

# *St. Alban's Life*

*Celebrating our time together*

**Summer and September**

**October 10, 2024**

The summer began with a parish meeting to help define who we are and who we are looking for to be our Priest in Charge (pages 2 and 3). We were fortunate to have a variety of celebrants and lay leaders on Sundays (pages 4-6). And we had trees removed that were a danger to the Education Building and the Rectory (page 7).



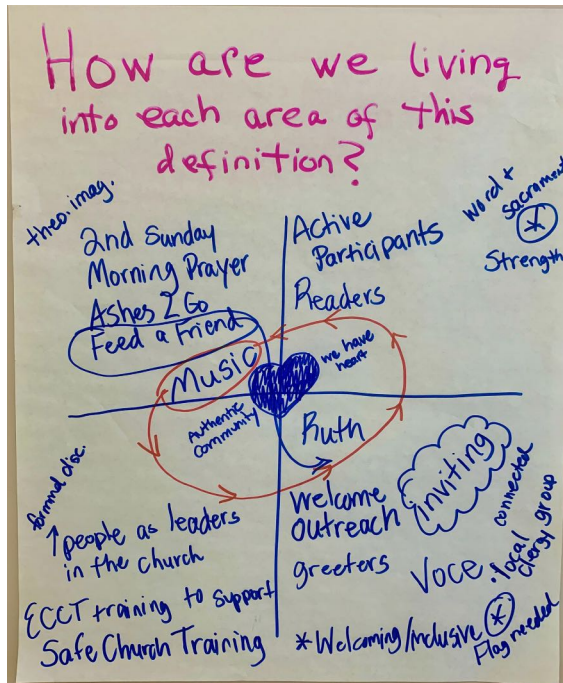
Meanwhile, the Rose of Sharon under the bell tower put on a show in July.

And the kids at the Children's Center explored the grounds, observing the change of seasons.



At a July Parish meeting, we considered how well we meet a definition of a strong parish that is (1) moved by God's presence, (2) fed by Word and Sacrament, (3) forming disciples in God's mission, and (4) connected to the wider body in Christ.

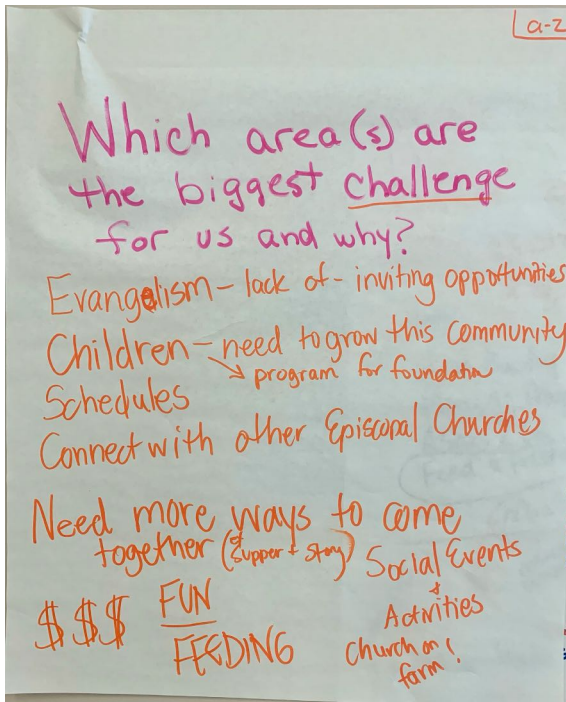
How are we living into each area?



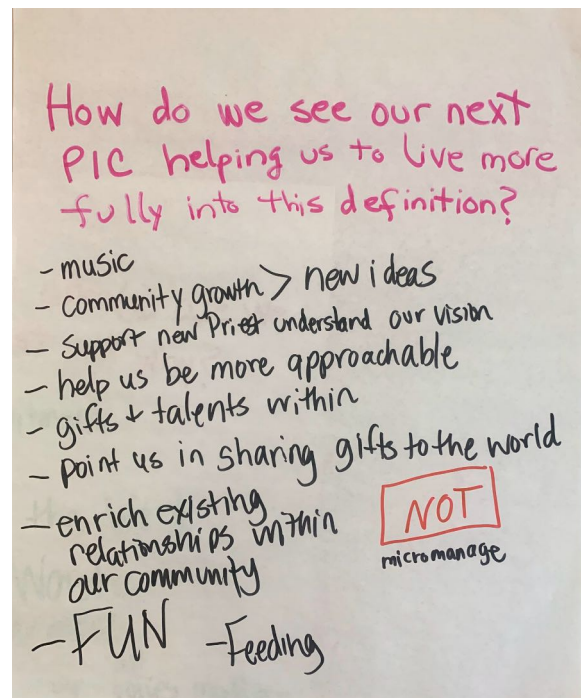
In which areas are we strongest?

The handwritten list in green ink includes: 'Music - commitment', '2nd Sunday Dwelling in the Word', 'Participatory Worship', 'interactive sermons', 'Community - together - all voices matter', 'Space/Campus', 'transparent', 'self-sufficient', and 'Strengths of Parrish'.

Which areas are the biggest challenge?



How do we see our next Priest helping us live more fully into this definition?



This from Judy about next steps:

We are waiting to hear from the financial person at the Diocese to confirm that this can be a half-time position. The Vestry will be developing a profile for our new priest at its meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will use this information collected from this July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Then we need to update our website and get the profile out! If you have any questions, please contact Judy at [JDKC1017@gmail.com](mailto:JDKC1017@gmail.com).

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Judy Duncan and Jon Lynch led Morning Prayer with us on June 30<sup>th</sup>.



The Rev. Koshy Mathews was our celebrant on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

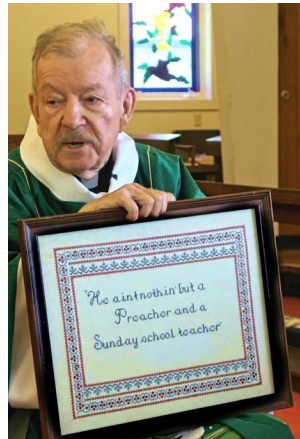


The Rev. Judith Alexis celebrated two "second Sundays" for us on July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.



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The Rev. David Gable was our celebrant for several Sundays for us (July 21, 28 and August 18, 25). At one point declaring himself "nothin' but a Preacher and a Sunday School teacher."



On September 8<sup>th</sup>, he celebrated with us on a second Sunday, which included a blessing of bags and back packs.



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Geoff Mather led Morning Prayer on August 4<sup>th</sup>.



The Rev. Salin Low celebrated with us on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



The Rev. John Van Siclen was our celebrant for September 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Jon Lynch led Morning Prayer on September 29<sup>th</sup>

A major Rectory improvement effort focused on three tall trees. Tree "C", leaning East, fell on its own in one storm. Tree "A" had the weight of nearly all its branches on the side toward the Children's Center, making it likely to fall in that direction. The smaller tree "B" in the middle was left standing. Additional improvements are planned for the front of the Rectory and for the storm drains in the parking lot.



Several smaller trees were also removed, giving the Rectory a much more open and appealing surrounding yard.

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A new addition by our driveway sign is a Pride Flag in the latest multi-colored version. We thank Diane and Geoff Mather who, with Vestry approval, ordered the flag and put up the flag pole. Thanks also to Tammie for the flowers and pumpkins and to Jon Lynch for other trimming around the sign. We want everyone to know they are welcome at St. Alban's!

Sadly, one thing we don't have now is the Japanese Cherry Tree in front of the Education Building. It was diseased and dying and mostly a home for ants and bees, so it was removed along with the tall trees.

But we shall remember how lovely it was in bloom. This image is from many years ago.



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*Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. Please join us!*

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