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ALL SAINT'S DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY - November 3, 2019 . . . One thing we Episcopalians are really good at is celebrating with food. That said, we will do exactly that on Sunday, November 3rd following the 10:30 service. There will be only one service that day followed by a Harvest Dinner. **Please plan to attend.** If you haven't signed up to bring something to the table, it is not too late - appetizers, main dish, salad or dessert are the suggestions, or whatever you feel will fit in. We will enjoy it.

NAME TAGS & PHOTOS . . . Some of us are forgetting to wear our name tags (me included). For the benefit of new folks and visitors it is nice to know who we are talking with as well as welcoming someone new. If you don't have one, let **Cheri Ratay** know and she will make one for you. **AND, the same applies if you have not had your picture taken.** Cheri has been trying to catch up with members previously missed. You can't miss her, she's the one with the camera and a name tag!

FROM SENIOR WARDEN SUZY PETTY . . . So, your Senior Warden hit the brick wall while running full speed ahead. A good case of burnout really hurts and bloodies the body, mind and soul. I've sought aid and recovery from a gifted Spiritual Director, numerous inspiring books, hours of meditation, journal writing, nearly constant praying and growth in my Good Grief ministry. I've experienced God in a much richer and deeper realization. It's a beautiful journey. And I'm discovering just how much my spirituality differs from my practicing "religion." And, how they both contribute to my soul health. Is your "religion" separate from your spirituality? I offer you food for thought and extend an invitation to enrich your own journey. Peace be with you . . . Suzy

SAFEGUARDING TRAININGS . . . The Diocese of Olympia takes its responsibility for the safety of our people seriously. The Safe Church program teaches how to identify and prevent abuse within the church community, and is conducted several times a year, free of charge. The training consists of two sessions: **Safeguarding God's Children** and **Safeguarding God's People**. Safeguarding God's Children and People is required for all canonically resident and licensed clergy.

Safeguarding God's Children is required for non-clergy who have a key to the church facility, vestry and bishop's committee members, church staff and anyone who works with children in any capacity. Safeguarding God's People is required for non-clergy who have a key to the church facility, vestry and bishop committee members, church staff and eucharistic visitors.

The renewal training for Safeguarding God's Children and for Safeguarding God's People MAY be taken online if the original training was done after 2009. If this is a first time training for either program, it is recommended that the training be taken in person. If one is not able to attend an in-person training (upcoming trainings are listed below) it is possible to take this online with the submission of a couple of survey questions added for compliance purposes.

Any other interested parishioners are encouraged to participate in training sessions. Certificates are valid for five years and then a renewal is required.

For any questions or concerns, please contact safechurch@ecww.org. For instructions to complete the online training please go here.

THE SAINTS' PANTRY UPDATE The food bank is off to a good start this year with its Backpack program. During the month of October, more than 400 were distributed to schools in Mason County, including Shelton, Matlock and Southside as well as the Mason County Family Court system. The program began several years ago to help the children of low income families as well as homeless kids get through the week-ends when free school lunches are not available. Feedback from the schools and families of the children tell us the program is vital to the health of the student. You can donate specifically to the Backpack fund if you desire. Just signify by writing your intention on the memo line of your check. If you have questions or comments, I'll be happy to talk with you Billie Howard - 360-426-8443

PRAYER LIST. . . The monthly prayer list is undergoing some changes and revisions and will be continued next month. In the meantime, the weekly Service bulletin will contain a prayer list. Please include them in your daily prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- Sat., Nov. 2nd 10 am - 3pm - **Safeguard Training** - bring a lunch
- Sun., Nov. 3rd After 10:30 Service - **Harvest Dinner**



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