

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ For the week beginning May 5, 2024

Birthdays: Jessica Johnson, Marlene Angeles, and Natasha Costeck.

Anniversaries: Ann Fruechte & Mic Kisinger.

TODAY - All are welcome to any of these events.

8:00 a.m. Service and coffee hour - We will celebrate the life of Bob Erb with his family, followed by a Coffee Hour in Bob's honor in Campbell Hall. All are welcome.

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum: To discuss candidates and upcoming election for the Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia on May 18. Meeting will be held in the Undercroft.

10:30 Godly Play: The Circle of the Holy Eucharist -This lesson helps Godly Play children pull together the sequence of liturgical actions and images from Godly Play presentations and church worship they have participated in. This lesson builds on the lessons: World Communion and Good Shepard, The Synagogue and the Upper Room. Storyteller is Dick Hall and Mic Kisinger is the door person.

2:00 p.m. St. A's Walks in-the-Woods – Join us for fellowship and fun as we explore our beautiful local trails together on this first Sunday of the month! We will gather at the **Saratoga Woods Trails**. Dogs are welcome on the trails but must be kept on leashes at all times. Meet by 2:00 pm in the parking lot at 4246 E Saratoga Road. Questions? Contact Emily at emilyalicaastro@gmail.com

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. WI Music Festival - Lift Every Voice - A Celebration of Black Voices in Art Song: Join radiant soprano Michele Kennedy and pianist Henry Lebedinsky for an uplifting, powerful, and inspiring program of Spirituals, art songs, and solo piano works by Black composers Florence Price, Margaret Bonds, Harry T. Burleigh, and Moses Hogan, along with insights and stories that vividly bring the music to life. The concert will be held in Campbell Hall.

THIS WEEK

Monday at 5:30 p.m. Evensong Service

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Healing Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice in Campbell Hall.

Thursday

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Engaging Aging Conversation Series: Checklist on Life -Together, we'll explore and develop a checklist for you to use in planning for your future needs. With Stef Christensen and Grethe Cammermeyer in Campbell Hall.

3:00 p.m. YOGA -Welcome back to Yoga with Sara Ann Lockwood. This class is designed for our aging bodies. Please bring your mat and blocks. We will meet in the Undercroft.

Friday at 11:30 a.m. Trash & Treasure Luncheon: Thanks to all who worked or contributed to Trash & Treasure week 2024! We raised approximately \$12,000 for our four charities. PLUS, Good Cheer left with TWO truckloads for *their* ministry! Before we forget the fruits of our experience -- there will be a lunch gathering during which we will share our thoughts on what could we do better, lessons learned, things to add, improvements of any kind, etcetera! **Please RSVP** to Susan, Molly or **add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex**. See you there!

Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Eileen Jackson with festive reception in Campbell Hall to follow.

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UPCOMING

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Bishop's Election – St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Dick Hall, Jan Hightower, and Rev. Jenny are St. Augustine's designated Electors. Those not designated as Electors are encouraged to view the proceedings via the Saint Mark's live-stream (www.saintmarks.org/livestream). Live-streamed proceedings are expected to begin at approximately 9:30 am on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

1:00 p.m. Victoria Children's Choir – WI Music Festival welcomes Victoria Children's Choir from Vancouver Island to Whidbey Island on their spring 2024 US tour. Celebrate Canadian-American friendship, recharge your batteries and support rising young artists at this **FREE concert** of uplifting choral music.

Sunday, May 19 The Feast of Pentecost - Please wear RED. Alex Bear will be baptized at the 10:30 a.m. service. It is common to read the lesson from the Acts of the Apostles—Acts 2:1-21—in many languages. If you would like to read the lesson from Acts in a different (non-English) language or a different English translation (non-New Revised Standard Version), at either the 8:00 or 10:30, please email the office at staug@whidbey.com

Saturday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Br Richard Albertson with reception to follow.

Saturday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Barry Levit with reception to follow.

OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 19, 1:00pm-6:0pm: Juneteenth Pilgrimage to St. David Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Shoreline, WA, in honor of Edwin T. Pratt, Episcopalian, slain Civil Rights leader. Meet at St. David Emmanuel at 1:00pm. More details to follow. Please register by emailing the office at staug@whidbey.com.

Sunday Offering, Mission Sunday Offering (MSO), and Spotlight

Our total operating budget for 2024 is \$403,842. The budget includes income from plate, pledges, interest, facility rentals, and "Forward Day by Day" booklets. Our weekly need to meet the total budget is \$7,766.19. Last week we gave \$6,849.34.00 in pledges and plate offerings.

Mission Sunday Offering (MSO) - The Mission Sunday Offering has been a fixture at St. Augustine's for many years. Parishioners are invited to donate to a different charity. St. Augustine's adds \$1,000 to the total collected each month from the Parish Endowment Fund.

May MSO – South Whidbey Homeless Coalition

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition is a non-profit (501c3) started by concerned neighbors including those who are or have experienced homelessness, local activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based organizations, and others committed to preventing and abating homelessness on Whidbey Island, while protecting each individual's civil rights and filling their immediate needs. Their vision says it all.

"Homelessness is not a Seattle or urban issue. Homelessness is everywhere. Whidbey Island, like all of rural Washington, is plagued with it. Emergency shelter is provided (through the [Haven](#)) and transitional housing (through the [House of Hope](#)) that give positive results." For more information go to whidbeyhomeless.org

In the Spotlight – Greeters

Welcoming people as they arrive for worship is central to the St. Augustine's mission of hospitality and is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter, please contact the office at 360-331-4887.

Please make sure all doors are locked when you leave the church. Thank you!