



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

September 5, 2024

Pardon our dust.

We have made some improvements and repairs to the church this week. The ceiling fan has been repaired and we installed new lights. There are some improvements to those who participate online as well.

The Parish Hall is getting a new coat of interior paint, new lighting and a new floor. Because of this, we will have Coffee Hour in the Gallery for the next few weeks.

Many thanks to the leadership of our Vestry and to those who have contributed to our memorial fund. We are able to make repairs and improvements to our beautiful campus so we can continue to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church.



SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

To live-stream the service - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:
[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

[*Bulletin for Sunday, September 8*](#)

Scripture Readings for September 8, 2024

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

[*Click Here for the Readings*](#)



The flowers for Sunday, September 8th
are given by Reuben Fernandez

in loving memory of Reuben Fernandez Sr.
RIP, Dad.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermons

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,
please click the link below

[Sermon: Essence and Existence](#)

PRAYERS

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for peace in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. We pray for all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou Lorraine and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice that they will receive rest and peace, especially Mary Jo and Ellen.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

Podcast: A Bridge Between

[Episode 89: Faith and Works](#)

Also available on Spotify:

[Spotify: A Bridge Between](#)

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Kaleidoscope

A musical journey from the Romantics to Today & Beyond

Also, the World Premiere of
The Peace That Follows by Dr. R. Michael Daugherty

Tasha Robinson, Harp

ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

563 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key

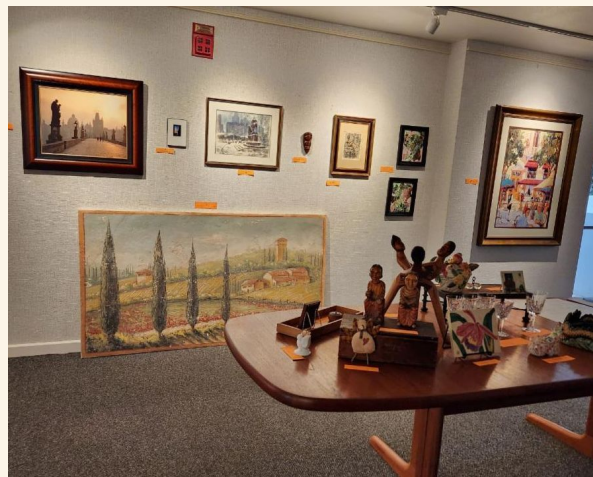
Saturday, September 7th at 4pm

Admission: Free Will Offering

New to You Summer Art Sale

All money raised from the New to You Art Sale will go to Turning Points.* Thanks for all your continued support - we have raised \$2120 in July and August!

**We support Turning Points in Bradenton. They have been helping the needy in our local community since 1995. Recently, an organization called Turning Point, founded in 2012, has made national news. Please know that although these organizations have similar names, their mission is different.*



Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Next week we are going to talk about faith through the lens of living like a Christian even if you don't believe all of it. Living like a Christian - seeking love, unity and forgiveness - is a path towards happiness or at least having a sense of a greater purpose in life.

The article is a book review in Christianity Today which is a more conservative, evangelical magazine when compared to the Christian Century. ... which makes this article even more interesting in my opinion. I'd like to know what you think.

For those in person, I'll have the coffee ready. For those on Zoom, here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

And, for those who have limited internet connection, here is a new feature. Dial in on your cell phone using the information below.

Dial 1-305-224-1968

You will be asked for the meeting ID - shown below - then press pound.
Then, when prompted, press pound again.

Meeting ID: 595 570 1807

To read the article, click the link below:

[Live Like a Christian, Even if You're Not Sure What You Believe](#)

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

REFLECTION

Change

I have become a Zoom and YouTube expert because we depend on those programs for in-person and online meetings and for worship on Sunday. Not that

I wanted to become an expert but the demands of modern-day ministry requires a strong working knowledge of IT products. In other words, a major change has come to one of the oldest vocations in the world. No one asked our permission; the change just came, and we had to adapt.

Much to my dismay, Zoom has changed over the years. They moved the



"share" button and other components I rely on. There is a lot going on in my mind during a hybrid meeting. Searching for where they moved the "share sound" button takes needed brain power and attention. Zoom does not ask me if I want the change, they just do it. So does YouTube. Often the updates to the programs are uploaded over the weekend which means on Sunday morning, when I have a lot on my mind already, I have to search for where things had been and where they are now.

I do not like change. I like things to remain the same, as they are now, dependable and reliable. But that's not how life works. God may be unchangeable, but everything (everything) God makes changes. More about that in a bit.

When we moved to Bradenton in 2019, we had curbside recycling. There were large open spaces with beautiful Florida vegetation and wildlife. I wanted things to remain as they were; but that's not how life works. We now drive our recycling to an often-changing drop off center and, at the corner of 75th and Cortez, 1200 acres of wildlife have been bulldozed making way for 6,500 homes, 3 million square feet of retail and offices and 500 hotel rooms. I wasn't asked if I liked that change, or wanted it, but, ready or not, here it comes.

Astrophysicist Carl Sagan is quoted as saying this: *In this universe, the only constant is change.* Some believe he was quoting the Greek philosopher Heraclitus who said there is nothing permanent except change. Sadly, they are both right.

I do not like change yet the church sanctuary has undergone changes in the past five years. We have a new organ, a new sound system, new paint, a new roof, new ceiling fans, a new exit and a renovated entrance with two new ramps. There are new icons, new needlepoints, a new Advent altar covering, replated chalices, and a new a/c cooling coil and a/c blower too. We recently (last week) upgraded the lighting, sound and video too. On that Sunday – when we had the updates up and running –

video too. On that Sunday – when we had the updates up and running – we had more in attendance for a Labor Day weekend than before and we had even more joining us online. So I guess not all change is unwelcome.

Ready or not, here comes more change: this past Sunday, we had Coffee Hour in the gallery because the Parish Hall is being updated. The number one thing we do is gather for worship together both in-person and online. The second most important (and it's a close second) is fellowship. Our worship space reflects who we are as a warm, welcoming and supportive congregation. It's time for the fellowship space to do the same. We are getting new flooring and new paint (with removal of the popcorn ceilings). The interior of the Parish Hall will look like the interior of the church – same color scheme, ceiling texturing and wood colors. By the end of September, we will have waterproof flooring that will withstand future decades of spilled coffee and crumbs. The northwest corner, dedicated to the Spitler's, will have new, sturdy bookshelves with comfortable furniture designed for small groups to sit and get to know one another. I am excited about all of it; and yet it is change (and you know how I feel about change).

In Jesus' day, the scribes and Pharisees did not like change; they liked how things were. But, everything God makes changes. My dad, the biology teacher, would say that things must change, or they become extinct. That's how God set up the physical world. Thus, the only constant is change. Whether I like change or not, we do need new flooring and paint in the Parish Hall. And, one day, that paint will become faded and will have to be replaced too. Heck, in thirty years from now, popcorn ceilings might become all the rage. And, that will be something for that Vestry and rector to work on. As for today, we are improving the functionality of the Parish Hall so we can continue to bring the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church.

- Fr. Dave

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