

The Altar

by George Herbert

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart and cementer with tears;
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.

A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame
To praise thy name.

That if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
Oh, let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

Godly Play for the Summer

We're exploring Biblical stories from the Old & New Testament about water.

- Aug 7 – Jesus' baptism,
- Aug. 14 – Jesus calling the disciples at the Sea of Galilee,
- Aug. 21 – Jesus' resurrection appearance at the Sea of Galilee.
- Aug 28 – No class
- Sept 3 – No class

Local Blood Drive

Saturday, August 20th, 12:30-4:00pm

The Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church

14573 Scotchtown Road, Montpelier

To make an appointment, log into www.vablood.org or call
Mike Holle at 540-872-1466

Lemonade on the Lawn

Volunteers needed!



Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Together with Church of Our Savior, Montpelier – Sept 16 to 18.

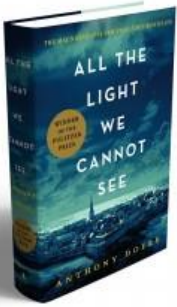
Please contact Fr Nik if you're interested in going

SUMMER READING

The Women's Small Group

The Women's Group is reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

This novel won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction & Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. A #1 *New York Times* Bestseller, the *New York Times Book Review* had this to say about it:

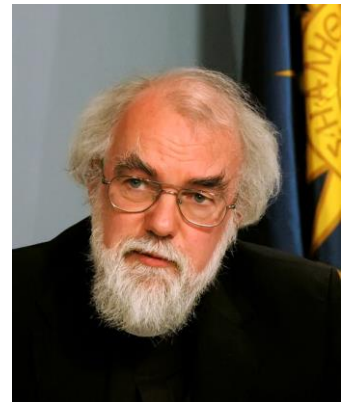


“Tackling questions of survival, endurance and moral obligations during wartime, this book is as precise and artful and ingenious as the puzzle boxes the heroine’s locksmith father builds for her. Impressively, it is also a vastly entertaining feat of storytelling.”

The Men's Small Group

Beginning in July, the Men's Small Group will be reading *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams, The 104th Archbishop of Canterbury.

“What are the essential elements of the Christian life? I am not thinking in terms of individuals leading wonderful lives, but just in terms of those simple and recognizable things that make you realize that you are part of a Christian community. This little book is designed to help you think about four of the most obvious of these things: baptism, Bible, Eucharist and prayer. . . . In this book we shall be looking at what those activities tell us about the essence of Christian life, and what kind of people we might hope to become in a community where these things are done.”



-from the Introduction

July 7 – Finish Discussing Bonhoeffer’s *Discipleship*

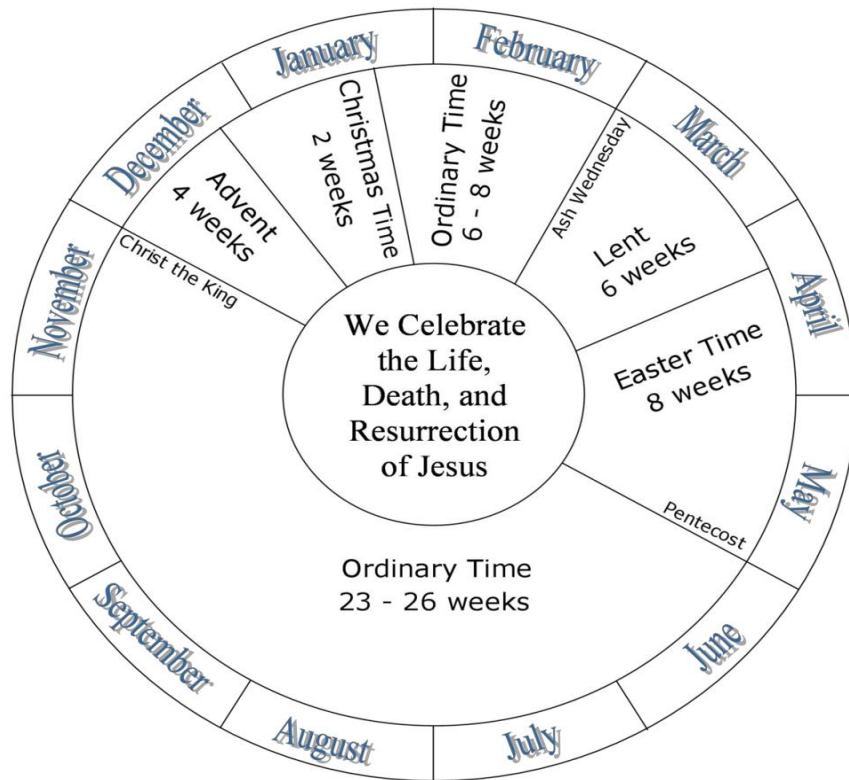
July 21 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 1, “Baptism,” pp 1-19

August 4 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 2, “Bible,” pp 21-40

August 18 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 3 “Eucharist,” pp 41-60

September 1 – *Being Christian*, Chapter 4, “Prayer,” pp 61-82

The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

Monday, Aug 8 – Sunday, August 14 – Away on vacation

Monday, Aug 15 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Thursday, Aug 18 – Region XI meeting, 6:30pm

Monday, Aug 22 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Aug 18 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am

Office hours: Jacquie Alleva, our office administrator, is in the office on Tuesdays (11am-3pm), Wednesdays (11am-3pm), and Thursdays (1pm-5pm).

If you would like to submit an announcement, please do so by 1pm on Thursday.