressive parade I've seen in Roseburg." That same day, Harris Whitaker began repainting the interior of the rectory. Thursday evening Carolyn gave a slide show and talk at the Westside Christian Church in Sutherlin where one of her buddy English teachers goes to church.

Friday Carolyn and I left about 12:45 and drove to Eugene where we showed our English slides to Alice Woodruff (twin sister of Lucy Peters whom we visited at Canterbury). We decided to stay all night because of the thick fog that made driving dangerous. Caroline came home on the bus later on Saturday, but I came early for GFS and other activities. She was tired, so I went alone to the "Pilgrim Robing Ceremony" for Bob Elliott at the Moose Lodge, with dinner at 7. That is the highest honor given by the Moose.



*The Preacher & the Teacher:
the story of our years at St. George's
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Wells Cathedral, Wells, England

The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, known as Wells Cathedral, is an Anglican cathedral in Wells, Somerset, England, and is the seat of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Cathedral contains several fine examples of medieval stained glass dating from 1310 to 1330.



A portion of the stained glass in the Jesse Window

In the early days the seat of the Bishop was moved around between various local cathedrals but eventually the title of “Bishop of Bath and Wells” was established by a ruling of the Pope in 1245 and has remained until this day.

Work on the buildings, built in the Early English Gothic style, commenced in 1175 but there had been a church on the site from around 705. With the broad west front and large central tower, the cathedral has been described as the most beautiful cathedral in England.

Although the major building program was completed by 1306, enlargement and additional building continued until around 1500. Unusual are the cloisters, built between 1430 and 1508, because the cathedral was secular rather than monastic and so there was no need of an area for monks to assemble.

This article was first published here in the February 2016 issue and has been updated slightly.

An astronomical clock was installed in 1390. The mechanism was replaced in the 19th century and removed to the Science Museum in London, where it continues to operate still.

When the clock strikes every quarter, jousting knights rush round above the clock and the Quarter Jack bangs the quarter hours with his heels.



More than 1,000 services are held in the building each year, consisting of three each day and three on Sundays, and a total of over 150,000 people attend. The day-to-day running costs of the cathedral and adjacent buildings are around \$3.3 million per year so the 300,000 tourists who visit are encouraged to donate towards this expense.



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