#### **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 104<sup>th</sup> 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

# Lemonade on the Lawn

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday.

# Learn about St. Augustine

A small group of parishioners from Fork & SJtL are meeting at 10am every other Thursday at St. James the Less to listen to and discuss the Teaching Company Course, "Augustine: Philosopher & Saint" by Phillip Cary.

If you are interested in joining the discussion, they will meet again at 10am on Thursday, June 30.

#### **CARITAS**

We will be assisting with CARITAS at St James the Less, Ashland on Monday, July 11. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church. See Howard Anderson for more info.

### **Directory**

Parish Directories are here!
Hard copies are available.
If you would rather have a digital copy
Please contact Kathy Thomas (boysthree@gmail.com)

The loose offering collected on the first Sunday of each month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

### **Christian Education**

Godly Play Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of worship.

**J2A Youth Group** – Stay tuned for summer events.

**The Adult Sunday School** is taking a summer break, we will resume Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Small Groups**

**The Women's Book Group** will be reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr over the summer. They will resume meeting in September.

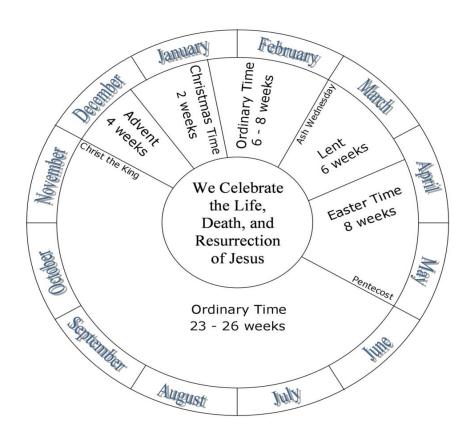
**The Men's Book Group** will meet Thursday, July 7, at 7:30am at Ashland Coffee & Tea to finish discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Discipleship*.

### **Christian Formation**

If you have never been Baptized or Confirmed, and are interested in receiving these sacraments, please contact Fr Nik – <u>KnicholasForti@gmail.com</u>

These classes are also for those considering Reaffirming their Baptismal Covenant.

# The Liturgical Year



### Nik's Calendar

Monday, June 27 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am-12:30pm Friday, July 1 – Young Rector's Group, 10am, Culpepper Thursday, July 7 – Meeting with Fr Phil & Fr Ben, 9:30-10:30am

# **Looking Ahead**

Thursday, June 30 – St Augustine Study at SJtL, 10am Tuesday, July 5 – Vestry Meeting, 7pm Thursday, July 7 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am Monday, July 11 – CARITAS, St. James the Less

**Office hours:** Jacquie Alleva, our office administrator, works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons. If you would like to submit an announcement, please do so by noon on Thursday.