The Call

October 2026

St Andrew's Episcopal Church

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the great of every human being. Job 12:7-10

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

Over and over we find evidence of voice, praise, exultation, offered to God by creation. We are surrounded not only by a great cloud of witnesses consisting of those who have tread this earthly terrain and passed on, but by creation itself. Each tree, worm, elephant, fish and mountain came to be out of an explosion of divine love manifested in galaxies, oceans, sky, and the glory of life, and each testifies to its Creator.

Often, we tend to center everything on ourselves. We blame the degradation of the earth solely on our greed and shortsightedness; we view the consequences of global warming in terms of how rising oceans and more ferocious storms will affect humans. We tend to think that being good stewards of the earth necessarily means we are in control.

Friends, each being on the planet—animal, vegetable, or mineral—has its own relationship with God. Each has been brought forth out of the same love that birthed humankind. And yes, in many ways, humans have more influence than the other species, and there is no denying our deleterious effect on creation, but we are not all powerful. Truly, we are not.

As we begin Creation Season this year, through presentations, study, actions and prayer, let's remember to join with all of creation in its ongoing praise to God. Let's remember to take the time each and every day to give thanks for the natural world and all our fellow inhabitants. Let's be attentive to the gift, the glory of this world, wherever we experience it. We are still, *all of us,* in the hands of the Holy One: the Alpha and Omega. The only One who was there at the beginning and the One in whose hands we will remain at the end.

Thanks be to God.

Laura+

Creation Season

Olympic Mountains
Photo by Jim Couture

Our celebration of God's beautiful creation begins on October 4 with St. Francis Day and the Blessing of the Animals. Here are some things to look forward to in the next few weeks (times of events TBA):

- **October Book Study** – *The Trees are Speaking* by Lynda Mapes. Please buy, borrow, or download a copy of this book and read it this month. At the end of the month we'll gather to review it and discuss it prior to Lynda's presentation on October 25
- October 4 – **St. Francis Day** – Blessing of the Animals following the 10:00 service. Bring your pet, but please keep them in your car for a nap during the service. Following the service, we'll meet under the portico to bless the little critters.
- October 11 at 6 pm – **A Service of Lament and Hope** - This service provides an opportunity for us to affirm our trust and hope in God amid any anxiety, fear, stress, or grief we may be experiencing in our lives and in the world.
  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.
- October 18 Sunday, 9 am Service followed by 'heavy hors d'oeuvres' coffee hour – **A Focus on Solar Energy** with guest George Robertson. George was the solar grant writer and project manager for St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island for their Solar Project. The project was two-fold: to reduce their carbon footprint and save money on their utility bill. With grants, they were able to fully fund 127 solar panels on their buildings.
- October 25 ***The Trees are Speaking*** **by Lynda Mapes** - Book Discussion following the 10:00 service – Author Lynda Mapes, book presentation, *4 pm at the Port Angeles Library Raymond Carver Room.*

Cunha Family Adoption Hearing

Friday, October 16 at 11:45

Clallam County Courthouse

223 E 4th Street, 2nd Floor

On Friday October 16, Melissa's adoption of Katie, Curtis, Lucy and Rosie will become official.

With hearts full of gratitude, we invite you to join us for a milestone long in the making: the Adoption Hearing and Celebration gathering for Katie, Curtis, Lucy, and Rosie.

After the hearing, please join us for a fiesta to celebrate at Salt Creek Recreation Area from 1:00 – 4:00. Come when you can.

Single Service for Holy Eucharist

October 18, 9:00 am

Feeding Hungry People

When I think about St. Andrews, I think about how we "feed His sheep"; and the multitude of ways we follow this command; our worship services, our music program that enriches our spiritual growth, our book studies, our parish dinners and other celebrations, the lovely flowers on the Altar that create a calm mind, the joy we share with friends during coffee hour, how we are working towards beginning a Safe Parking program and how we share our space with programs that serve people struggling to make changes in their lives. Our monthly plate donations go to community service programs including Manna and Serenity House and our on-going Food Bank donations and Friendship Dinner help to feed people in our community. All of this and more enriches my life and yours as I/we continue to grow as Christians.

One of our newest efforts includes Feeding Hungry People. This is our second year of working together to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that we take out or deliver to community agencies that serve the neediest members of our Port Angeles community. We have a strong and committed group of volunteers who meet twice a month to make these sandwiches that are delivered to TAFY (The Answer For Youth), and REdisCOVERY, a program which is part of the Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic.

The sandwiches delivered to TAFY are given out at the Saturday evening dinner and along with a TAFY prepared food bag to help provide food for later that evening or for Sunday when there are few resources for community-provided meals. REdisCOVERY Outreach Workers deliver the sandwiches we provide to hungry people they work with in the "nooks and crannies" of our community. In the past two months we have added another level of giving by finding homeless men and women camping out on Peabody and around the area of the Salvation Army, along 2nd Street and around Jesse Webster Park. Since January we have made and delivered 2,235 sandwiches to hungry people. It is a blessing to touch the lives of these lambs and sheep that are so very often- too often invisible to others in our community. You are welcome to join us or support us with donations of bread, jam and peanut butter or both. We would love to welcome you to our group on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

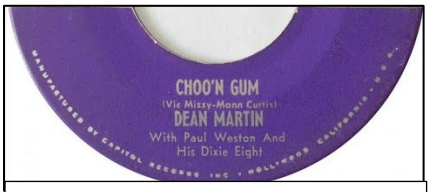
Submitted by Linda Snyder

And speaking of Feeding Hungry People:

Do you remember the tune that goes with this ditty, “Choo’n Gum”?

The sandwich builders updated the lyrics:

My mom gave me a nickel to buy a pickle,
I didn’t buy a pickle, I bought some peanut butter.
How I love to make sandwiches
To give to those who need them,
It not only fills their tummies,
It makes me happy.



Click on the arrow to hear Dean Martin sing “Choo’n

It makes all of us who build sandwiches the second and fourth Saturdays feel good too.

If you can’t join us those days, is there a time you could come? I have been wondering if we could add an alternate sandwich session for those who can’t come on Saturday. Let Dorothy know a day you might be available.

Submitted by Dorothy Thompson

A Note from our Sr. Warden

Greetings,

Your vestry met on Sept. 24. Our first order of business was to transfer $60,000 from savings into our checking account. I hope that number catches your eye, because that's a lot of money which we do need to use to keep paying the bills. We would prefer it if we didn't have to make that transfer, usually annually. None of us like to dip into savings in that way.

We continue to review maintenance, which cannot be nor should it be deferred. We are looking at safety concerns, potential outdoor camera installation, maintenance on the elevator, the fire suppression/hydraulic systems, additional plumbing problems as they arise.

A stewardship program will begin in October. A special event is planned. Watch the weekly enews for information.

October brings our recognition of the creation season with several special events. Again, the enews and Sunday announcements will share specific information.

Please pray for Laura+ as she cares for us and leads us in our ministries and offerings to Christ.

Sue Clary

Senior Warden

Port Angeles Food Bank – Food Drive of the Month

October begins the push for holiday foods. Some ideas are packaged stuffing, canned pie fillings, canned broth, vegetables, and fruits including cranberry sauce. If you're thinking more along the line of fresh food like produce and meats, consider donating money. The food bank has sources to acquire fresh produce and meats and often for lower cost than we can.

While donating for the holidays is a nice change of pace, basic needs don't go away. Kids still need breakfasts and snacks, babies need diapers and wipes, and grown-ups appreciate personal hygiene products.

Whatever you choose, our narthex basket is waiting for your donations. Thanks for caring. Thanks for being generous. Thanks for being a part of our congregation.

Fellowship Committee

Dear friends, 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. We will always make sure there are cheese and crackers and some fruit, plus coffee, decaf and tea. Yum!

Stay tuned to regular announcements for several special occasions in October. The month promises to be a busy one at St. Andrews!

Thanks to all!

Ann Wood and Sue Clary

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes,
O God,
to the marvels that surround me.
Show me the wonder
of each breath I take,
of my every
thought,
word
and movement.

— Rebbe Nachman of Breslov
The Gentle Weapon by Moshe Mykoff, editor

Vestry

Senior Warden: Sue Clary
Junior Warden: Steve Cole
Clerk: Cheryl Young
George James
Linda Snyder
Sue Clary
Steve Cole
Kathy Balducci
Charlie McCaughn
Lela Prewitt

Ministries

Acolytes: Deb Morgan-Ellis
Altar Guild: Deb Hansen
Buildings & Property: Charlie McCaughn
Hospitality: Sue Clary
Fellowship: Sue Clary & Ann Wood
Crafty Corner: Ann Wood
Library Ministry: Karen Mitchell
Photographer: Ralph Angulo
Prayer Chain: Mary Reynolds
Treasurer: Jerry Stephanz
Ushers & Greeters : Ann Wood
Webmaster: Phil Morgan-Ellis

Worship with Us
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am - Also livestream on our website. Nursery care from 9 - 11
In Forks - St. Swithin's – meets each Sunday at 2:30 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Mid-week Worship Service Wednesdays in person at 11 am.
Morning Prayer Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am
If you need assistance in accessing our worship services, please contact our office 360-457-4862.

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