

The Elizabethan



The Newsletter of St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church

Burien, Washington

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Get Well Soon, Fr. John!

As you've probably heard, Fr. John had hip replacement surgery on February 1st. He came home the same day, and is doing well. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

We miss you!

We recognize that many of you are staying home on Sundays to be extra sure that you can avoid a COVID infection, but we miss you! Please know that:

- Everyone serving at the altar is vaccinated and boosted, and Fr. John has a high-level of confidence that the majority of people in the pews are the same.
- Despite the evidence that surface contact is not a source of viral spread, Fr. John washes his hands at the altar with hypochlorous acid, a disinfectant approved by the CDC.
- Fr. John covers the bread and wine before he blesses it so that his chanting is not likely to cause problems.
- The alcohol content of the port and the silver of the chalice are excellent anti-viral protections.
- Fr. John tests at least weekly to make sure that he is testing negative, so that he can chant and preach while unmasked.
- We continue to offer social distancing options, hand sanitizer and masks to anyone who needs them.

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Your help with articles, calendar items and ideas may be mailed or emailed to the addresses below.

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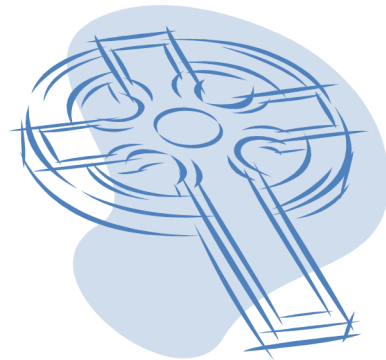
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Getting involved at St. Elizabeth

Join us!

More ways to help out on Sundays—we're not looking for a long-term commitment or weekly help. Just an occasional hand from a few people would be very much welcomed.

- **Host a coffee hour:** As the church gets back to normal, we'd like to start having a monthly coffee hour after service, the first Sunday of each month. It gives us some time to hear announcements, meet newcomers and catch up with what others have been up to. Hosts would be responsible for making coffee (grounds are available in the kitchen), and provide a light snack. Something very simple is best. Consider hosting or teaming up with someone to host a monthly coffee hour in the future!
- **Altar Guild:** We could use a few more people to set up the altar in preparation for Sunday services. Here's how it works—one person comes in, usually on the Saturday before, to set the altar and credence table with everything needed for service on Sunday. They also put flower arrangements on the stands behind the altar using flowers from the church gardens, their own yards, or that they've purchased. After service they clear the altar and credence table, collect linens to take home to wash, and wash and put away the chalice, plate and cruets, etc. You'll often find other altar guild members help with this part. You can volunteer in advance for whatever weekend will work for you, and it's usually easy to find someone to switch with when needed. Training and a second person to help with a few set-ups is also available. We'd love to have you join!

February Events Calendar

- **February 3** — Coffee and Conversation from 10AM until noon in the St. John room.
- **February 5** — Coffee hour after service
- **February 22** — The monthly Vestry meeting will be held in the church office.

Coffee and Conversation

The February Coffee and Conversation will be held on February 3rd from 10:00 until noon. This is a monthly get-together for parishioners to meet and chat about whatever comes to mind. Have some coffee and a snack, and get to know some of the people you wave to on Sunday!

Dinner for Six

New Dinner for Six groups are forming now. These dinners are a great opportunity to get to know other St. Elizabeth parishioners. Each group of about six people meets monthly to share a meal and fellowship. Groups are flexible with the menu and scheduling. Dinners are usually hosted in someone's home or apartment, but some groups will dine in local restaurants or coffee shops. If you are interested, contact Janey Montgomery at Janeymontgomery68@gmail.com.

Office food pantry changes

We're experiencing fewer requests for food from our neighborhood families than we used to. As a result, we've coordinated with Neighborhood House about the needs of their families. We have moved the food cart to the foyer outside the parish hall so that parents dropping off kids can pick up food items when needed. So keep bringing donations (must not have reached their expiration dates) to help families in need right here in our building!

Sunday services: 10:00. Fr. John's office hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until noon (or by appointment), Wednesdays by appointment, or by Zoom/phone Tuesday through Sunday at 206-715-7972.

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 until noon. Call to be sure someone is there before you arrive.

What's going on at the church these days?

The parking lot work is finished, except for installation of some signs.



The fire sprinkler system is being installed throughout the church (and will be painted to match the walls). We'll be better protected when it's done!



Parish hall sprinklers



Upstairs hall sprinklers

And the parish hall kitchen is going to be so nice!



Parish hall kitchen



A smaller pass-through