

The Navigator

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St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

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Walk in Love

In the Green and Growing Season...



“Walk in love...” is in my neural pathways now. It’s worn in, if I say those three words the rest of the offertory sentence flows with little conscious effort. It is almost pre-linguistic: a reflex.

You could argue that the idea has become rote. That is what people say about liturgy often repeated. It means nothing. But I don’t think that is the case. I think that the idea has now been written into my brain so deeply that it has become a part of me.

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.”

My walk is meant to imitate Christ’s walk. My walk should emulate his self offering. My walk is a reminder that everything I have and am comes from God, and living life with that attitude reminds me that I should walk through life as though it is a gift, not a possession.

I know this most in the summertime when I go for long walks with my dog, or hike with friends. The first 10-15 minutes of any walk my mind is often turbulent, chundering and fussing about the stresses of the day. But at some point I will bear a bird, or see the sun breaking through a leafy branch. My attention will shift and I will take a slightly deeper breath. My mind will still, and my walk will become one of love. This is the moment I remember I am a beloved child of a loving God. This is the moment when I become me. This is the moment I become generous. | tens.org

Questions for Reflection:

What are the moments or memories in your experience of nature that break through and reveal God’s love?



The Very Reverend Matthew Woodward is the Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento, California. He and Riversong, his four-legged friend, walk the paths of the Sacramento River and the Foothills.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 1 - Diwali

November 2 – Daylight Savings Time

November 2 – Installation of new Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

November 3 – Stewardship Campaign Ingathering

November 5 – Federal election

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 14 – Dr. Walter Soboleff Day

November 24 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 27 – Navigator submissions due

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

December 3 – Caring Canteen food truck ministry

December 7 – Annual Holiday Bazaar

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*



THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS DONATIONS

November Outreach Project!



Again this year, St. Brendan's (along with others) has been asked to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Basket event organized by Love Inc. and St. Vincent de Paul.

Last year more than 250 Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered to those in need in our community.

A basket will be at the back of the church labeled "*Thanksgiving Day Basket Donations*" for collecting non-perishable items for this cause.

Collections to end by November 17.

Non-perishable items

Boxed stuffing mix

Canned green beans

Instant mashed potatoes

Turkey gravy mix

Canned or fresh yams

Canned jellied cranberry sauce

ST. BRENDAN'S 13th ANNUAL MARKET

Saturday, December 7, 2024!!!!

A more complete advertisement will be coming out later

Please talk to Ingrid, Carla, or Carol if you think you have something to add to the Market



CARING CANTEEN FOOD TRUCK UPDATE!

St. Brendan's continues to work with several other churches on Mendenhall Loop Road to provide hot meals 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.



As of mid-September we were asked to plan on serving 75 meals, with reimbursement of up to \$200 for food. But on September 24th, we actually served 85 meals in 30 minutes before running out of food. The need is there!

This is a great way 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 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 ~ “Reaching Out with Love & Blessings”

“Hats, Gloves, and Socks for Glory Hall” was October’s Project. Just in the nick of time for our colder weather. We thank everyone for their wonderful warm donations for Glory Hall.

“10 JYC Halloween bags” were delivered on Wednesday, the 30th. They are sure to put big smiles on the girls' faces, especially when they see all the gifts, candy, and usual goodies inside. You make it possible for St. Brendan's to help these girls celebrate special and fun holidays. To those who shopped, baked cookies, provided candy, filled the bags, and deliver them, we say thank you. Job well done!

November's project will be collecting items for the side dishes needed for food baskets made up by St. Vincent's and Love Inc. Thank you to Carla for spearheading this ministry for us. Check out her article for the items needed and the time frame.

Don't miss any of her reports or updates on other projects and ministries we covered in October.

Thank you everyone for blessing our Outreach ministries with your loving support, donations, and prayers. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

May God bless our St. Brendan’s family, our church, and our ministries as we reach out to others.

With a thankful heart,
Penny

CREATION CARE

Every Once in a While Someone Steps Up

By tjlord in Daily Kos, October 02, 2024

I had one of those “am I really reading this” moments when I read today’s CNBC article on Fortescue Mining, the fourth largest iron mining company in the world, and it took a massive turn right at the beginning:

Australian mining tycoon Andrew Forrest, founder and Executive Chairman of Fortescue Mining, says it is time for the world to walk away from the “proven fantasy” of net zero emissions by 2050 and to embrace “real zero” by 2040 instead.

“All those leaders who say to me, say to the world, say to their kids, ‘oh you know we can’t do it, my company can’t do it, I can’t do it, you don’t understand we can’t actually do it,’” Forrest said in an exclusive CNBC interview.

“What they are really saying is that they can’t do it. And I’m saying to each of those chief executives and those political leaders who use the words ‘I can’t’ – OK, what about you get off the stage and let on a young girl or wiser leader who can. Someone with a bit of ticker, because the technology is there.”

I like this guy. Let’s see if it plays out in reality.

GARRISON KEILLOR’S ESSAY ON BEING EPISCOPALIAN (excerpts)

I do believe this, people:

- Episcopalians believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
- Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
- Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don’t notify them that they are there.
- Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
- Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are Episcopalian when:

- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, “May the Force be with you,” and you respond, “and also with you.”
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye

Notes from the Office

The next Vestry Meeting will be November 21, 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...



It's not too late to turn in a pledge card. If you haven't yet, you can find one on the table in the narthex, or ask

Dan for one, or go to St. Brendan's website at www.stbrendansjuneau.org.

Forward Day by Day

for

November, December, January

on table in narthex

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*

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

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

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.

November 3 ~ December 1 ~ 2024 Schedule

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24	December 1
Altar	Brita/Daisy	Lori	Brita	Dianna	Daisy/Dan
1st Reading	Jo	Dave	Rob	Brita	Barbara
Psalm	Brita	Barbara	Stephanie	Jackie	Jo
2nd Reading	Jackie	Brita	Barbara	Dave	Brita
Gospel	Barbara	Jo	Dave	Michael	Jackie
Prayers of the People	Rob	Jackie	Jo	Stephanie	Rob
Chalice Bearer	Jo & Rob	Barbara & Dave	Jo & Rob	Barbara & Dave	Jo & Rob
Worship Leader	Barbara	Jo	Dave	Michael	Jackie
Godly Play	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya	Michael Tamara Tonya
Coffee Hour	Carla	Carol	Ingrid	Carla	Carol
Ushers	Jeff/Carol	Barbara	Jo	Dave	Jeff/Carol

November Building Use 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight	2
3 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	4 Div. of Elect. Set Up For Polling Adams Hall	5 General Election Voting in Adams Hall	6	7	8 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight Girl Scouts 6-7 pm	9 Pentecostal 10 am - noon
10 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	11	12 Students on Stage Rehearsal 1:30-3:00 p.m.	13 Students on Stage Rehearsal 1:30-3:00 p.m.	14 Students on Stage Rehearsal 1:30- 3:00 p.m.	15 Students on Stage Perform 6:30 p.m.	16 Students on Stage Matinee 2 p.m.
17 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	18	19	20	21 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight Girl Scouts 6-7 pm	23
24 Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Pentecostal 7 pm- Midnight	30

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Vestry ~ 2024

(leadership positions are held until the Annual Meeting in 2025)

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 sefarer 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 and guard them. Like the sefarer, we hope St. Brendan's Church will always have new horizons upon which to set its sail.