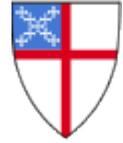


The Elizabethan



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KIDZ KORNER

Excitement is in the air! Sunday school will soon begin! We are all looking forward to gathering together once again on September 7th.

Last year, our focus was on the Old Testament. This year, we will begin with exploring and enjoying some of the many wonderful parables through which Jesus taught.

Jesus used parables in so many different ways. For instance:

Jesus very often used parables to instruct, teach and edify his disciples and followers.

Jesus used parables as part of a conversation in casual environments.

Jesus used parables to respond to situations observed around him.

Jesus used parables to respond to those who confronted him on different issues.

Out of approximately seventy of the parables of Jesus Christ in the Bible and Four Gospels-Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, our Sunday school lessons will focus on 12 of these many parables. We will call them "The divine Dozen".

On another subject, a very generous person in our parish gifted me a delightful book titled "Questions Kids Ask About God". It is so refreshing. Reflecting on these questions from an adult's perspective, has reminded me that more often, I need to question life and my Christian walk through the innocent and questioning mind of a child.

Each month, in Kidz Korner, I will share a question with you. I hope you enjoy this little addition.



Q: How long is eternity?

A: We can't even imagine how long eternity is. Eternity goes on forever. Sometimes we have good times that we wish would never end- such as a party or a vacation or a visit by a friend. But they do come to an end. Eternity, however never ends. God is eternal, and he has given us eternal life. If we know Jesus, we will live forever with him, someday in heaven, after our life on earth comes to an end.

KEY VERSE: You must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. (2 Peter 3:8)

Gwynne Taylor

Children's Ministries

The JJJ's

This group of committed parishioners was originally formed to do the odd jobs around the church and thus save the church money.



They meet almost every Thursday at Huckleberry Square at 7:30 am for breakfast with fellowship and good humor before returning to the church for the morning's tasks. All are invited to join them for the meal, with no further commitment or just show up at the church to help with the morning tasks and have cookies and coffee when done.

The group has dwindled over the years and would love more helpers. Join them for a day or for whatever your schedule allows.

Let's be Welcoming. On Sunday mornings this August St. Elizabeth has had many visitors at our worship service. Amy and Bill, who live in Burien, say they have come to stay. Ken and his mother from Sitka, Alaska, moved across the street from our church building and find our service to be very familiar to their Russian Orthodox background. Libby and Paul, who are also Burien residents, are becoming reacquainted with Libby's Episcopal training. John, who is moving to Burien from Magnolia, came to say hello one morning.

As we are in a time of change, each and every one of us worshippers are important in giving a message to those who come through our door. In our own past church experience, we have been told that each visitor is sent by Jesus. How do we speak for Him? An easy first step is to wear a name tag and ask our visitors to sign the Guest book. From then on the next steps will be given to us as we listen.

John and Sandy Stonhouse,
Newcomers three summers ago

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Articles, calendar items and ideas may be mailed or emailed to the addresses below or left in *The Elizabethan* box in the Parish Office.

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Questions during this time of transition for our church?

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From the Bible Reading Fellowship (with permission)

Balance is key to living well. When my spiritual life is flourishing I often have a reservoir of emotional and physical energy. When I maintain a healthy diet I feel well in body and mind. On the other hand, when I haven't slept well I'm not just tired the next day but also short tempered. When I am sad or worried about something it can upset my stomach. When we are spiritually drained we are susceptible to becoming sick in body and mind. Emotions affect our bodies, which can affect our spirit and vice versa. We are sensitively balanced integrated beings.

God created us human. And to really live into that reality we need to become fully human, deeply Christ-like, and fully alive. I think that is how God intended us to dwell. It is good to be healthy in every way! We do that physically by eating well and exercising, emotionally by being in right relationships including extending forgiveness often, and spiritually by praying and reading God's holy and transforming word. Take the time and energy to maintain proper balance in all areas in order to live full, healthy lives as God intended—for His glory, our well-being, and for everyone else's good!

A great big **THANK YOU** to Matthew for his fine composing of *The Elizabethan*. His business has grown to the point he no longer has the time for *The Elizabethan*. **Again, thank you Matt and we wish you well.**

Musings from Pat Lofstedt

“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

Garage Sale Sept. 5th, 6th, & 7th
from 9am to 5pm at Burt Tooke's house.
Call the church for the address
206-243-6844

Give and Take Corner

Do you have a couple large indoor plant pots that you would like to donate to the church? There are two large plants in the church that are in dire need of some TLC in the form of transplanting and new soil. Please let Christine know at the office or call 206-243-6844

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Vestry Highlights: St. Elizabeth Priest in Charge Search Process

The vestry has begun the huge and challenging task of identifying a new "Priest in Charge". This person's duties differ from an "Interim Priest" in that a "Priest in Charge" performs the duties of a permanent rector and for the period of time it takes to select a Search Committee and move forward in identifying candidates and then making the selection of a new rector for St. Elizabeth.

According to Episcopal Canons, it is the vestry who selects the Priest in Charge. The vestry is required to carry out this task without the input from the parish. Bishop Rickel has vetted, or selected, four candidates he feels can meet the needs of our parish based on his assessment, St. Elizabeth's identified Core Values, Job Description, and Mission Statement. The three prior documents have been made available to everyone in the parish, either by Town Meeting, or placement on the bulletin board in the hallway. These documents were created through consideration of prayer, the Episcopal Canons, many hours of discussion, as well as input from anyone in the parish who stepped forward and shared their thoughts or concerns.

If the vestry concludes that none of the four candidates provided by the diocese meet the needs of our parish, then we have the option of requesting additional candidates.

Each vestry member was charged with creating a minimum of three questions that would become potential candidate interview questions.

A committee from within the vestry then took on the task of sorting through about 35 questions. They were sorted into various categories. Because the committee felt many of the questions were extremely important, some of them became combined to get to the essence of what the vestry felt were critical issues that need to be addressed by each candidate. Nine questions were selected and by vestry vote, three were eliminated, but portions of some were combined into the selected questions. The six selected questions in addition to time for each candidate to ask questions of the vestry about our parish, would then take approximately one hour or so for each interview.

So that all candidates were asked the same questions in the same way, it was suggested by Dr. Marda Steedman Sanborn, Cannon to the Ordinary that our Senior Warden, Tony Hettler, ask all of the interview questions of each candidate with all vestry members present. Clarification of a candidate's answers could be asked by any vestry member. As the interviews were carried out, it was found to be an appropriate amount of time allotted.

Each person interviewed, was very impressive, with an obvious deep love of the Lord, and the ability to bring great strengths to the table for consideration as to how he/she might best fit our needs in the role of Priest in Charge; including skills for parish development. This position can last from two to three years. If the selected Priest in Charge so desires he/she may declare their interest in being considered for the permanent rector's position. It was concluded that the Bishop had done an excellent job in selecting these potential candidates for St. Elizabeth's, and without any personal agenda.

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This search process began on 28 May, 2014 with our wardens, Tony Hettler and Julie Dosono, meeting with Dr. Marda Steedman at the Diocesan House. The steps to be taken, a time schedule and those responsible for certain action items were determined upon convening the following vestry meeting. As of 21 August, 2014, the vestry has completed 12 of the required steps in the search for a Priest in Charge for St. Elizabeth.

The next step is to share the above information with the parish at the scheduled Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, 24 August, 2014.

The following action items still have to occur:

Your vestry will select our Priest in Charge candidate, prepare and present an offer to him/her. The candidate contract negotiation/acceptance negotiation will occur.

September 14th, 2014, Sr. Warden, Tony Hettler, will announce St. Elizabeth's Priest in Charge during Parish Town Hall Meeting. St. Elizabeth's new Priest in Charge is scheduled to be actively on board October 01, 2014.

A Search Committee will be established to carry out the next steps toward finding a permanent rector for St. Elizabeth.

Your vestry asks for your continued prayers as we continue to act on your behalf during this transitional period.

We pray that God will speak to the heart and mind of each vestry member so that our new Priest in Charge will be of God's choosing. Please have faith that your vestry will continue the process with prayerful, due diligence, under God's guidance, which will lead us to the selection of a permanent rector for St. Elizabeth. These are, indeed, exciting times filled with unlimited, new opportunities.

Your St. Elizabeth Vestry

Our annual bazaar is now November 15th 2014. We need items for The Attic, and books for the book sale. If you are a craft person please start your projects so they are ready in time. Eventually we will need bake sale items. We will add a wine tasting experience and hopefully some gourmet foods that people will purchase for gifts or personal use. This will all take place upstairs.

In the parish hall we will have a light carnival with games and prizes for children. So if you are available to help run games and make cotton candy please let me know :).

Outside we hope to have food trucks and animal rides and a bouncy house.

And of course we will sell tickets for Bunny's fantastic quilt.

This will be a fun new experience and a chance to draw different people into our church.

Please be sure to help with set up, tear down and during the bazaar itself. **WE NEED YOU!!!!**
If you want to volunteer please call me at 206-915-7971. Or speak with me in person.

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A Big Shout Out of Appreciation to Amy Cutchall and her crew from A-1 Concrete and Handyman Services for the removal of the huge shrubs blocking our St. Elizabeth sign. She is phenomenal! 206-369-4535

