



THE CATHEDRAL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Outreach Matters!

The Outreach Committee

The following agencies receive contributions from the Cathedral. We are anxious to share some information about the good works these two agencies provide to our community.

Our Place Community Outreach

Our Place is a food, hygiene and clothing bank located in Spokane's West Central district. Tuesday is dedicated to administrative activities, so that Wednesday and Thursday can be dedicated to serving clients. All clients are treated with respect and care everyone deserves. Food is set out so that people can "shop" for what they want (within reason). No made ahead boxes for this place! Food comes from many generous donors, including Second Harvest, My Fresh Basket, food service and individual donors, with purchasing done to fill in special needs. The foodbank served over 3000 people in March alone. Regrettably, these numbers are going up.

Our Place also provides hygiene items, mostly to West Central and homeless folks. Most of these products are purchased by Our Place, although they happily accept hotel size items for the homeless clients. In addition, there is a clothing and housewares bank that is open to all. Our Place also has free laundry facilities, available on a first come, first serve basis, soap provided. Bus passes are available, and for West Central residents, utility help is available once a year.

They are looking for volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talents. For more information or to view their wish list for donations, please visit their website ourplacespokane.org.

The Hope for Creation Conference

Planning for the conference has resumed. Here is an outline of where we are today.

1. **Schedule.** **Bishop Rehberg** and **Dean VanDeventer** are agreed to hold the Conference on April 22, 23, 2022. That is symbolically important, between Easter and Earth Day, as we hope to broker dialog between folks of faith and unchurched advocates for the environment. Via Media is our Episcopalian tradition, and I hope you will think about how important that faith tradition is. Progress on environment needs the faith community, and the Episcopal church is one of the few bodies to advocate for the center. Blessed are the peace makers.

2. We are inviting members onto the **Steering Committee**. Our own **Jennifer Ogden** and Diocesan Creation Care leader **Pat Munts** have agreed as has City Council President **Breann Beggs**. We intend to invite persons from local tribes for more direction on our recognition of Tribal concerns and NGO organizations committed to land health, see below. The Steering Committee is a resource to build the agenda and inform their networks of contacts.

3. **Keynote Speakers.** **Bill Youngs** (Eastern, History of Expo '74 keynote), Whitworth's **Jonathan Moo** (biblical basis for Creation Care) and **Kara Odegard** (Spokane City Sustainability lead) are all confirmed with the new date. These three bring Spokane's environmental, civic, and religious communities together in a novel way.

4. **Emphasis on land.** The schedule of speakers for Conference in 2020 was packed; some said too much so. One way to focus is to emphasize the three

themes from Expo (air, land, water) one at a time. During Lent I read *Scripture, Culture and Agriculture* by Episcopalian **Ellen Davis** at Duke (with forward by **Wendell Berry**) on agrarianism. The importance of agriculture for Spokane's economy, and the agricultural context of many of Jesus' parables present rich ground for a common commitment by faith and secular communities. And a focus on land is a bit fresher than CO2/global warming, so may attract folks who are beleaguered by the important drumbeat on CO2. Did you all see *Kiss the Ground*, the Interfaith Power and Light offering for Earth Day? It may be offered for community viewing/discussion at the Cathedral this fall.

5. **Logistics.** We may hold a hybrid event. Our experience with hybrid worship is a new, huge plus (be sure to thank **Brendon Biele** for his yeoman work on that). Viewers could watch the presentations, while on-site folks can meet the speakers and the 50-some local groups showcasing their wares, and chat over lunch. We had a strong working group of parishioners organizing food, music, art last time. Now we can take all the learnings and improve the program.

6. **Your role.** The Hope for Creation Conference is a chance to host the city for fun, for mutual support, to educate, and to plan to celebrate Spokane's global environmental leadership. I'm happy to talk about the possibilities and about your priorities. Drop me an email or give a call if you want to help. jwallingford@gmail.com, 484.919.4782.

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

It has been good to continue to regather on these summer Sundays. It has truly been a joy to see many of you at the 10:30 am worship service, as well as to see the prayer requests and passing of the Peace by those joining worship online. The 8:00 am worship service, which resumed on June 20th, has had its pews filled with longtime regulars, early riser families, visitors, and those seeking to be in the Cathedral while it is (slightly) cooler. The Fourth of July carillon concert brought visitors to the Cathedral lawns and the cupcakes and lemonade at coffee hour that day made the music sweeter.

In conversation with Chapter and other lay leaders, we have expanded Sunday worship capacity to around 50 households. This allows for six to eight feet between households, which follows the best practices suggested by various choral organizations as well as worship guidelines created by a national ecumenical task force. We still request that people pre-register for attending Sunday services, as well ask those who just come on Sundays to share their name and contact information. While Washington State is now “open for business” and many in the Cathedral congregation are vaccinated, we also know that COVID-19 and its variants continue to be spread in the wider Spokane community. In solidarity with our congregation’s children under age 12 and those who are immuno-compromised (and therefore not as effectively vaccinated as others), we continue to require masks to be worn during worship services. This policy will be revisited in the fall. When you come to worship, you will see the clergy and some worship leaders not wearing masks when speaking during the liturgy, as long as we are at a distance from the congregation. We have made this change having heard from some of you that it is hard to hear clearly what we say through a mask, even with microphones.

At its June meeting, Chapter spent some time considering what we have each learned, or not learned, during these past 15 months where we lived our individual and communal lives so differently. I have heard so many people talk about getting back to “normal.” Normal is a human construct and we make of it what each of us will. We also considered the question of things we used to do in pre-COVID days that we do not want to have come back into normal life. One Chapter member shared: “We have had to learn that we couldn’t keep doing the same things we have done for many years. There was a complacency that we need to leave behind.” I think there is a lot of wisdom for our congregational life together in what this member and others shared.

I invite you to think about this as well. Maybe you have had a change in your priorities and how you want to spend your time. Maybe you want to consider new ways to help others by volunteering. Maybe there is a ministry that you want to join – or a project or ministry that you think would benefit the Cathedral community. There are many opportunities to volunteer and share your time and talent with St. John’s and the clergy and lay leaders would be happy to help match you with the right ministry. We are also interested to hear what new or transformed ministry you think would draw the Cathedral into deeper relationship with God and stronger community. Truly, reach out and please be in touch.

In Christ’s Peace,
Dean Heather

Men Woven As One at Camp Cross August 20 to 22

Enjoy the beauty of Lake Coeur d’Alene and the peaceful treed hillside, while being woven as one with other men who are seeking to follow Jesus’s way of love. Signup at campcross.org for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and delving into our baptismal vows. Explore with us how we might adapt the hymn about Jesus found in Philippians 2:6-11. Arrive Friday afternoon and depart after lunch on Sunday. The cost is on a sliding scale. The leadership team includes Ken Mewhiney, Steve Goheen, and Rick Matters.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The Rev. Bill Osborne, rector of St. Stephen’s, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land January 22-February 2, 2022. The pilgrimage will be led by local Christian guides and will spend significant time with Palestinian Christians. Some charities will be visited, including one run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The all-inclusive cost round trip from Spokane is \$5,195 per person for this pilgrimage. Click here for more information: <https://lightlina.com/pilgrimage/come-and-see-a-pilgrimage-following-the-footsteps-of-jesus/>

From the Director of Music Ministry

“The faith of a community comes to life in its music-making. In music, the faith and life of a people take flesh.” These words, from Paul Westermeyer, come from one of the texts I am studying for my Doctor of Sacred Music program. As I reflect on this statement, I can’t help but recall the profound emotions I experienced during the service when our congregation was able to safely come back to in-person worship. The emptiness of our sanctuary at the start of the pandemic shutdown was far overshadowed by the stress and attention we needed to video-produce our services for our homebound congregation, in addition to our continued hope that surely, the next week, we would be together again! Now, over a year later, I was not prepared for the overwhelming emotions that would spill out (literally!) over a year later when we were finally able to sing, pray, and worship together in the same space again. I had not realized how much I yearned to hear the collective voice of our faith community, and how much I had been missing it!

I am so excited for the return to our close to ‘normal’ operations this Fall, and the Music Team is deep in preparations for the return of the Cathedral Choir, Junior Choir (+Chimes!), Cathedral Ringers, and a new music opportunity for our high school musicians. I am delighted to announce that our Tenor Choral Scholar, Eric Betz, will be leading the Adult Handbell Choir this year, and will occasionally conduct the Cathedral Choir, as he gains experience for his application to Graduate Studies in Conducting. In addition, I will be tutoring our college bound future music teachers with opportunities in conducting the Junior Choir. The music calendar is beginning to fill up with the Spokane Youth Symphony returning to their Monday rehearsals nights in our space, in addition

to some exciting guests for our St. John’s Music Series.

If you or someone you know are interested in joining, or have questions about the music-making opportunities at St. John’s please feel free to contact me at: andreo@stjohns-cathedral.org

Hosanna in the Highest!

Andrea Olsen, Director of Music Ministry

Directions for Singing

from *Select Hymns: with Tunes Annexed (1761)*

by John Wesley

That this part of Divine Worship may be the more acceptable to God, as well as the more profitable to yourself and others, be careful to observe the following directions:

I. Learn these Tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.

II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.

III. Sing All. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more

ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.

V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

VI. Sing in Time: whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawing way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your Heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

The above is a short glimpse into Wesley’s ideas on Congregational Singing. His passion for good singing as an integral part of worship is clear, and if nothing else provides the congregation member or aspiring choir member with a chuckle (or two!) regardless of musical prowess and hymn singing abilities.

If you or someone you know would like to “make a joyful noise” with us, please contact me at: andreo@stjohns-cathedral.org.

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*Our Mission: To be a Christian community that invites people into a life where
through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*



– The Spokane Youth Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras will return to the Cathedral for their Monday evening rehearsal space for the 2021-22 program year. We look forward to hosting again these young musicians and supporting the music community in the Spokane area.

Worship Services

8am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
10am	1st and 3rd Friday Holy Eucharist Rite I

“Free Firewood!”

As most of you know, the Cathedral took down a tall (160 year old) Ponderosa that was on the north side of the building and - after our last windstorm - had begun leaning meaningfully in the direction of the North Transept stained glass window. No question as to what has priority! So now there is free firewood on the north bank for any who want some. That includes some nice kindling piles of smaller limbs. Help yourself and win “points in heaven” for cleaning up your Cathedral!”