



THE CHIMES

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Dear Cathedral Family,

The Chimes is back! You may have noticed that it has been six months since you received a Chimes issue in your mailbox. During that time, the Communications Committee has been hard at work considering Cathedral communications. They surveyed the congregation about how you receive and engage with the emails, social media offerings, and mailings sent from the Cathedral. Additionally, three focus groups met to offer feedback and their thoughts about the Chimes (mailed and emailed) and email communications.

Out of discussion of the feedback from the survey and the focus groups these purposes and audiences were discerned:

- ◊ The Chimes is to foster community and engagement among members of the Cathedral, whether they live in the Spokane region or have moved further away. We heard you wanted to read stories about ministries & parishioners, have “Did You Know?” questions answered, hear from a variety of voices, and see photos of life at the Cathedral.
- ◊ The Friday Cathedral Connections email is sent to mostly members and its purpose is to inform about timely upcoming events, offer updates, and offer opportunities for connection. We heard you wanted brief content, news snippets, and a format that highlights ways to participate in the next couple of weeks.
- ◊ The Monday Collects email extends Sunday’s worship into the week. We heard you appreciated having these brief prayer resources.

- ◊ The Cathedral’s website, www.stjohns-cathedral.org, and Facebook page, [@stjohnscathedralspokane](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnscathedralspokane), are public ways of communicating about the Cathedral. Events and gatherings that are shared on these platforms are truly open to anyone. Specific information about small groups, committee meetings, or similar gatherings are generally not shared on these public spaces.

The Communications Committee decided that the Chimes will be produced six times a year – not seasonally and not monthly. Additionally, this is the last edition of the Chimes that will be mailed to every household – including those who have asked to receive the Chimes via email. The Chimes will continue to be mailed to those who live further away and those who cannot access it online. ***If you want to remain on this list, you must contact the Cathedral Office.*** For all who regularly attend worship at the cathedral, copies of the Chimes will be available for pickup when you come to worship on the weekend or during the week in the welcome center.

Over the next six months, keep your eyes peeled for changes in design to Cathedral email blasts and the Chimes itself. Thanks to the members of the Communications Committee: chair Meredith Shimizu, Amanda Glover, Andrea Matters, Robin Rauzi, Jayne Touchstone, and Fr. Arlen.

In Christ’s Peace,
Dean Heather

A Prayer for Church Communicators

O God of words, images, and sounds, Who created the world and sustains it still, give clarity of vision to all who work in the ministry of church communications and openness of heart to receive the message. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays at 8am and 10:30am
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Wednesdays at Noon

Family Ministries Through the Summer by Sarah Robertson

This summer has been a great time to try out new things at St. John's. Thanks to Fort Newton, we were inspired to use the beautiful All Saints' Chapel for something special. Once a month, we come together as children of God to learn about a saint from the Episcopal calendar. Young and old have enjoyed a story and fellowship time. It's also been a chance to meet others in our church that we may not cross paths with otherwise. So far, we've explored C.S. Lewis's joy and journey to Christianity and the courageous Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. It has been pure joy to hear responses and wonderings from all ages as we learn about the saints, each other and ourselves. Next up is John Muir, on August 18. Please join us if you like snacks, picture books, and the morning light of All Saints' Chapel. All are invited!



Thanks to a small but dedicated group of volunteers, the Family Ministries Hallway got a major glow-up. New paint, art, and lighting make the space much more inviting. A huge thank you goes out to Tom and Patti Stice, Arlen Farley, Seth Robertson, and Jayne Touchstone!

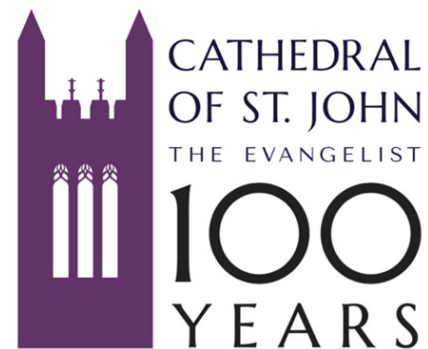


St. John's Centennial Celebration by Darryl Gurecky

The year 2029 will mark the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. From acquisition of the land, the completion of the first phase was accomplished in a remarkably short span of 5 years!

Chapter has established a steering committee which has already been hard at work laying out a schedule of commemorative services and events spanning 2025-2029. This will include two major exhibitions at the cathedral produced in collaboration with the MAC.

Please visit the centennial table at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 15. You are also welcome to speak with Centennial Committee co-chairs Nina Beegle or Darryl Gurecky for more details. We will need many hands over the next few years as we celebrate our Cathedral community and this beloved Spokane landmark that we are blessed to call our home.



Cathedral Life Update by Cindy Duncan

It is only August, but Welcome Bash 2024 is on the horizon. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8th. Cathedral Life and friends will be serving BBQ with all the fixin's following the 10:30am service. If your usual service is Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 8:00am, please think about joining us at 11:30am on Sunday for good food and even better company. If you would like to help with preparation or serving, please give Cindy Duncan (509.389.7971) or Karen Byrne (509.768.4860) a call— or a text works too. There's always room for more hands in the kitchen!

Also mark your calendar for Sept. 15, 2024. We are bringing back a Ministry Fair to highlight ways each of us can join in service activities. See the article by Rick Voit below.

Cathedral Life would like to give a huge round of applause to everyone who has so graciously and deliciously hosted Coffee Hour throughout the summer. Take a look at the side bar to see all those who have hosted so far this summer, and those who will be providing their hospitality in the coming weeks!

“Laughter is the brightest in the place where the food is.” -Irish Proverb

Parish Ministry Fair—Coffee Hour, Sunday September 15 by Rick Voit

Yup, this is going to be a supercharged Coffee Hour to highlight St. John's ministries—complete with balloons, games for young and old, and a raffle with prizes. Definitely great family time. This is also a chance to say hello (and thank you) to all the parishioners who make things happen at our Cathedral.

Ministries presenting will include Music, Greeters/Ushers, Communications, Youth and Sunday School, Adult Formation, Knitting, Windfall Thrift Shop, Cathedral Life, Building and Grounds, St. Monica's Guild, Admin and Office Volunteers, Lectors, Altar Guild, Eucharist/Deacons, Vergers, Pastoral Care, Acolytes, St. John's Pride, Coffee Hour Team, Community Garden, Hope for Creation, Outreach, Stewardship, Centennial Committee, Bookstore, Nursing, Media Production, and Small Group opportunities.

This will be a great way to celebrate everything we have going on, and for each of us to see where it could be fun to plug in to the St. John's Family. PLEASE come, and bring someone who doesn't normally stick around for coffee hour!

Don't see your club, guild, committee, or ministry listed and want to get involved? Contact the Cathedral Office via email at cathedraladmin@stjohns-cathedral.org!

A Big Thank You to our Summer Coffee Hour Hosts!

- ◇ The Touchstone-Starwalt family
- ◇ Amanda Glover
- ◇ The Newton Family (times two!)
- ◇ Dean Heather & Family
- ◇ Clan Duncan
- ◇ Katherine Karr-Cornejo & Nicole Sheets
- ◇ Emily & Jane McKinney and Virginia & Dave Marken
- ◇ Suzanne Harris
- ◇ Joe & Marissa McNeilly
- ◇ Jayne Touchstone & Sarah Robertson
- ◇ Karen Byrne & Friends

Music Notes by Dr. Andrea Olsen



Our beloved organ console was delivered at the end of June along with some of our freshly cleaned pipes! Next steps include electrical work and pulling wires for the updated power source, after which Marceau & Co. will return to finish the installation, cleaning of on-site pipes, re-leathering work, and tuning. Once the instrument has settled— and possibly after a tuning follow-up— it will be ready to play.



I know we are all excited to hear and feel our beloved organ echo through the sanctuary and I assure you that nobody is more eager to get back on the bench than Scott Rednour! (The last time he played our organ was in 2021 for the Symphony Chorale concert).



Scott comes to us with extensive experience as a collaborative pianist and vocal coach for myriad Opera Companies, Summer Music Festivals. He has performed in many concerts in Europe and across North America and has taught music at Manhattan School of Music, The Juilliard School, Whitworth University, and is currently teaching at Eastern Washington University. Scott also has extensive experience from the organ bench, most recently as Music Director for St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Manhattan's Upper West Side. I am looking forward to our partnered leadership of music at St. John's Cathedral.

Did You Know?

St. John's Cathedral has a thrift store! The Windfall, located in the Perry District at 1024 S Perry, is staffed entirely by volunteers from our congregation and beyond. Head on down to find all sorts of gently-used treasures!

Stories from the Windfall by Linda Finney

One recent afternoon at the Windfall a young mom came in to shop. She was accompanied by her sister and her daughter who was about 7 or 8. The two adults were exploring the shop, and the little girl came up to the counter and began chatting. She wanted to know if we had any watches. Alas, no. She was watching me price items and asked if she could help. So, I gave her some items to distribute around the shop. I gave her some jewelry to put on the jewelry tray, and she noticed a ring with an "E" on it—her name is Emily. It was priced at a dollar but I gave it to her for being my helper.

She found a small robotics kit and began to put it together, telling me about her science fair and science teacher and the prototype she made for a kitty collar. Emily was the most engaging, curious little person with lovely manners, good conversation, and excitement about life. She lives in Arizona, and her family is visiting the aunt who lives in Post Falls and is a parishioner of Rev. David Gortner, spouse of our Dean Heather. A sweet experience.



Cathedral Classifieds: What's Going On?

We Are...

Sunday Forums in the Fall
Beginning September 15
9:15 AM in the Conference Center

Join an exploration and conversation about our identity as Christians in the Episcopal tradition

All are welcome!

Grant Elementary School Supply Drive

Our final Sunday for donations will be August 25th!
Please Help by Donating...

- ◇ Socks- white or patterned, child and adult sizes
- ◇ Deodorant and antiperspirant
- ◇ Backpacks
- ◇ Spiral notebooks, wide-rule
- ◇ Spiral notebooks, college-rule
- ◇ Composition notebooks
- ◇ 8-12 pack colored pencils
- ◇ Pencil pouches/boxes
- ◇ Highlighters
- ◇ Folders with pockets
- ◇ 3-ring binders, 1.5 and 2 inch
- ◇ Subject dividers for binders



"One who sings well prays twice."
~ St. Augustine



Pray Smarter, Not Harder
Join us Sunday mornings for
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

HFC and Beyond:

Engaging in Creation Care Ministry

The broad question that came out of the Hope for Creation conference was, "What are your priorities for the next phase of activity on creation care at the Cathedral?" Here are some responses from our congregation:

- ◇ Landscape as a form of outreach grounded in theology—taking intentional conservation measures on our own property. We can consider zeroscaping the grounds (particularly the north lawn), planting a pollinator garden, invigorating/expanding our community garden, and looking into having solar panels installed on the roof.
- ◇ Educate ourselves—use our liturgy to emphasize creation care and acknowledge indigenous history and spirituality rooted in this particular land that we occupy. The 5:30pm Saturday worship service uses liturgy rooted in creation care theology. The service music used at the 10:30am Sunday worship all summer has been an intentional effort to honor indigenous traditions.
- ◇ Stewardship of the relationships we have established with outside groups—partnering with and supporting extant groups in our community that work across faith traditions and party lines to foster the health of our world, like our mission partners at WA IPL and community partners at Riverkeepers.

Want to learn more? The Creation Care ministry will meet the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30am service, kicking off at the Ministry Fair. Come check it out!

August

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 5:30p NarcAnon Benefit 5:30p Worship |
| 4 8a Worship 10:30a Worship | 5 | 6 10a Liturgy Staff | 7 12p Eucharist 6:30p AIAnon | 8 3:30p Stewardship | 9 10a Knitters 6p AIAnon | 10 5:30p Worship |
| College for Congregational Development | | | | | | |
| 11 8a Worship 10:30a Worship | 12 | 13 4p Conn. Concerts 4:30p Finance | 14 12p Eucharist 6:30p AIAnon | 15 | 16 10a Knitters 11a ECOR Tour 6p AIAnon | 17 5:30p Worship |
| SAYC Kids' Camp | | | | | | |
| 18 8a Worship 10:30a Worship | 19 | 20 5:30p Prayer Group 6:30p Chapter | 21 12p Eucharist 6:30p AIAnon | 22 | 23 10a Knitters 6p AIAnon | 24 5:30p Worship |
| 25 8a Worship 10:30a Worship | 26 | 27 10a Liturgy Staff 7p Centennial Committee | 28 12p Eucharist 6:30p AIAnon | 29 3:30p Stewardship | 30 10a Knitters 2:30p SYSO Auditions 6p AIAnon | 31 8:30a SYSO Auditions 5:30p Worship |

September

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8a Worship 10:30a Worship | 2 | 3 10a Liturgy Staff | 4 12p Eucharist 6:30p AlAnon | 5 3:30p Stewardship 5:45p Bells 7p Cath. Choir | 6 10a Knitters 6p AlAnon | 7 10a Choir Retreat 5:30p Worship |
| 8 8a Worship 9a Jr. Choir 10:30a Worship 12p Welcome Bash | 9 4p Service League 6p SYSO | 10 10a Liturgy Staff 4p Conn. Concerts 4:30p Finance | 11 12p Eucharist 6:30p AlAnon | 12 5:45p Bells 7p Cath. Choir | 13 10a Knitters 6p AlAnon | 14 8:30a DAR 5:30p Worship |
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