

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98383**

**Bishop's Committee Monthly Reports
May 2024**

VICAR'S REPORT – Mother Hillary

Worship and Spiritual Life: Episcopal 101, Godly Play, and the Youth Seminar continue, as do the New Beginnings Contemplative Prayer group and Adult Bible Study. Worship attendance has been rising even as summer comes on. One of our newest parishioners, Holly Hoxeng, will lead music for the first time in June as a sub for Chris Eisenburg.

Pastoral Care: I met with the priest of St. Hugh's in Allyn, and she shared that many of her parishioners end up moving to Silverdale and living at Christa Shores when they are no longer able to live in their homes. She suggested a hand-off process where she and I, the parishioners leaving St. Hugh's and a couple parishioners from St. Antony's could meet together to help ease the transition. We will also put out the prayer box and begin publicizing the new prayer chain's email address this summer. Finally, I'm planning to host periodic conversations called "Death and Donuts" where small groups of us meet up together over donuts and go over the funeral service planning form. I'm thinking of planning a few of these per year and changing around the date and time to meet the needs of various demographics. If it is popular enough, we may work with some other churches to offer a bigger event that could include folks to help talk through financial, medical, or other planning concerns apart from the funeral service itself.

Community Relationships: We approved a donation to the Salvation Army, and Loretta McGinley invited a fellow participant to volunteer with her at Fishline in order to qualify for a donation to that organization. I have also reached out to the Navy Band and am working with Chris Eisenburg about planning a couple summer concerts. The Navy Band, if they come, are not allowed to charge any admission for events they play at, so it would be a free event if we host them.

Parish Life: With summer approaching, we don't have any major events planned currently until the August picnic and Vacation Bible School. I'd like to plan a couple weekend/evening events at coffee shops, pubs, or an outing to a museum or similar events for summer engagement. If you would like to take on planning or assisting with one of these events, please let me know!

Stewardship: We decided that Stewardship would be the purview of the entire BC and a year-long endeavor in addition to the fall pledge drive. We need to begin being intentional about this. Tim got us started off by speaking briefly about the Brandenburg Fund, and the Memorial Fund subcommittee is working on a standard operating procedure for use of those funds. Ongoing giving, however, and the spotlighting of various ministries, in addition to **other** Stewardship efforts should be planned. I'd like a BC member to kick us off by writing a "Why I Give" note for Happenings and speaking briefly about it at both services. We also want to reschedule Heather's talk re: the flower ministry.

Administration: Holly and Jim Foley noted that we did not include bereavement leave in my Letter of Agreement, so we will work that into the next iteration of the LOA. I am grateful for the opportunity to take leave for three days in order to attend my grandmother's funeral. I'm working on a proposal as well to account for an increase in pay for our musicians to get them closer to industry standard, even if it takes us a little time and some incremental steps to get there. ***Additionally, it's time to prepare for the audit.***

Thank you for your service and prayers.

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BISHOP'S WARDEN – Holly Foley

May 12/2024

- April 16 - I attended the Landscape Design planning meeting run by Heather Carnocki. We talked about the survey which has now been distributed and collected information gave us a few priorities and lots of great feedback. Priority number 1 for the congregation is the sign out front. Second is leveling the area around the pavilion.
- April 21 - I attended the Memorial Fund committee meeting where we outlined our expectations for a document to clarify the how and who of using the money in the DIF for Memorial funds. Mother Hillary has written a draft we will be working from.
- May 2 - Marj and I made plans to mow the lawn again and Rick Zap showed up and let us know that we were to let him finish :) Soren and Tim van As were going to follow up with Rick and Tim and I communicated that perhaps with so many hands, we need a schedule (good problems).
- May 4 - was a damp day, but 6 hardy souls came together to work at the church on projects.

Heather Carnocki, Bill and Lori Fagan, Ruth Lindstrum, Marj Zantek and I were cleaning up the grounds and doing some landscape design discussions. Thank you to all for your help. Sandy Martin had planned a lunch, but we will have her save it for the future.

- May 5 - Norma Tipton, Sarah Rogers and I worked on baking some communion bread in the kitchen and thought for the future we would like to do AT church and include one person extra each time to teach them too. Maybe a youth member?
- May 8 - many members of our community filled the St. Charles Cathedral for the memorial service of a dear friend and founding member of the Tonys Trekkers group Phil Glass.
In attendance were at least 15 members of St. A's to support his family, friends and coworkers. It was heart warming to see all the connections and how Phil touched so many people.
- May 4, 5 and 11 - found Jim Foley in the attic and up on ladders installing the new security system. It is now functioning, so big thank you!!!

PEOPLE'S WARDEN– Tim van As

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Cris McCarty

No report.

FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Marj Zantek (Youth)

Our Teens and Tweens continue to participate in our Sunday morning service as acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Lectors, and on occasion sing with the Choir.

Our Godly Play is humming on Sunday mornings with Kristen Fabry's fabulous teaching and guidance. A celebration and a challenge: the Godly Play attendance has been quickly outgrowing its space! Kristen has recruited a couple of additional teachers and helpers, but with Safe Church we always need more adults to step up. A great rotation would be for congregation members to volunteer at least once a year to provide the required coverage, and see the wonderful faith coming alive in our youngest members. Godly Play will take a hiatus for summer.

Michael Wentworth continues his Youth Seminar on the first and third Sundays as we journey through the Acts of the Apostles. We need a second adult to be present in his class as well.

Two of our teens have also been attending Episcopal 101 with Mother Hillary, and plan to be Confirmed when our new Bishop visits.

Our young people handed out roses to the women on May 12th in celebration of Mother's Day, and are sponsoring Root Beer Floats for Father's Day Coffee Hour.

Chelsea Reeder and I have been working on VBS for this summer (August 19-23). Our first announcements to the congregation have been met with excitement and assistance! We will meet with whoever is available at 3pm on June 11th to work on logistics.

Hoping to get a Youth Sunday on the calendar soon.

Marj Zantek

FAITH FORMATION – Esther Osborne (Adult)

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

Missed our budgeted revenue for the month by about \$500; explaining being 'in the red' by \$545.71 for April. The make-up rent check for March was received this week and will improve the YTD numbers for next month.

OUTREACH – Tim van As

No report.

PARISH LIFE – Holly Foley & David Peterson

No report.

PASTORAL CARE – Kathy Avery

The Pastoral Care Commission members include Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Peggy Roberts, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller, Marj Zantek, Mother Hillary and Kathy Avery.

Lay Eucharist: Mother Hillary has trained Loretta McGinley, Ester Osborne and Marj Zantek for the Lay Eucharist ministry. Kathy Avery has volunteered but has not been trained yet. It was suggested that another invitation for this ministry be put in the Happenings and the Glad Tidings.

Prayer Chain Report: Kay Kellogg reported that she has been working with Mother Hillary to reorganize the prayer chain. She will have an article about the prayer chain in the Glad Tidings in the near future and will possibly provide an announcement during church services.

Care Giver Support: Maggie Scott, Marj Zantek and Kathy Avery attended the May 8th meeting of the First Lutheran Church's care givers meeting in Poulsbo. Discussion was held on the feasibility of such a group at St. Antony's and decided more planning needed to be done. Gail Ferguson suggested that we invite Jason Doty, who is the director for the Council on Aging, to present to St. Antony, so this topic will be added to next month's agenda.

Women's Social: Loretta McGinley volunteered to head this up with Marj Zantek, Peggy Roberts and Kathy Avery volunteering to help. June 27th at 5:00 was set as the date for the social. Kathy Avery will ask the BC for up to \$500 so that this event can be catered.

The commission continues to support several congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prayers, meals, requests for altar flowers after church services, and transportation to church.

Pastoral Care Commission



Kathy Avery

STEWARDSHIP – Bishop's Committee

No report.

WELCOMING – Melanie Reeder

Visitor and guest name tag/ribbon - Our new name tags to identify visitors and guests are ready to be put into use. The name tags include a printed stock card on which the visitor/guest name will be written and a plastic case with a pin. There is a green ribbon with "visitor" printed on it so that members of the congregation can identify and welcome newcomers. The greeter will print the name of the visitor on the card using the name tags which will be in a basket by the front door.

Combination Dry Erase and Cork Board -Research has been completed for the purchase of a BC approved combination dry erase/cork board. Dry erase boards made of porcelain are more expensive, but more enduring and stain and ghost resistant. Although melamine dry, erase boards are more affordable they are less sturdy and prone to ghosting and staining. Below are the items to be purchased.

- Global industrial 72 inch wide x 48 inch high combination board – whiteboard/cork \$235.95
- Global industrial dry, erase markers, bullet tip, assorted colors, four pack x 2 \$14
- Global industrial dry, erase eraser – pack of six \$12.75
- Expo dry erase surface cleaner, 8 ounce, spray bottle \$5.30
- Global industrial Cloth for dry erase – pack of six \$10
- T-Pins, 2 inch length, 9/16 inch with head, silver, hundred pack \$5.90.

Youth Involvement in Welcoming - Joint meetings of the welcoming and youth committees have yielded some great ideas for ways in which the youth can be involved in the welcoming of guests and visitors. Additionally, through the brainstorming and discussions of this joint group (and conversations with some of our youth and fellow parishioners), we are identifying opportunities for the youths' role in growing and sustaining the St A's church family.