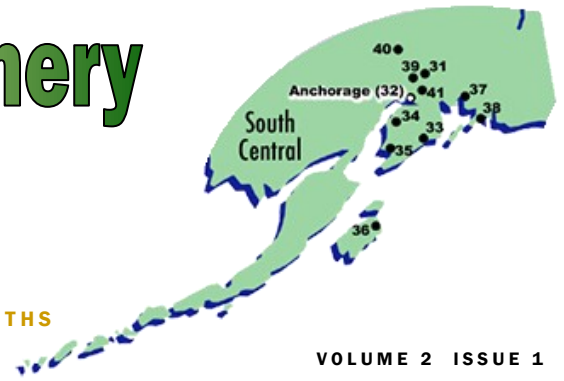


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The Reverend August Jacob Lambers

**We
Welcome**



**To The Holy Orders
of Deacons**

see page 7 ordination

SOUTH CENTRAL CONGREGATIONS

14 in all:

Four in Anchorage

One each in

Cordova, Eagle River,
Homer, Kenai,
Kodiak, Palmer,
Seward, Talkeetna,
Valdez and Wasilla



DEANERY TREASURER

Hi! I'm Gail Loken, your Deanery Treasurer. I live in Anchorage with my husband, Alan, and to answer the classic Alaskan question, we've been here for 40 years. The delight of our family life is our 3 year old grandson. And yes, of course, I'll gladly share pictures and stories with anyone and everyone.

I am currently serving as the part-time Interim Rector at St. David's in Wasilla and I assist at my home church of Christ Church here in Anchorage.

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8TH BISHOP OF ALASKA



The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime



Please keep our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime in your prayers as he begins his sabbatical.

February 1 – May 7, 2022.

We also congratulate him and his fiancée, Patricia, on their engagement and upcoming wedding scheduled for June 2022 at Holy Trinity, Juneau, Alaska.



DEANERY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGES...

We give thanks to **The Rev. Bob Thwing** for his ministry to the South Central Deanery Executive Committee. His contributions have helped to grow and shape the focus of our work as a governing body. Rev. Bob resigned from this Committee in December. His presence will be missed at our meetings and retreats.

We welcome **The Rev. Jim Brisson**, from St. Bartholomew's Church - Palmer as our newly appointed member to the Deanery Executive Committee. Rev. Jim will be filling a term completion that ends in May of 2022. We look forward to working with Jim and sharing in vision and outreach of the work of the Deanery.



FROM THE DEAN



The Rev. Katherine Hunt



Our Deanery Executive Committee continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month and is open to everyone in the Deanery. We have also gathered for four Fridays for visioning and project retreats. We have recently sent out a question survey for planning our upcoming Deanery Annual Meeting scheduled for May. This survey went out to all churches and past delegates.

Based on the results of the surveys, and COVID protocols, we will determine our meeting venue and structure.

We need your help!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS...

We are holding all of our churches in prayer during this busy time of annual meetings, voting on delegates and planning for future ministry opportunities. The Executive Committee needs each church to submit to the deanery e-mail address, SCDeanery@gmail.com the following information regarding their delegates chosen at the parish level:

Name of delegate:

Mailing Address of Delegate:

E-Mail Address:

“Best” Phone Number:

Just a reminder, the Deanery has “Mission and Ministry Grants” available should you have new ministries developing. We funded four grant applications in 2021 and look forward to hearing about other opportunities. You may request an application at our deanery e-mail address. (See our November newsletter for an expanded list of 2021 grants).

Deanery Executive Commitee



Kaherine Hunt, Gail Loken, Magie McKay, Loren Hill and Georgia Knazovich (not pictured: Jim Brisson)

**join us
on ZOOM**

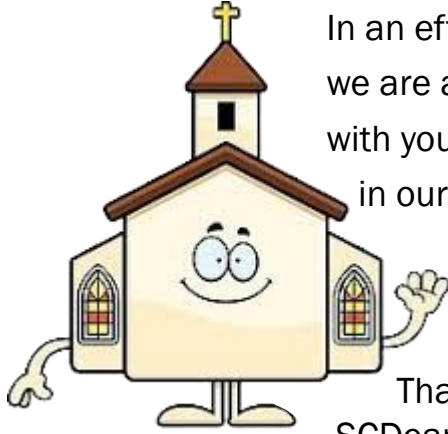


February
9th
and
March
9th



All Southcentral Deanery congregants encouraged to attend

Name that Place...



In an effort to learn about churches throughout our Deanery, we are asking you to submit pictures of your church, along with your church name and a paragraph story for publication in our newsletter.

Please send to: SCDeanery@gmail.com ref.: church photo.

Thank you!
SCDeanery Executive Committee



St. David's

The wind which recently blew through the Matsu Valley were strong and did not miss much. St. David's Church was



included in their destruction. Several trees were taken down, including two large trees around the church. They had the good sense not to fall on the building, only the lights around the parking areas did not survive.



There was also a great deal of good in this as well. The two trees were taken away by two different families who only have wood to heat their homes. As soon as they heard about the trees, they were making arrangements to come and haul them away to their use. Thanks be to God.

Michael Knazovich
Vestry cleek
St. David's

Joy, is the most infallible sign of the presence of God. Leon Bloy



Realm for the Deanery

The Deanery will be using Realm as our primary communication tool as we prepare for our Annual Deanery meeting. Everyone is invited to participate and it is particularly essential that meeting delegates sign up. How do you get signed up? The process begins by sending the following information to the South Central Deanery e-mail. scdeanery@gmail.com

- Your name
- Your address
- Your e-mail
- Your phone number
- Your church affiliation

Once you are signed up you will always have access to the latest Deanery information and you'll all be able to share the news of what's going on in your church.

Realm for Deanery Churches

Did you know that Realm Connect is available for your church at a very reduced rate (as low as \$20 per month including website hosting) as part of our Deanery adoption of the platform? You can pick and choose the modules that will best serve your church. Here are some of the possibilities:

- Build a church directory where members maintain and update their own information.
- Keep track of pledges and provide a method for online giving
- Manage church finances
- Build and maintain a church website
- Share information about events and church news

Sound interesting? You can visit this website to learn more about what Realm has to offer. <https://www.acstechnologies.com/realm/> We will also be offering Deanery workshops with the Realm staff so you can learn more about the program and how to use it.

Ordination *New Deacon!*

My name is **August Lambers**, but friends and family have always called me Jake. I was born in Haines, AK, and raised in Bozeman, MT. I completed my B.A. in Education from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and immediately felt the call to return to Alaska. I have lived in Homer, Coldfoot, and most recently in Kotzebue for nine years and now in Anchorage for almost four years. Through work, sports, and leisure I have been blessed to be able to travel all over this beautiful state and am eternally grateful to be given the chance to serve the people of the Diocese of Alaska. My sense of calling has always been to serve the Diocese in a way that my gifts are needed the most, whether that is helping in a parish setting or utilizing my background in education, I look forward to being of use in any way I am able. I have been married to Erica for almost twelve years and we have two beautiful children; August (7) and Bea (5).



The Reverend August Jacob Lambers



**by
Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime**

**23 January 2022
Ordained a Deacon**



**at
All Saints Episcopal**

All Saints Episcopal Church in Anchorage, Alaska hosted and sponsored August Jacob Lambers' (Jake) quest to become a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. On Jun 23rd, 2022, The Right Reverend Mark Lattime ordained him to the Holy Order of Deacon. The Rev. David Terwilliger of All Saints assisted Bishop Mark while other priests, The Rev. Gail Loken of St. David's Episcopal and The Rev. Katherine Hunt of Christ Church Episcopal witnessed this joyful event also. The Rev. August Jacob Lambers will serve at All Saints Episcopal as he continues his seminary studies.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church



PLEASE HOLD ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS...

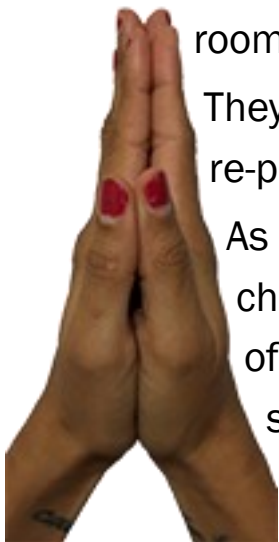
Inez Larsen, St. Christopher's Senior Warden, recently arrived at the church to find the basement flooded and water gushing out. After trying to turn the water off she had to resort to calling the fire department.

While St. Christopher's is working with a restoration company for estimates on repairs and establishing insurance claims, they know there will be a \$1,000 insurance deductible.

The downstairs of their church is not accessible at this time. Yes, the bathrooms and the food pantry are located downstairs.

They are looking at floor and drywall replacement and then re-painting the downstairs.

As we all know, these "mishaps" have significant impact on our church budgets. If you would like to contribute toward the repairs of St. Christopher's or help them to pay their deductible, please send donations to St. Christopher's Church, P.O. Box 211896, Anchorage, AK 99521-1896, attention Inez Larsen, Senior Warden.



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Another church hat I wear is the one for EfM (Education for Ministry). I mentor a group and also serve as the Diocesan Coordinator. So, if you would like to explore starting an EfM group at your church, please give me a call. (907) 350-4157.

I love being outdoors (especially in the summer time) and being awed by the majesty of this corner of God's creation. In particular, I love the water—streams and

rivers – especially the powerful ones where you can hear the deep thump of the rocks tumbling underneath the surface. In Anchorage, my favorite places to walk are around our lakes and bogs. And, I jump at the opportunity for boating adventure or a Ferry ride.

In the winter, I'm more inclined toward indoor pursuits; reading, sewing and just recently trying to tackle the mysteries of using a

crochet hook. All the while, I'm dreaming about the return of the gardening season and walks in the woods.

"Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things that God has made." Romans 1:20

