

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

A note about the schedule for the Chimes

By Dean Heather VanDeventer

We are experimenting with sending out the Chimes on a seasonal basis for a few issues, rather than on a monthly basis. This edition is the Thanksgiving & Advent edition and the next one will be the Christmas and Epiphany edition, being sent in the first half of December. An edition that looks to the season after the Epiphany and the Annual Meeting on February 5th will come out in mid-January. The Lent edition will follow that and then an edition timed to be received before Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter will be sent. We know that the Chimes is an important method of communication for those who only receive email communications from the Cathedral and we want to continue to keep you informed and connected to the Cathedral. The majority of those who receive the Chimes via postal mail also receive the Chimes via email, which means they receive the Cathedral Connections weekly emails. Whether you receive the Chimes in your email box or your mailbox, we are thankful that we can be connected to one another in this time-honored way. Share with the Cathedral office your thoughts on the seasonal schedule.

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

The Bazaar was a busy delight, the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be here soon, with Thanksgiving to follow. There is snow on the ground, albeit it with leaves still on the trees, streets, and sidewalks. Winter is here and the season of Advent is nigh.

Advent is a liturgical season of preparation for the coming of Christ. We tend to focus our days of preparation on the first coming of Christ and for celebrating the Incarnation of God the Son as manifest in the birth of Jesus, with the feast of the Nativity. Advent calendars of all kinds put us into a count-down mindset – whether we use a traditional Scripture based Advent calendar with a verse from the Gospel according to Luke or Matthew a day, a sweet one like chocolate, or one of seemingly ten thousand other “advent” calendars that may be tasty, fun, or pampering but

probably don’t have much to do with Jesus. I do not want to be a grinch – I love the Advent calendars our family has had and used across the years (including the Playmobile set from when my kiddos were small) – but I do wonder if there is another focus that we can hold in Advent so that we can keep Advent and not join in the rush (led by retailers and commercialism) to get to Christmas and Jesus’ birth too soon.

There is a group of clergy and liturgical scholars who have created an effort called the Advent Project. While the Cathedral is not participating in it, I am intrigued by it. The Advent Project seeks to offer formation and in that bring deeper meaning to the path we walk through Advent. Have you ever scratched your head upon listening to the readings and the Gospel passages that we hear after All Saints Sunday (always the beginning of November) through to the Third Sunday in Advent? If these passages have

washed over you, I invite you to pause, listen, and re-read them this year. The readings across these 5 to 6 Sundays feel out of step with the wider culture that rushes to Christmas because they are.

The readings which we hear across November and December, until the fourth Sunday of Advent, are focused on the Reign and Kingdom of God and on how the Reign of God is made manifest in Creation and the World – both now and in the end. These readings sound apocalyptic because they are -- but not in the way that the *Left Behind* novels and preachers on late night TV suggest. The “end times” in these passages from the Bible are about the end of the world as we know it yet as that means the reshaping of the world to match the purposes for which God created the world. The Reign of God is one where God's desire for order, blessing, and care of one another is made manifest by you, me, and everyone -- go re-read Genesis chapter 1 to see again what God does in

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Cathedral Life

By Lisa Church

Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

Simple Gifts are unwrapped gifts brought to the altar at the Christmas pageant. This year our simple gifts will go to Our Place, an agency that works with low income neighbors in the West Central neighborhood. We are looking for gloves, mittens, blankets, packaged snacks & hot cocoa mix as gifts this year. Please, DON'T wrap the gifts. The pageant will be held Sunday, December 11 at the 10:30am service.

Our Tree of Sharing is the Christmas Tree in the Great Hall that is decorated with ornament tags labeled with agencies and gift needs. If you're unable to come to the Great Hall to get a tag, the items needed for each agency are listed below. **Tree of Sharing gifts are due back to the Great Hall by Sunday, December 11.**

Would you like to help sort gifts during coffee hour Sunday, December 11, or help deliver the gifts to the agencies? It's an easy, no commitment way to help out as a family and see a charity that you might not be familiar with. Dropoff should be quick. Make sure your trunk is empty! Here's the signup genius with details: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945abab22a4fc1-gifts>

Thank you so much for your generosity this season, and for sharing love from the Cathedral with those in need!

CUP OF COOL WATER

(works with teens on the street)

Gloves, mittens
Hand/feet warmers
Packaged snacks
Hygiene Products
Fuzzy blankets
Sleeping Bags
Medium/Large Coats
Art/Journal Supplies

CROSSWALK SHELTER

(teen overnight shelter & young adult meals/resources)

Women's or mens ankle socks
Bottles of conditioner
Small mens boxers
Hygiene products
Art/Journal Supplies
Hoodies
Medium/Large Coats

SHALOM MINISTRIES

(serving meals to homeless adults/families)

Blankets
Sleeping Bags
Backpacks
Sweatpants & Hoodies - Large & XL
Laundry Detergent
Heavy Duty large garbage bags

DAYBREAK TEEN YOUTH SERVICES

(works with teens/young adults in recovery from substance abuse)

Slippers
Stuffed animals
Sweatshirts
Pajamas - young adult female

FAMILY PROMISE

(works with families to transition from homelessness to stable housing)

Paper plates/utensils
5lb bags sugar
Ground Coffee
Non-refrigerated creamer
Coffee filters
Adult ibuprofen
Baby ibuprofen
Packaged snacks
Diapers, wipes, diaper cream
Hygiene products

NOVAK FOUNDATION

(Nepal ministries work)
Donations will go to Covid 19 vaccinations & Personal Protective Equipment in Nepal
Make Checks Payable to St. John's, Nepal in Memo Line

And just like that, it's winter! As we look ahead towards the busy-ness of Advent and Christmas it is sometimes easy to fill our minds with 'wants' rather than reflecting on the 'haves' which already surround us. It sometimes seems that Thanksgiving, or at least the articulation and expression of gratitude that I associate with Thanksgiving, tends to take a back-seat while we prepare for one of the busiest times of the calendar (and church!) year. However, allow me to pause to share with you the many 'haves' for which I am grateful:

The members of the Music Ministry: folks who not only sing to the Glory of God on Sunday mornings, but who also give of their time and talents many times a week in myriad unseen ways; bringing joy, guidance, leadership, and assistance to the many aspects of an active music program: robe maintenance, music filing, program editing, fellowship planning, spiritual reflections, ride-sharing, set-up/tear-down, repertoire research, translating texts, and proof-reading programs, are some of the many, MANY, ways the members of our music ministry voluntarily contribute to our program.

As our Cathedral Choir numbers continue to increase, so do the number of ringers in our Bell Choir. I am grateful for continued energy and sense of community being cultivated in and across our Cathedral Ringers.

I continue to delight in the energy and commitment of the young singers in our Junior Choir; though a little reduced in numbers this season they are

singing stronger and more confidently than ever before.

Our Sunday evening service also continues to gain support and attendance, as we work to discern the right blend and balance of music styles which will meet the spiritual needs of our congregation.

Our community outreach and partnerships continue to grow with monthly offerings of Evensong Services, Music Series Concerts, or guest presentations such as the Spokane Symphony Orchestra, Chorale, and Chamber Singers *Messiah*, November 18 and 19. For tickets visit spokanesymphony.org.

On November 20th our Cathedral Choir will be joined by some of the young women from Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute. As part of their English immersion program, they will join us for worship, music, and... Thanksgiving dinner!

On November 26th, our Junior Choir and Sunday School children will sing for the Holiday Kick-Off Event at the MAC, and will be joined by young singers from across several denominations. (If you are interested in singing at this event you can email me for details)

And, finally, on November 27th at 5:00pm we will present our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service, featuring ALL our Music Ensembles.

I have much to be thankful for and a simple THANK YOU doesn't even begin to summarize the gratitude I feel to be a part of the joy our Music Ministry continues to bring to our congregation and greater community. All of these music-making opportunities are thanks to YOU and your continued support of the Cathedral Music Ministry!

Water

By John Wallingford

There are 641 uses of the word water in the Bible. Seventy one percent of the Earth's surface is water. About 60% of your body weight is water. It's fair to say that life depends on water.

I listened to a webinar on the 'modernization' of the 1964 Columbia River treaty co-hosted by Save Our Wild Salmon at which Jessica Zimmerle from Earth Ministries (the Washington State branch of Interfaith power and light) and DR Michel (Upper Columbia United Tribes) spoke. You can find it [here](#). That treaty between US and Canada set parameters for flood control and hydroelectric power generation, and with negotiations open, there is interest by Tribes and others to add a third element to the treaty: ecosystem function. It seems obvious now that the ecosystem should have driven decisions on the Columbia.

The National Academy of Sciences recently published a report on the Future of Lake Coeur d'Alene which will be discussed on Nov 15 at the Hagadone Event center in Coeur d'Alene, more information [here](#). That report cautions that phosphates in fertilizer run off could mobilize heavy metals in the lake sediment. Parishioner Jess Jordan works day in and day out to apply the Clean Water Act in our area; the first case heard by the Supreme Court of the US this fall explores the definition of the word 'adjacent' as applied to [wetlands](#), potentially affecting about half of all wetlands in the US. That case originates in our backyard at Priest Lake. Jim Ekins from University of Idaho extension oversees a master water stewards

program and teaches practical knowledge on water use and management. The Coeur d'Alene seeks to create a water passage from Hangman creek to the lake for migratory salmon, bypassing Spokane Falls. Gloria Flora, one of our speakers last April tells me biochar is being used by Spokane City in purification of effluent water. The ocean ecosystem is threatened by atmospheric carbon dioxide equilibrating in water to form carbonic acid, which dissolves the shells of crustaceans. New parishioner Mike McCarty is teaching about ocean pH in the STEM program. Tom Soeldner has been active for 8 years now leading discussions with the Tribes and Spokane civic leaders of water preservation in the region. It was reported a couple weeks ago that the Spokane River has forever [chemicals](#) in it; I am fascinated with the research at University of Washington that uses [poplars](#) to remediate contaminated waterways.

The Hope for Creation Conference is coming back, April 22 (Saturday, Earth Day) to focus attention on water: local, regional and global. The city of Spokane, Riverkeepers, Gonzaga's Climate center, our partner Whitworth, Spokane 350 and others are all informed. We will use the learnings from the Conference help prepare the city for the 50th anniversary of Expo '74. Besides some great presentations there will be discussion groups and a street fair with exhibits on environmental care, food trucks and live music. Finally, the Faith Leaders Earth Day Vigil is likely to be the closing event. Pray for Care of Water.



St. John's Annual Walk-on Christmas Pageant is coming December 11 @ the 10:30am worship service!
 Come and Celebrate the third Sunday of Advent with our very own cast of Bethlehem characters.
 We have costumes for grandparents, parents, and children alike. Sheep, Donkeys, Angels, and
 Shepherds. all are welcome to come, choose costumes,
 and get very simple directions for participation at 9:30am in the Great Hall.
 Reach out to Fr. Arlen with questions. Arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org

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 the creation of all there is. Yes, this is a poetic understanding and not a 20th or 21st century scientific understanding of creation, but look at the verbs used to describe God's work. God creates, sets & separates (creates order), gives direction, and blesses.

Over and over again, God blesses and calls what is created good. So God's Reign is one where there is justice, peace, and stewardship of creation. These are what we hope for when

God's Reign and Kingdom come in fullness. Humankind is to be in partnership with God and co-creators of the Reign of God – when we live into that call, we also work for justice, peace, and stewardship of creation.

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, considering gratitude and blessings, pray and give thanks for ways that we can use the riches of creation rightly – this is a way of making God's reign manifest. This Advent, as you prepare to journey to Bethlehem and to make space for the Christ Child in your

home, consider also how you can work and live in ways of justice and peace, knowing that those are the ways of the Reign of God. And in any season, pause and consider, seeking direction for how each of us can care for one another, for the neighbor and the stranger, and for the Earth in ways that are Kingdom ways and in partnership with the God who created us, loves us, and guides us always.

In Christ's Peace and Hopeful Expectation,
 Dean Heather

Diocesan Convention

From Linda Finney

I had the honor of serving as one of the Cathedral's delegates to the Diocesan Convention in October. I had been a delegate in the past—during the pandemic—so it was really lovely to participate in person. Some quick observations: first of all, Bishop Rehberg always does a remarkable job. Her understanding of how to run a meeting is top notch; she leads competently and with humor. Her sermons and presentations are profound.

I was very impressed with Skip Hubbard's update on Camp Cross and the capital campaign. What those volunteers have accomplished at Camp is just short of amazing. They have transformed cabins, got traffic buoys in the beach area, and acquired a more "modern" van, all with a lot of sweat equity and great economy.

Father David Sibley and Dean Heather VanDeventer along with other deputies including Pia Longonitti and Katherine Karr-Cornejo did presentations on the General Convention and provided updates on the innovative and challenging work of the wider Episcopal Church in several areas. I must say I am moved by its thoughtful process and careful self-examination and proud to be an Episcopalian. Finally, it was fun to work with Father Arlen Farley and his committee on the Resolutions of Courtesy. This is a sincere *and* tongue-in-cheek process: lots of humor and love. I also really enjoyed the participation of the children of the Diocese, in running coffee, and other errands. They are the icing on the cake.

As the Bishop reminded us, no one leaves the path, and no one walks alone. We try new things and learn from them. We keep walking with Jesus as creative, compelling witnesses in the Inland Northwest... strengthening, growing, and planting congregations.

Sunday Forum:

Welcoming Immanuel

From Katherine Karr-Cornejo

As we prepare to begin a new church year and observe Advent once again, we are called to wait and reflect upon Jesus' coming. Even those who do not share our faith are familiar with Jesus coming as a human child, born to humble circumstances, God incarnate on earth. Fewer may be familiar with Jesus' second coming in glory, signifying the completion of God's purpose. To focus on the baby, we look to the past. To focus on the second coming, we look to the future.

But we live in the present. How do we prepare to welcome Jesus in the here and now?

As we walk together towards and through advent this year, we will move through a series of sessions about hospitality and the stranger. We're excited to work with this gift from the diocese

Vietnamese-American artist and theologian Phuc Luu writes:

In ancient cultures, the stranger was someone in whom hospitality was extended. To welcome the stranger was to welcome the company of the divine. This series of videos is about those we might consider other, stranger, foreigner, and alien. These are the people often on the margins of society, and treated as such. They might be

the migrant, those who are of different religious or cultural backgrounds, those who live in neighborhoods of different social economic classes, those who simply look, act, and behave differently.

Whenever we encounter something new, often we are challenged. Our comfortable world feels intruded. The saying, "birds of a feather flock together" speaks about our affinity toward sameness, not difference. We are naturally drawn to what is like us. But if this is the case, then how can we know something new? How can we come to recognize the presence of an infinite God, if all we are seeking is to confirm what we already know about God? It might be that salvation does not lie in the familiar, but that which comes to us as different, as the other and the stranger.

In this series we will learn about God through practices of hospitality and reflections on the surprising places we may not think to look for the divine, in preparation for welcoming our Savior again and again. Join us Sundays at 9:15 am in the Great Hall, November 20-December 18.



SUNDAY FORUM
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SPOKANE
NOVEMBER 20-DECEMBER 18 2022

We're Gonna Party Like It's 2019

by Sarah Robertson

Thanks in part to Nina Beegle's nostalgic reminiscences—the all-parish Advent celebration is back! Join just after the 10:30am service on November 27th as we celebrate the four Sundays of Advent with crafts and activities.

We will—of course—be preparing our Advent wreaths for the season. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for covering the cost of wreath supplies.

The Sunday school youth will prepare for the event and even provide the goodies at the coffee hour. But we encourage everyone to participate and enjoy the beginning of this special season together.

Should you have an Advent wreath from year's past collecting dust, please start bringing them into church. They can be left in the Sunday school room or with a priest of your choice.

Help us celebrate hope, love, joy, and peace on **November 27th** after the **10:30am** service..

Christmas Decor

By Karen Martin

Help beautify the Cathedral during December! Special décor is possible only through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral. Please contribute now. Make checks payable to "St. John's Cathedral" and mark them for Christmas Flowers. Please note in whose honor the gift is given. After Christmas, *The Chimes* will publish a list of all those in whose honor Christmas decorations were given.



Volunteer Opportunities at The Windfall

By Linda Finney

I volunteer at The Windfall three Fridays a month. This little thrift store serves people with limited means as well as treasure hunters. But there is another ministry that seems even more important to me. I will share some of these stories over the next few issues of *The Chimes*, and will start with this one. There is a woman in her mid 40s who routinely comes in with a young boy, about 11 years old. His sight is very limited; he carries a white cane. I think she is his caregiver, not his mom. He always makes a bee-line for the toys. The deal is that he gets to choose one (most are 50 cents). This is a very deliberate process for him. He and his companion have some conversation, but he takes his time. Last Friday, he chose a bug catcher kit. He came up to pay with his wrinkled dollar bill. I rang up his purchase, while his companion coached him to say "please" and "thank you" and helped him wrangle the change. Then, we all said "good-bye" and they headed out into the rain.

Cathedral Life

By Karen Byrne

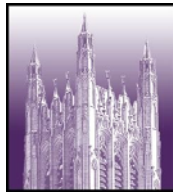
It's November and Cathedral Life volunteers are looking toward our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Save Sunday November 20, after the 10:30am service and come join us. We will be serving buffet style, with plenty of space to sit down with your friends. Another option is to pick up boxed dinners for take-out, if that is a better option for you. Our neighbors at Canterbury Court will be joining us as well. It will be a great time to catch up with each other, and begin the festive season!

We are welcoming volunteers to help in the kitchen, with set-up, with decorating the tables and with assistance in serving.

Please contact Cindy Duncan, Thanksgiving chair or Katie, in the Cathedral office. Or use the email form to sign up for the dinner and to volunteer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 13 8a Worship 9:15a Forum 9:15a S. School 10:30a Worship Noon Altar Guild 5p Worship 6p Sr High Youth	14 4p Service League 5:15 Youth Symphony	15 10a Staff 11:30a St. Nicholas Guild 6p Chapter 6p MA	16 10a Holy Eucharist 11a Bible Study 630p Al Anon	17 930a Tapestry 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbell 7p Choir	18 6p Al Anon 7p Messiah Concert	19 8:30a DAR 9a Cathedral Life 3p Messiah Concert
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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30am Outdoor Communion
(Welcome center patio)
5pm Holy Eucharist Rite III

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(North Transept)

Moving? New phone number?
Let the office know:
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm. Come visit us at 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

Save trees and reduce costs—
subscribe to the emailed *Chimes*:
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The deadline for the Christmas
Chimes is **Monday, December 5**
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Date Reminders

11/20—Parish Thanksgiving
Dinner
10/24—Thanksgiving Day
10/25—Offices Closed
11/27—Advent Lessons & Car-
ols
12/11—Christmas Pageant

Passages

Rest in Peace

Katie Thew
May 5, 2000—Oct. 6, 2022
John Hunt
Sept. 29, 1929—Oct. 8, 2022
Mary Jane Adelquist
October 8, 1935—Nov. 3, 2022