



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

December 2, 2021

Sunday's service will be held in the Parish Hall at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The ceiling repair work will not be finished by Sunday so we are moving services back to where they started. The 10 am service will be on both Zoom and YouTube.

Coffee Hour on Sunday, hosted by Katzy and CJ Nager to celebrate Katzy's 90th birthday, will also be in the Parish Hall.



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 and 10:00 am

To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.allangelslbk.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The 10am service will begin with the lighting of the altar candles. If you are participating at home, you are invited to light a candle with us to create a sacred space of worship at home.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.allangelslbk.org)

or at the following link: [Bulletin for Sunday, December 5](#)



Altar Flowers for Sunday, December 5
are given by Phil Kreis
in memory of his wife and family



Scripture Readings, December 5

Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

[Click Here for this Sunday's Readings](#)

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



4 Katzy Nager
8 Pam Elder
11 Downs Spitler III
17 Ethan Marshall
21 Christina Swain
24 Pam Blanton
25 Ann Mumford
25 David Bishop
29 Gloria Blackman

Anniversaries



11 Jeff & Laurel Vaughn
14 Terry Cobb & Holly Bruce
18 Graham & Pam Toft
22 Chris & Luanne Collins

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



OUTREACH

Outreach Commission and ECW Christmas Project

Diaper Drive: We are asking the parish to donate much-needed infant diapers, sizes 5 and 6 ONLY, for the Manatee Food Bank.

PRAYERS

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Downs IV, Holden and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for Debi, Beverly and Bill. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Andres, Alex, Colleen, and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy and Barbara. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially John and Stan.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to help decorate the altar with Christmas flowers, please fill out the card below and return it to the All Angels Office by December 16th.



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas Altar Flowers are now being received as Memorials or Thank Offerings. Please make checks payable to "All Angles by the Sea" memo line: ALTAR FLOWERS.

Your name (please print) _____

Choose one of the following categories (please print names).

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Amount enclosed _____ . Please return no later than Dec. 16th.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

More Precious Than Peace by Justus Doenecke

All Angels parishioners Justus Doenecke, has published a book, More Precious than Peace. The promotional video for it can be found on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_R30q-w3RdM

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Choir Rehearsals, Hand Bell Rehearsals and Music in the Park

Please note the schedule for Thursday morning Music rehearsals and Music in the Park.

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve

12:30 Music in the Park

New members are needed in each choir.

Contact Dale for more information: 941 896 5541,

or dhooey@verizon.net. This schedule will change after the new year begins.

Art Gallery

New to YOU Art Sale 2022 Update:

We are now accepting art that is no longer being used for our BIG event in February 2022. Please drop off your art to the church office starting now. Accepting: Framed Art, Statues, Fiber, Clay, Pottery, Mixed Media. Have a friend who has unwanted art? Please donate it to our sale.

Let's make this a Great Event!

Not sure if we will accept it? Call Linn at 941-383-8161

Our Artist for November is Chris Connors

Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



Discussion Groups

Tuesday, Dec 7, Men's Group - *Gender Bias in Medicine*

Thursday, Dec 9, Women's Group - *Roman Catholic Bishops* reading

Here's the Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

Roman Catholic Bishops Drop Effort to Ban Communion for Politicians

What to know about gender bias in healthcare

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

Masks are highly recommended for indoor events.

REFLECTION

Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season,
 and a time for every matter under heaven:
 a time to be born, and a time to die;
 a time to plant,
 and a time to pluck up what is planted;
 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;
 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
 a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
 a time to rend, and a time to sew;
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecc 3:1-9

If I were given the opportunity to reorder the 66 books of the Bible, I would move Ecclesiastes to the front. In fact, I'd start on chapter 3 as an introduction to the rest of the Bible. If we started our relationship with the Bible by reading the above account, it would make sense why the rest of the tome contains famines, wars, exoduses of people, and cruelty as well as laughing, dancing, love, resurrection, and joy. And maybe reading the Bible this way would stop people from either blaming God, or rejecting the idea of God, when bad things happen – both naturally occurring bad things like storms and droughts as well as human-made calamities. We would simply sigh and say, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Reading Ecclesiastes helps me to wrap my arms around the fact that my father and my father-in-law are in Hospice care. For everything there is a season. The Marshall and Long families have entered a season of saying goodbye. It is also the season of darkness as the nights get longer until December 21/22, it is the season of busyness, hustle and bustle, it is a season of waiting and anticipation, it is a season of blue that concludes a year that I can best describe with one word: uncertainty.

My dad, John, has metastasized kidney cancer in his lungs and elsewhere in his body. When he discontinued treatment, they said he would have three to six months – he would most likely not celebrate his birthday. On October 18th, I was in Seattle with mom and my brother to celebrate dad's 80th. Two weeks ago, Hospice said dad has seven days to live. They have since revised their estimate. The most important part of this is that dad is not in pain, is peaceful, is at home with mom, and we have all been able to share our love for him and with him. Even in this year of uncertainty, we have been given the time to both weep and laugh.

My father-in-law, Stan, also has stage three cancer. He is also at home and is not in pain. Stan's 90th birthday is on December 17 which he shares with his grandson Ethan who is turning 19. The Marshalls are flying out to see him and the rest of Christi's family after Christmas and will return the first week of January. It will be a time of embracing, of weeping, and of laughter.

Although I am not able to re-order the books of the Bible, I can reorient the way that I view the Bible, God, and life through the wisdom of Ecclesiastes; understanding that even in this time of Advent, there is a time and a season for everything under heaven.

-Rev. Dave

*Angels
gather here*