

The Navigator

October 2024



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
Juneau, Alaska

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It Only Takes A Spark: A Pentecost Reflection

Some time ago, I incorporated a fashion show into a sermon titled who are you wearing. The congregation had great fun

participating in this impromptu opportunity to show off “who” they were wearing or to walk down the red carpet in “what to wear” and “what not to wear”, depending on whether they were wearing words that were edifying and encouraging or that were hurtful demeaning affixed to their garments. Each displayed a particular gift uniquely their own. Some hammed it up. Some took on the posture of the word pinned to their garments. Some let their faces tell the story. It was the gift of themselves. And of course, the winning garment was “Designed by Jesus.” It only took a spark for the congregation to be drawn into the created scenario of the first ever “Spirit of the Lord awards”.

Pentecost reminds us that we are rooted in abundance. We all have been given gifts through the work and presence of the Holy Spirit for the building up or the edification of God’s beloved community, for transforming lives and caring for all of creation. A significant gift is the gift of ourselves warmed by the fire of the Spirit – it is the thing we bring to the table that no one else has and creates an abundance of gifts and resources manifested in that of which we are most passionate. Like the Kurt Kaiser song, “It only takes a spark to get a fire going.” It is a spark of generosity of spirit and a willingness to share the love.

I first heard this song when I was in college. It was sung as a gift to the newly initiated into a sisterhood grounded in service, love and faith. I would hear it years later, and like the first time, again it was sung as a gift of love and encouragement to those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ. It only took a spark to spread the love. When sparks fly things are set ablaze and something wonderful emerges.

Like the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, when tongues like fire rested on the heads of those gathered, and they were given gifts to proclaim the good news in a way that everyone could understand, gifts are intended to be shared with others no strings attached. Freely we have received and freely we give. It only takes a spark.



Rev. Debra Q Bennett serves on the TENs board. She lives in Akron, OH and is the Rector at Church Of Our Saviour (Episcopal) in Akron.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1-31 – Stewardship Campaign continues

October – Filipino American History Month

October 1 – Municipal election

October 2 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset

October 11 – Yom Kippur begins at sunset

October 14 – Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day

October 29 – “Caring Canteen” food truck ministry

October 29 – Navigator submissions due

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 2 – Installation of new Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

November 3 – Stewardship Campaign Ingathering

November 5 – Federal election

December 7 – Annual Holiday Bazaar (details in November Navigator)

PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges:
Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives;
that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected
and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



BLESSING OF THE PETS



We plan to observe St. Francis Day, as usual, by blessing our furry, feathered and/or scaled family members under the portico at church on **October 6**, before the service at 10:15. Please bring your beloved animals for us to enjoy and the spirit of the Saint who loved animals to descend upon them.

If your critter does not enjoy car rides, a photo can be substituted. Favorite stuffed animals are welcome as well.

THE “CARING CANTEEN” FOOD TRUCK UPDATE!

St. Brendan's has teamed up with several other churches on Mendenhall Loop Road to provide a hot meal to those in need around the Chinook apartment area off Cinema Drive. Meals are served in the Aldersgate Methodist Church parking lot using the Salvation Army mobile canteen each Tuesday from 6-7pm.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church secured a \$30,000 grant to cover the cost of meals and supplies for this joint outreach for the next 3 years. As of mid-September, we have been asked to plan on serving 75 meals, and can be reimbursed up to \$200 for food.



We cooked and served the Caring Canteen meal on September 24th. The meal was roast pork, stuffing, roasted carrots and cookies for dessert. A warm, hearty meal for an early fall evening. We served 85 meals in 30 minutes, before running out of food. Thank you to Carol, Ingrid and Jo for helping make this meal such a success.

This is a great way for us to join efforts with other churches to make a difference in our community. If you have questions about this Outreach or would like to get involved, please see me.

Blessings,

Carla

FOOD DRIVE NEWS!

We will continue collecting nonperishable food for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank on an ongoing basis. St. Brendan's has been a member agency in partnership with the Food Bank for many years, and we are proud of the contributions we continue to make to their agency.



Food can be dropped off at St. Brendan's on any Sunday. We have "milk crates" set up in the Nursery where food is collected. (Please ask for help bringing items inside if you need assistance). You can also call me and I can come pick up your donations.

Donations can also be made via check and put in the offering plate. Please be sure to make the notation "food pantry" or "food bank" on the memo line.

We are making a difference, this is a great way for us to stay involved, we are getting food to a major player in our community, and then they in turn make it available to those in need.

Thank you for helping feed those in need in our community!

Carla

OUTREACH REPORT

Reaching Out with Love & Blessings

Fall is here, which means we have joyful and fun projects until the end of the year. In November we will be helping provide food items for Thanksgiving baskets. December will be our wonderful "Holiday Market" that we all enjoy and JYC Christmas bags. Before we know it, we will be starting a new year of outreach which can be fun and rewarding.

October's project is our "Hat and Mitten Tree" for Glory Hall. It's a fun activity as we browse through hats and mittens to see which we like best and the Glory Hall patrons might like also. Throughout October our bare branches come to life with a variety of color and styles and we smile. It wouldn't seem like fall without this special tree in the sanctuary.

Thank you to Sherry and John for spearheading this outreach over the years and doing such a great job. I know it was a favorite of yours. This year Carla will take the lead on this project, so be sure to read her article on this ministry of love and warmth. She may even know some different places to shop.

We will also make up our Halloween bags for the 10 girls at JYC. Since the congregation already has the "Hat and Mitten Tree" to shop for, Outreach will cover the Halloween bags except for cookies and candy. Carla will have a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board for cookies and candy along with any other information regarding the bags.

A big thank you to our church family for bringing snacks, baking cookies, special shopping, making special bookmarks, putting bags together, and delivering our "Back to School" bags. They were a huge success. Check out the pictures, especially the one that Janette Gagnon, the JYC head teacher, took of the girls going through their bags. You can almost imagine seeing their smiles and excitement!



Another thank you goes to Dan for putting his friendly reminders in the bulletin each week for our monthly project and our ongoing ministries. It makes a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support and loving hearts as we reach out to others together as a church family through our Outreach Ministries. May God continue to bless St. Brendan's, our church family, and all our ministries.

Enjoy the fall season.
Penny

OUTREACH FOR OCTOBER

Hats, Gloves & Socks for the Glory Hall

As the weather starts to transition from summer to fall, temperatures are cooler, and the thought of winter approaching is in the back of our minds. This is a perfect time for us to collect some cold weather gear for our friends, both men and women at the Glory Hall.

A custom St. Brendan's "tree," with branches from the blueberry bushes surrounding the Church, will appear in the St. Brendan's Sanctuary beginning on October 1st. At first the branches will be bare, but with your loving donations of warm gloves, hats, scarves and socks (new or gently used and cleaned), by the end of the month our hope is that the branches will be full and heavy with your generous donations. Use the clothes pins on the tree to attach your items to the branches, or place items in the barrel if need be.



We appreciate your support of this annual Outreach project, and the folks Glory Hall, men and women are so appreciative of our efforts.

Please reach to out to Carla with any questions you may have regarding this project.

Thanks,

Carla

CREATION CARE

11th Annual Juneau EV Round-up



On September 28th, Alaska's largest electric vehicle (EV) event was celebrated in Juneau. Our community now has 947 electric vehicles, which is roughly one-third of all the electric vehicles in Alaska. Over 3% of all Juneau's vehicles are electric.

Speakers at the event discussed the cost savings of using electricity to power vehicles, as well as the lower maintenance costs of electric engines. Alaska Electric Light & Power staff were there to answer questions about installation of home charging stations and about the locations of free EV charging stations throughout Juneau.

Juneau Auto Mall and Affordable Auto Sales both used the event to showcase their new electric cars and trucks. Cycle Alaska and Juneau Bike Doctor bought electric bicycles, and there were even electric dirt bikes and electric outboard motors on display. Owners of older EVs, such as the Nissan Leaf, parked their cars at the event and answered questions about their experience driving and maintaining them. There was even a Lexus EV displaying a “for sale” sign.

This is an annual event, and it gets bigger each year. Watch for it next fall.

Note: The IRS recently published new procedural rules in the Treasury Regulations that went into effect on July 5, 2024, with revised credits that can save taxpayers up to \$7,500 on certain new EVs and up to \$4,000 on certain previously owned EVs.

FROM OUR READERS

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!”

His father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you “know” what the Bible means?”

The son replied, “I do know!”

The father said, “Okay, what does the Bible mean?”

The boy said excitedly, “That’s easy, Daddy. It stands for:

Basic

Information

Before

Leaving

Earth

The family that St. Brendan’s was housing moved into St. Vincent DePaul.

This left open the opportunity to house the Petersburg High School Cross Country team September 20-22. We will also be housing the Petersburg High School Swim team October 4-6.

Notes from the Office

The next Vestry Meeting will be October 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m. in Adams Hall. Contact any vestry member (see page 13) if you have any questions or concerns for the Vestry

Scheduling a meeting?

Please let me know...

How to turn in Pledge Card
***Using addressed envelope to
pledge secretary Carol Fujioka***

- 1. put in offering plate on
Sunday***
 - 2. place stamp on envelope and
put in mail
or
3. go to website
stbrendansjuneau.org and
click on tab:
“PLEDGE CARD CLICK HERE”***
- Pledge cards and envelopes are
on table in narthex.***

Office/Building Manager will
be out of town October 24-
November 11

Loose Offering

- 1st Sunday of the month:
Rector's Discretionary
Fund
- 2nd Sunday of the month:
Glory Hall
- 3rd Sunday of the month:
General Fund
- 4th Sunday of the month:
Vestry Discretionary
Fund
- 5th Sunday of the month:
Meals on Wheels

Email Dan at:

sbrendans1985@gmail.com

**for approved minutes and
financials from any vestry
meeting**

*Lori posts the financials on the
bulletin board in the entry after
each Vestry Meeting*

Dan Hall, Office/Building Manager
Cell # 702 374-7475

If you are unable to do the assigned below, please find someone to exchange or substitute and make changes on schedule in narthex. I will check the schedule each week before printing the bulletin.

October 6 ~ November 3 ~ 2024 Schedule

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	November 3
Altar	Daisy/Dan	Lori	Brita	Dianna	Daisy/Dan
1st Reading	Stephanie	Brita	Barbara	Rob	Jo
Psalm	Barbara	Jackie	Jo	Dave	Brita
2nd Reading	Dan	Rob	Brita	Barbara	Jackie
Gospel	Dave	Jo	Michael	Jackie	Barbara
Prayers of the People	Jo	Dave	Jackie	Jo	Rob
Chalice Bearer	Barbara & Jo	Rob & Dave	Barbara & Jo	Rob & Dave	Jo & Rob
Worship Leader	Dave	Jo	Michael	Jackie	Barbara
Godly Play	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya
Coffee Hour	Carla	Carla	Carla	Carol	?
Ushers	Jeff/Carol	Barbara	Ingrid/Jo	Dave	Jeff/Carol

October Building Use 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight Petersburg Swim Team	5 Petersburg Swim Team
6 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm Petersburg Swim Team leaves – a.m.	7	8	9	10	11 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight Girl Scouts 6-7 pm	12 Pentecostal 10 am - noon
13 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	14	15	16	17 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight	19
20 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight Girl Scouts 6-7 pm	26
Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm 27	28	29	30	31		

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Vestry ~ 2024

(leadership positions are held until the Annual Meeting in 2024)

Senior Warden: Dave Muldoon (2024-2026)

Junior Warden: Jeff Fujioka (2022-2024)

Vestry Clerk: Michael Rowcroft (2023-2025)

Jo Schoeppe (2023-2025)

Jackie Schulz (2022-2024)

Rob Smith (2024-2026)

Treasurer: Lori Seymour (Ex-officio)

Prayer for the Parish

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

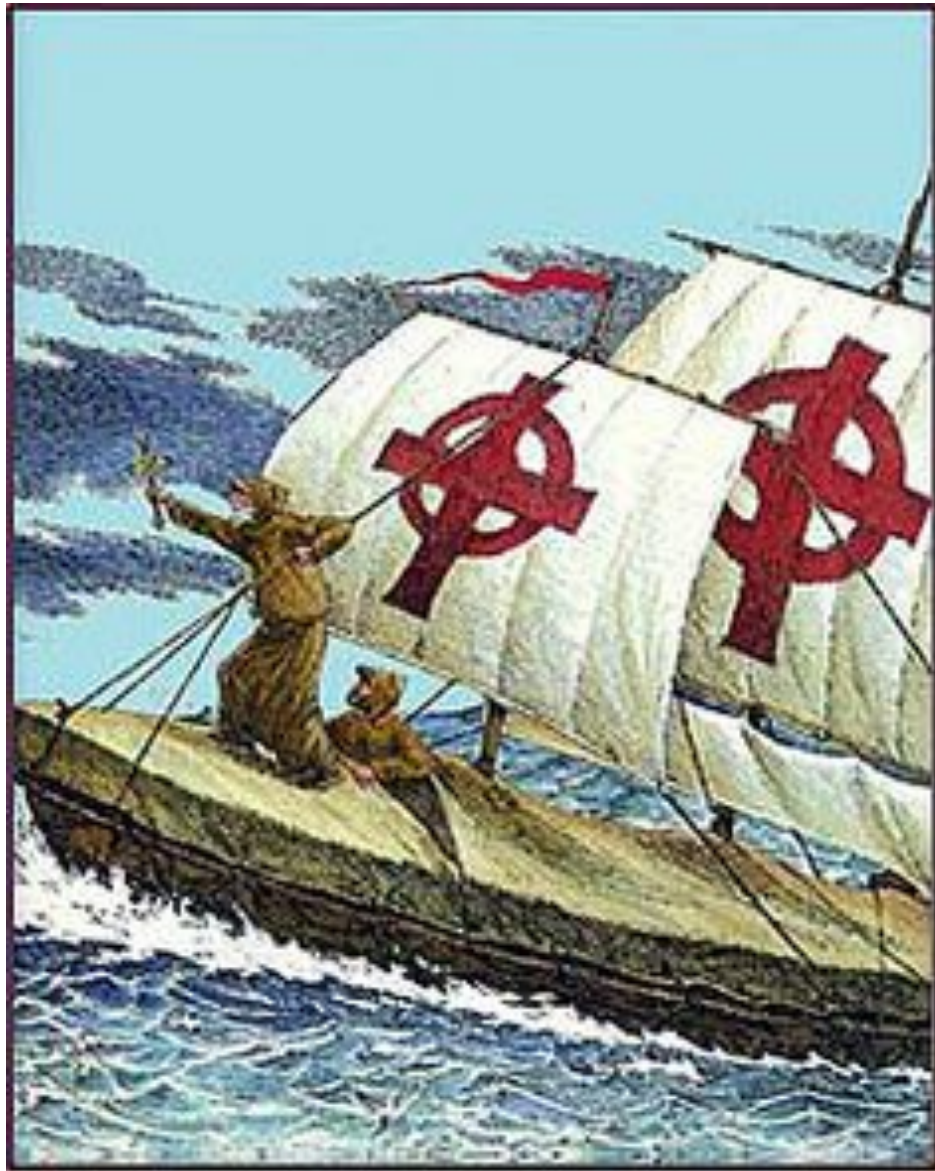
Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery'
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes'
And push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.

(attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1577)



St. Brendan's is named after a Celtic saint. Brendan was a seafarer and his symbol being a raven made it very suitable for a congregation in Southeast Alaska.

He and a small group embarked on a voyage of faith with only their trust in the Lord to guide the guard them. Like the seafarer, we hope St. Brendan's Church will always have new horizons upon which to set its sail.