St. Andrew's eNews

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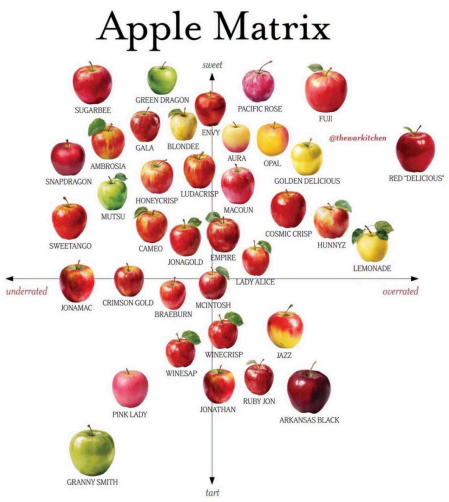

“On the third day you commanded the waters to be gathered together in a seventh part of the earth; six parts you dried up and kept so that some of them might be planted and cultivated and be of service before you. For your word went forth, and at once the work was done. Immediately fruit came forth in endless abundance and of varied appeal to the taste, and flowers of inimitable color, and odors of inexpressible fragrance. These were made on the third day.

2 Esdras 6:42-44

This Week

9/29, Tuesday, 9 am, Morning Prayer
Tuesday, 2 pm, Centering Prayer
Tuesday, 3 pm, Bible Study
9/30, Wednesday, 11 am, Holy Eucharist
10/1, Thursday, 9 am, Morning Prayer
10/2, Friday, 4 pm, Friendship Dinner
10/3, Saturday, 10 am, Feeding Hungry People
10/4, Sunday, 8 am - Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour
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10/4, Sunday, Creation Season begins with the Blessing of Animals and Book Study
10/5, Monday, 11 am - Fellowship Meeting in the library
10/5, Monday, 12 noon, Crafty Corners

Coming Up

10/5, Sunday, 6 pm, Service of Lament and Hope

FRIENDSHIP Dinner

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Friday October 2

Put this on your calendar! We will be hosting the community meal at First United Methodist Church for almost 100 people. Please volunteer to help: Set-up at 4; Serving at 5:30; Clean up at 6:00. Jeff Graham is our contact for this event. Let him know you'll be there to help.

The Blessing of the Animals

October 4 following the 10:00 service

"The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love. No wonder people enjoy taking their animal companions to church for a blessing." (source)

Come and bring your adorable pet on a leash or in a carrier. We'll have treats and prayers!

Coffee Hour

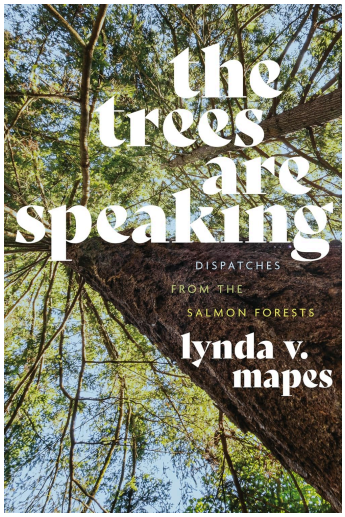
Thank you to Rev. Laura for reminding us on Sunday that most of us have made cookies at least once in our lives. And fall is a good time to think of baking again, especially if you haven't done it during the summer. If you have a favorite, or an easiest recipe, use that one, and feel free to share with folks on Sundays. Contact Ann Wood or Sue Clary for more information.

Creation Season Book Study

The Trees are Speaking by Lynda Mapes

Please pick up a copy of this book to read during our creation season. We have reserved several books at Port Book and News - mention that you're with the St. Andrews book study and you'll receive a 20% discount.

We're also proud to announce that we'll be sponsoring a book signing at the Port Angeles Library on October 25.

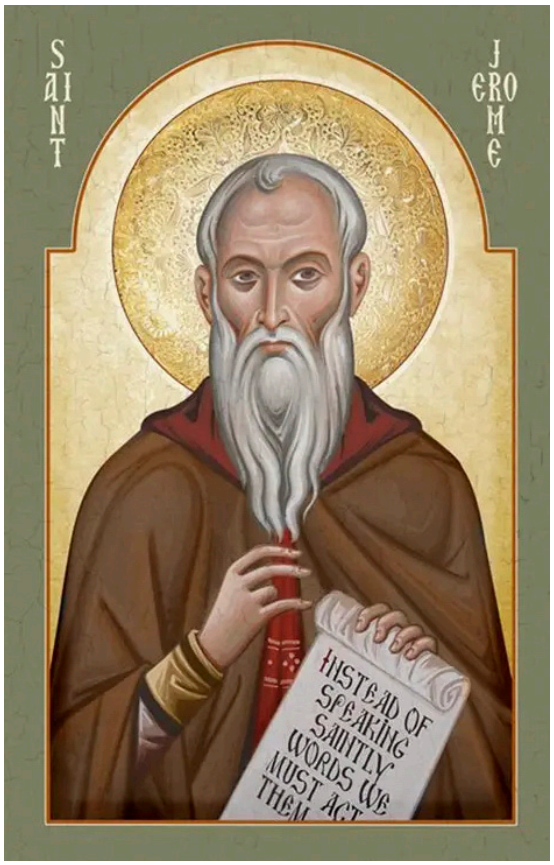


Lynda Mapes writing is engaging and informative, as she shares her insights in the forests that surround salmon habitats. She visits both the northwest rainforest of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and the northeast forests of Maine. Whether you plan to attend the book study* or not, we highly recommend *The Trees are Speaking.*

**Date & Time of the book study are yet to be announced.*

Wednesday Holy Eucharist
11:00 am

St Jerome, Priest and Scholar



St. Jerome was a fourth-century Christian scholar, theologian, and translator best known for producing the Latin Vulgate, a translation of the Bible that deeply shaped Western Christianity for centuries. Born around 347 in Stridon, a town near the border of Dalmatia and Pannonia, he was educated in Rome, where he studied rhetoric and classical literature before committing himself more fully to Christian life. After periods of travel, study, and ascetic retreat in places such as Antioch and the Syrian desert, Jerome became known for his intense discipline, sharp intellect, and devotion to Scripture. He later served as secretary to Pope Damasus I in Rome, who encouraged his work on revising and translating biblical texts.

In 386, Jerome settled in Bethlehem, where he founded a monastery and continued his scholarly work until his death around 419 or 420. There he completed much of the

translation and commentary that made him one of the most influential biblical scholars of the early Church. Remembered as one of the great Latin Fathers and later honored as a Doctor of the Church, Jerome remains a lasting symbol of rigorous learning, spiritual discipline, and devotion to the written word.

Service of Lament & Hope

On Sunday, October 11th at 6:00pm, we will be sponsoring a Service of Lament and Hope at St. Andrew's. The Rev. Ben Nickodemus, from Holy Trinity Lutheran, and I have created this liturgy to provide a space in which we can name some of the anxiety, fear, stress, grief, etc., of our times *as well as* affirm our trust and hope in God. The plan is to hold these services on a quarterly basis and possibly enlist the Presbyterian and Methodist churches as well, with each congregation sponsoring a service at their place. If you find yourself aggrieved by current events; if you find your hope flagging and yearn to be reminded of God's faithfulness, please consider joining us.

--Laura+

Food Bank Food Drive for October - Holiday Foods

Last month we collected 62 pounds of food to give to the food bank. This month, we are focusing on holiday foods like stuffing mix, pumpkin pie filling, and cranberry sauce. Your generosity is appreciated by the community.

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