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Loving Our Neighbors"

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Worship and Picnic in the Park



St. George's and Faith Lutheran's congregations met together on August 16 for worship and a picnic at Stewart Park. It was a joyous occasion: a beautiful service with lots of singing, followed by fellowship and delicious food. Many thanks to all who made this possible!

Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

**“The glory that you have given me
I have given them,
so that they may all be one,
just as we are one.”
(John 17:22)**

I was asked recently what was the hardest saying, truth, or action that Jesus said or did that I struggle with the most? Uffda!!

Is it the feeding of the 5,000? (Our local FISH food pantry is an example of what is possible). Is it Jesus walking on the water? (That one isn't so hard. I did that as a kid every winter back in Minnesota.) Is it that tax collectors and prostitutes will get into heaven before the religious leaders? (Mt. 21:31 is a great verse to wrestle with.) Are you always rock solid with this whole Resurrection thing? (Being an outdoor type of guy, I have lived with the four seasons. Resurrection happens every year.)

Doubting, struggling with our faith—it is a very normal part of being a follower of Jesus. Every person in scripture found themselves wondering and wrestling. Jesus often bewildered the people he came to love, heal, and save, so why should we be any different? But to be honest and answer the question ... I have a very hard time with John 17 and the many verses that speak of the reality of Christian unity. How in the world is this even possible? I mean, has anyone paid attention to the news or ever been to a church meeting? Jesus had a time of it with keeping 12 disciples together, so how is it going to happen with 8 plus billion?

I think Jesus, for good reason, is being very intentional when he speaks of being with us when two or more are gathered (Mt. 18:20) because we really need him to be with us. Perhaps you are familiar with the adage or something similar to it, “Where there are two people, you have 4 different opinions.”

As I wrestle with this biblical concept of unity I am confronted with a question ... Do I want unity as badly as Jesus does? That would mean being extremely humble and vulnerable like Jesus was, and is. It means taking seriously that Jesus is with

me/us always. (Mt.28) It means coming to terms with the **“Our”** in the Lord's Prayer. It means that the early church really wanted a “Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church” as confessed in our Creeds. It means Ephesians 4:4-6 is something we strive to live into:

Ephesians 4:4-6

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

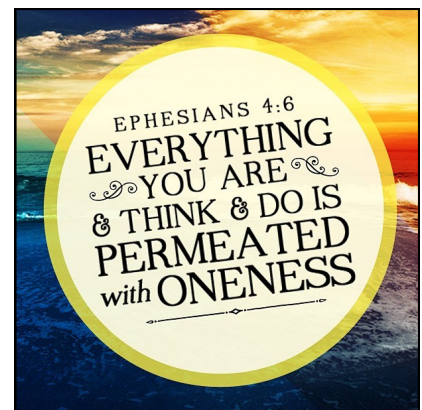
(from *The Message Bible*)

And it means that when I receive communion, literally the body and blood of our Lord Jesus who created everything that is (Jn 1: 1-5), I am in communion with ***all*** of creation just as Adam and Eve were in full communion with God and God's creation before the separation occurred.

For such a daunting reality, I need Christ's prayer ... every second of my life

The Peace of Christ is with you ... always!!!

Pastor Matt



Upcoming

Choir

Choir practice resumes in September after summer's hiatus, meeting every Thursday at 4 pm.

If you need more reasons to join other than the sheer joy of it:

New research involving choir members reveals that the act of singing can skyrocket immune-boosting antibodies by up to 240% in just one hour.

Recent scientific studies reveal that singing significantly strengthens the immune system, triggering a rapid increase in Immunoglobulin A (sIgA), a crucial antibody that protects the mouth, throat, and gut from infection. The benefit requires active participation; while listening to music offers emotional perks, the physical act of singing produces a far more immediate and substantial surge in antibody levels.

Source: "Effects of choir singing or listening on secretory immunoglobulin A, cortisol, and emotional state," *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 2004

Flowers

There are many opportunities to honor a person or an event with an altar flower donation of flowers or money toward the purchase of flowers.



**Stamp of the Month
will return in October**

Brewed Theology

Thursday, September 27

Join us in the Upper Room at Brix Bar at 2 or 6 pm.
527 SE Jackson

This month's topic: Talking together about hard things—whether it involves delivering bad news or setting boundaries or resolving hurt feelings or any number of other challenges we face. How do we “speak the truth in love” with one another?



Be Christlike, Not Biblical

Genocide is biblical.

Loving your enemy is biblical.

BUT ONLY ONE IS CHRISTLIKE.

Slavery is biblical.

Chainbreaking is biblical.

BUT ONLY ONE IS CHRISTLIKE.

Patriarchy is biblical.

Counter-cultural elevation of women is biblical.

BUT ONLY ONE IS CHRISTLIKE.

Retributive violence is biblical.

Grace-filled restoration is biblical.

BUT ONLY ONE IS CHRISTLIKE.

Segregation is biblical.

Unity is biblical.

BUT ONLY ONE IS CHRISTLIKE.

Christ transforms, not the Bible.

Be wary of those who know one but not the other.

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Parish News



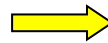
Birthday Blessings

for
Myana Clark



and

Lynda Green



66th Anniversary Blessings
for
Pete and Faye Benham

Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2026

	July	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 8,070	\$ 7,321	\$ 56,647	\$ 51,248
Other Income	2,553	2,331	28,861	16,316
Total Income	10,623	9,652	85,508	67,563
Expenses	12,304	14,718	91,032	103,030
	\$ (1,681)	\$ (5,067)	\$ (5,524)	\$ (35,466)

Normally pledges are below budget in the summer month, but surprisingly we were ahead by about \$700. Wow! Our water bill was close to almost double for the month of July. We want our property to look cared for during the dry summer months. ECW used to pay for the gal to do our dishes after our services. The church has taken over that cost so our worship expenses were not budgeted for that. We also added funds to the Rectors' Discretionary Fund. That doesn't happen all that often. Our bank account, as of July 31 had a balance of \$36,422. We usually don't have it get below \$20,000 in case we occur unsuspected expenses. I am guessing we will have to pull additional \$20,000 from our investment funds before the year is up. Yes, we are current on our Diocesan Program Assessment.

FISH

There's lots of great news from FISH this month. Grocery Outlet did an amazing job of raising **\$15,836** in cash and food during the Independence from Hunger campaign to help feed our neighbors.

And then there was the August 8 Green Bag Saturday, which brought in more than **11,300** pounds of food from Roseburg Food Project donors.

FISH had their very first Canyonville Pop-Up Pantry on August 20 in front of the Canyonville City Offices. This service will continue every third Thursday of each month from 4-6 pm. Funding support from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Three Rivers Foundation helped to make this possible.

79 households were served in Canyonville on that day. Thank you to Mayor Christine Morgan for coming out to volunteer!

The hope is that these pop-ups are just the beginning and that Canyonville will have a full pantry of its own very soon.

The most recent data from the Oregon Department of Human Services shows one in eight Oregonians—and one in six children—experience food insecurity. What a blessing FISH is to our county, and what great opportunities for all of us to be a part of this blessing, whether by volunteering or donating!



Showing Up: The Work of the People

The Rev. Deacon Theresa Floyd

The word liturgy generally means work of the people. If you don't show up it doesn't happen. Our liturgy is a community building event.

Every Sunday we come together to receive the bread from heaven, our Holy Eucharist. But, before we "sit" down at table together our liturgy leads us through a number of other community building activities. I just want to point out a few.

The first part of the service is about learning and teaching. We are reminded of our common and shared history and our relationship with God. After reflecting on the Word and works of God, we stand up. We stand up, as a community of individuals, to emphasize our commitment. Just as we stand for the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem. We stand up to profess a common faith outlined for us in the Nicene Creed. As a community, we stand up and profess our beliefs and state how we believe God has acted for us and for the Church. We are a community that shares in a common belief.

Following the Nicene Creed is the Prayers of the People, the prayers of the community. As a community we offer prayers for the Church, our nation, our local community, and for our personal needs and concerns. We are not alone in our prayers; they are shared and communal.

Our confession is corporate as well. We take a moment to take look at ourselves and recognize that we are sinners, that we have our failings. We ask that we be forgiven for our shortcomings and be returned to God's grace. We are a community of individuals seeking to be in God's favor.

With that grace in our heart, we are then expected to give it to others. We share in the peace. This communal greeting is not just a morning greeting. When we take someone's hand and say "Peace of the Lord be with you," we are offering them a blessing on their life. We are praying that they

know the grace of God and the peace which that brings. When you pass the peace today, do it with the intention. Look each other in the eye before you seek to find someone else. Take your time to convey your prayer for them.

Do you see why we call our liturgy the work of the people? It is not just the altar party up here doing everything for us. We are active participants; we are the community. It doesn't happen without community. It doesn't happen without you.

The strength of our community comes from our faith in God and from God's grace to us. We are fed the spiritual food at Holy Eucharist and nourished to go into the world. We gather as a community in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us and with thanksgiving for the many ways that we are fed by his grace.

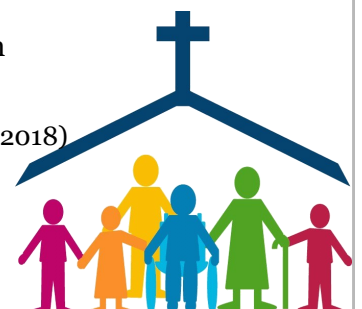
In the gospel Jesus is claiming that he is the true source of spiritual nourishment and that those who are fed by him will be spiritually filled. In remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection, we as a community break bread together. Our hunger and thirst can be satisfied by the bread of life which will nourish and strengthen us for God's work.

At the end of our service as a community we are given a charge to take the grace received here today from this community into the wider community:

***Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.***

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The Preacher & The Teacher

October of 1970, continued

Sunday I celebrated communion at 8, conducted Morning Prayer at 9:30 and showed slides of Mont San Michel, preaching and playing the organ at 11. Somebody stole the bulletins between the 9:30 and 11 o'clock services. However we got through the service fine. Linda Wagner's baby was baptized at 12:30. That afternoon Caroline, "Nicky," and I took a drive in the new car.

Monday night we drove to Riddle where I showed slides of Canterbury Cathedral and CANTESS, taking Frank Troy, Blanche Cacy, Dora Ritzman, and Erma Best with us. "Another beautiful day."

When I got back from making calls on Tuesday, Joe told me that Mrs. Young (Virginia's mother) had called to tell us that Virginia could no longer play the organ. She had been afflicted with nervous problems. Mrs. Young came in the next day to talk to me more about Virginia. We also had the "traditional" staff meeting with Joe and now "Rainie" Cable, our new secretary. I played the piano for choir practice that night. Charlie Scranton, editor of the *News-Review*, told me that I could have a job at the newspaper any time I wanted to quit the ministry, on account of the articles I had written about our trip! There must have been times when I was tempted! Especially after our new secretary left pledge cards and envelopes out of the canvass mailing!

Caroline enjoyed playing bridge, so Frances O'Neil took her to an afternoon session at the Country Club. Saturday was hectic, but I managed to get Charlotte to agree to play the organ on Sunday. Fr. Blaker preached at 11, but he is getting pretty feeble. Charlotte left for Monmouth at 4 and Caroline went to Umpqua College, reception at the Country Club. There we met Fred Booth from Eugene days, and his wife. Both had graduated from University High. Caroline had known her at St. Clare's Guild in Eugene before we were married. She was June Martin, then June Bouie, before she married Fred. Between them they have seven children. Fred is badly crippled from Multiple Sclerosis and uses a wheelchair. We later visited them at a place they had at the coast.

On Tuesday, October 20, there were the usual activities, after which at midnight I went to the local airport to pick up the British author Peter Dickinson ([award-winning writer of detective fiction and children's books](#)) and bring him home with us. Next morning I prepared and ate breakfast with him before taking him to the radio station where Cissy Smith was waiting to put him on the air. In between times I took communion to Frances Micelli in Community Hospital. That night, Caroline had Dr. Dick and Carol Sturm and daughter for dinner along with Mr. Dickinson. Later that evening I introduced him to speak at UCC at 8 o'clock. No further mention was made of Peter Dickinson, so I assume that someone else from the college took over afterwards.

On Thursday I had lunch with the rummage sale crew and potluck supper at the rectory with St. Mary's Guild. Friday afternoon the Girls Friendly Society went to the coast at our place on Siltcoos Lake. I drove the Datsun with three girls and baggage, and three other carloads came later. Dick and Kay Patterson brought a load Friday and came back Saturday to take them home. Pat Stasek and Effie Hagedorn each took cars and Gloria Fleshman came with Effie, making three adult women plus me to "run the show." There were 16 girls altogether, plus the three women, so there were sleeping bags all over the place. The old oil furnace was flooded with oil and I was afraid to light it, but the Franklin stove and electric heaters did the trick. Saturday morning we had choir practice at the church in Florence; then went to the beach at Siltcoos Outlet, returning to Roseburg about 5:30.



*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

Washington National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, usually known as the Washington National Cathedral, is an Episcopal church and the seat of the Presiding Bishop and also of the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington D.C.

The foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid in September 1907, but the building was not completed until September 1990—83 years later — although the idea of a cathedral was first declared in 1791. The first parcel of land of the present 57 acres was purchased in 1898.

Built in the Neo-Gothic style of Indiana limestone, it is the second largest cathedral in the United States. It is a solid masonry structure with the roof being held up by a separate steel beam frame. The Bethlehem Chapel was opened for services in 1912, the nave in 1976, and the west towers completed the construction, although decorative work such as carvings and statuary is still ongoing. The Great Organ consists of 10,650 pipes and has been enlarged many times as the Cathedral was built and expanded.

cathedral began charging a \$10 admission fee for tourists. Today adult tickets begin at \$17 each. The Cathedral hopes to complete all earthquake repairs by 2030.



Average attendance at Sunday services dropped from over 1,600 people to around 495 in 2022, primarily because of COVID. Now 3-5000 online viewers join online worship each week.



An earthquake in 2011 caused an estimated \$25 million in damages and the building was closed for several months. However, Phase I of the restoration has already cost \$10 million and Phase II is estimated to cost another \$22 million over the next 10 years. To help offset these expenses the

Star Wars Villain



In the 1980s, while the west towers were under construction, the Cathedral held a decorative sculpture competition for children. The third place winner was a drawing of Darth Vader. The final carving was placed high upon the northwest tower.

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Parish History



Sue Phelps discovered this plaque on the side of the priest's kneeler. It says:

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
ARTINEECIA JUNE WILLIS
PIONEER MOTHER CHRISTIAN WOMAN
1853 1930**

A search on Ancestry found her, but gave her middle name consistently as Jane. She evidently went by Jane, at least in 1920, when a *News-Review* article described her—"Mrs. Jane Willis"—visiting Glendale along with Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Bulwinkle on August 6, all "prominent people of Riddle."

Dolly Parton, 1946-2026

I've had to go against all kinds of people through the years just to be myself. I think everybody should be allowed to be who they are and to love who they love.

If my attitude needs more adjusting, I visualize God holding me upside down and shaking all the negative stuff—fears, doubts, insecurities—right out of me. Try it. Ask God to turn you upside down! It's a surefire pick-me-up.

I am a happy person. That is my greatest blessing. It can be yours too. Think about it. Friends and family, work, laughter, prayer, love. They add up to joy. For you, for me, for anyone.

I make a point to appreciate all the little things in my life. I go out and smell the air after a good, hard rain. These small actions help remind me that there are so many great, glorious pieces of good in the world.

If you see someone without a smile today, give 'em yours.



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