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Mid-Valley Ecumenical Eucharist & Potluck Picnic Faith & Fellowship in Worship!

On August 13, we will worship as one big Mid-Valley family in Monteith Park, Albany. St. Martin's joins with St. Alban's and Good Samaritan plus Faith, Immanuel, and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches for our traditional celebration. It's a great time to get to know each other better and strengthen our faith community.

Our Rev. Melodie will celebrate Holy Communion. Fr. Bob Morrison of St. Albans will preside, and Pastor Mark Bringman of Faith Lutheran will preach. All of us will pray and sing and pass the peace. And then feast!

The Episcopal and Lutheran Churches have been on a similar path since the Protestant reformation in the 16th century. Today, Episcopal priests and Lutheran pastors serve in each other's churches. We are ecumenical. What does that mean?

According to the Episcopal Church webpage: "The **ecumenical movement** is the Episcopal Church's response to Jesus' prayer for his disciples in John 17:21 "that they may all be one." And "...The ecumenical movement is the Episcopal Church's response to Jesus' prayer for his disciples in John 17:21 **"that they may all be one."** We pray for unity among churches and participate in dialogues to nurture a spirit of understanding and respect, while collaborating actively in mission and ministry opportunities" with fellow churches.

The 1999 Concordat between the Episcopal Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America affirms their **Call to Common Mission and Agreement of Full Communion**. This is the latest stage in a long history of ecumenical dialogue between the two churches.

Although the issues that gave rise to the Protestant Reformation in England and on the European continent were dissimilar in some respects, Anglicans and Lutherans have long recognized something of themselves in each other. Liturgical and sacramental worship has always figured largely in the identity and character of each tradition and our strong catholic faith.

Thus it is no surprise that official ecumenical conversations between Lutherans and Anglicans date back to the late nineteenth century. Let's carry on working together!

Come share in the fellowship!

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Join us in Worship Sunday Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Wednesday Holy Communion and Healing at 9:30

- ✦ August 6 - Transfiguration
- ✦ August 13 - Mid-Valley Ecumenical Eucharist & Potluck Picnic at 11 am. Monteith Park, Albany. Meet at St. Martin's at 10 am to carpool
- ✦ August 20 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
- ✦ August 27 - Blessing of the Backpacks



Looking forward to this year's Ecumenical Eucharist in Albany

Heartfelt thanks

. . . . for all the wonderful support for the new ministry here at St. Martin's in Lebanon, Oregon. Thanks, also, to the clergy who gave of their Saturdays to come and be supportive of me and St. Martin's. Thanks for all those who sent written messages from England and around the United States. It was especially great to have my own family here in attendance. Some that I know quite well and some I had never met! Especially my granddaughter who had her first experience with grandma being celebrant on Sunday. Thanks to all who made the reception a very special one. I'm looking forward to working here in the Diocese of Oregon and with all of you! If we haven't yet met, please let me know when I might come to visit you.

God's Blessings, Rev. Melodie+

Installation Scrap Book!



Congratulations to Elea Hewitt!

She won the Zonta Scholarship to aid her college studies starting at Yale this fall. Elea and her family from Sweet Home are acolytes and lectors. We send our blessings and hope see her on her vacations.



http://democratherald.com/news/sh-grad-receives-zonta-club-scholarship/article_ea442c3c-701a-53f5-81cc-bbe5c96817ee.html

"One Buck Seminary"

monthly discussion group led by Bishop Thornton, returns in September with a discussion of St. Augustine of Hippo's influential thoughts on original sin.

Donations are welcome for the **Learning Perch Book Buying Fund** starting up in October.

The children earned many books in 2016, and the stock needs to be replenished.



Have you seen this stole?



The stole and matching chasuble are missing. Please let us know.

ECW BRIEF NOTES:

Ladies Fun Lunch: Our July 12 Fun Lunch at the Pineway Golf Course restaurant was very pleasant with friendly conversation. Autumn lunch will be Monday October 16 at Cascade Grill in Albany.

Trunk Sale: At the July 28 meeting we voted to postpone the Trunk Sale to next year when we will all have more items to sell.

Full minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Blessing of the Backpacks Start the School Year

Bring school supplies to fill the simple drawstring knapsacks that Scouts and Crew are making for needy children in our area to give the kids a head start on success.

At "Sew for School" on Friday July 28 we cut, stitched, and started knapsacks. We will continue on Friday Aug 4.

We will distribute knapsacks at the next Personal Care Kits visit to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen on September 1 and to other locations.

Sunday School children can bring backpacks for blessing on August 28.

Sunday School resumes in mid-September.



BSA 404 Pack, Troop, & VENTURING Crew

Recent activities include camping at Camp Baldwin, earning Merit Badges, and attending Cub Scout Day Camp.

Coming events:

Parking Lot Rummage Sale at St. Martin's:

Friday – Saturday, Aug 11-12

Court of Honor at St. Martin's:

Monday, September 18 – 7 pm

Come support these youth as they grow in service to God and country.

VESTRY Highlights from June 28 & July 26

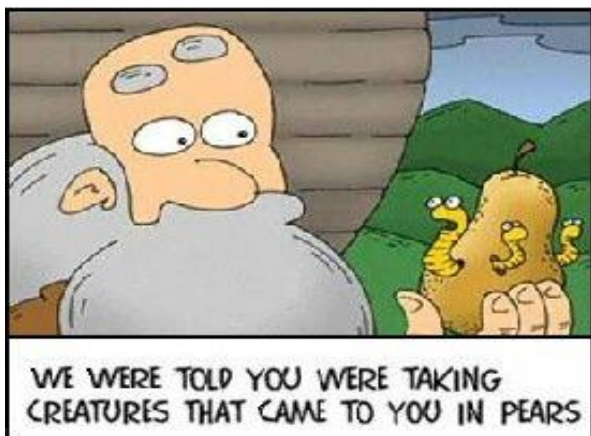
Vestry Members discussed research on replacing the sign at the corner of Milton & Grove. A donation by the family of Dorania Erickson will help pay for a replacement that is updated with correct information. More discussion will take place at the July 26 Vestry meeting.

For church renovations including fixing the leaky roof, painting, parking lot, etc., the Vestry has created a separate designated Building & Grounds Renovation Fund. Watch for pew envelopes.

Full Vestry minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



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Personal Care Kits

Watch for **SUDSY SUNDAYS** in August, to bring socks, wash cloths, blankets, detergent, shampoo, and more for our September 1 visit.

* When you bring items, please fill out an "in kind" donation form so we can show how the parish supports this outreach ministry. Forms are in the Soup Kitchen basket.

* Donations of funds can be made at any time to help purchase needed items. Envelopes are in the Soup Kitchen basket.



Looking for a ministry that calls out to you?

Want to help the needy but don't have a lot of time or money?

Help Rev. Melodie+ get supplies ready to give to the needy who come to the church for help.

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