



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

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August 12, 2018 10:15 a.m.

*Today's flowers are given in memory of the Baker and Good families by
Caroline Good.*

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Summer Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am in Kahler Hall where they participate in Building Our Faith: One Brick at a Time. Children return to the church for Eucharist and then continue their program in Kahler Hall.

Summer Youth Group (grades 6-12) is invited to join in the Summer Sunday school program as a participant or leader, join the Pick-up Choir, serve as Acolytes, or usher or simply enjoy attending the service.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Instrumental

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional

We the Lord's people

Hymnal 51

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

I am the bread of life (v. 1-2)

Hymnal 335

All stand to sing.

Holy Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand and together say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Leader

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those affected by the fires and floods;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

(The people may add silently their own prayer petitions.)

Deacon

God of judgement and mercy, when we hide ourselves in shame, you seek us out in love. Grant us the fullness of your forgiveness, that as one people, united by your grace, we may stand with Christ against the powers of evil. **Amen.**

Confession

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

BCP p. 377

Offertory Anthem

Aria – Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen from Kantata 51

J. S. Bach

Tara Eisenhauer - Soprano, Gabe Garnett – Trumpet, Felix Eisenhauer – Organ

Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen!	Praise God in every nation!
Was der Himmel und die Welt	All that heaven and the world
An Geschöpfen in sich hält,	of created order hold
Müssen dessen Ruhm erhöhen,	must now exalt his glory,
Und wir wollen unserm Gott	and we would to this, our God,
Gleichfalls itzt ein Opfer bringen,	likewise now present an offering
Daß er uns in Kreuz und Not	for He in the midst of cross and woe
Allezeit hat beigestanden.	has always stood close beside us.

Presentation Hymn

O worship the King (v. 1-3)

Hymnal 388

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

*Recitativo – Wir beten zu dem Tempel an from Kantata 51 J. S. Bach
Tara Eisenhauer - Soprano, Gabe Garnett – Trumpet, Felix Eisenhauer - Organ*

Wir beten zu dem Tempel an, Da Gottes Ehre wohnt, Da dessen Treu, So täglich neu, Mit lauter Segen lohnet.	We pray at your temple, where God's honor dwells, where this faithfulness, daily renewed, is rewarded with pure blessing.
Wir preisen, was er an uns hat getan. Muß gleich der schwache Mund von seinen Wundern lallen, So kann ein schlechtes Lob ihm dennoch wohlgefallen.	We praise what He has done for us. Even though our weak mouth must gape before His wonders, our meager praise is still pleasing to Him.

Aria – Höchster, mache deine Güte from Kantata 51 J. S. Bach

Höchster, mache deine Güte Ferner alle Morgen neu. So soll vor die Vatern treu Auch ein dankbares Gemüte Durch ein frommes Leben weisen, Daß wir deine Kinder heißen.	Highest, renew Your goodness From now on every morning new. Thus, before this fatherly love, a thankful conscience shall display, through a virtuous life, that we are called Your children.
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Eat This Bread

Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

May the Peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

O day of radiant gladness

Hymnal 48

Please stand.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Dismissal

Please stand.

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Finale – Alleluja from Kantata 51

J. S. Bach

Tara Eisenhauer - Soprano, Gabe Garnett – Trumpet, Felix Eisenhauer – Organ

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Many thanks to Alice Rucker, guest organist and Gabe Garnett, guest musician for joining us today.

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at www.lectionarypage.net



St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android]App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Gabe Lamola, Henry Rose
Chalice	Kay Armstrong, Larry Myers
Psalm	Larry Myers
Lay Readers	Maggie Kennedy, Ralph Armstrong
Pastoral Care	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Prayers of the People	Judy Wareham
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Kathleen Crookston
Ushers	Steve Jones, Dan Wakelee
Welcome Ministry	Jennifer Golland
Sunday School Leaders	Elena Kennedy, Gaby Jackson
Hospitality	Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Renee Bower
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith
Flower Guild	Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews
Counters	Karyn Jackson, Marcia Semple
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 8/12	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:40 am	Choir Warm-up (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Kahler Hall)
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:15 pm	Abolitionist Committee (Youth Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 8/13	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 8/14	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Youth Room)
Wed. 8/15	9:00 am	Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
Thurs. 8/16	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Callender's)
Fri. 8/17	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
Sat 8/18	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 12, 2018

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Wes, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerri, Jo Ellen, Jan, Priscilla, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mike, Kevin

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kathy, Doug, Rachel, Kim

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIAM: Ken Wareham, Herb Borsting



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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.*

*We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning.

8:00 am Liz & Ian McEwan

10:15 am Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens, Renee Bower
(Next week for hospitality: 8 am – Jo Ellen Heil 10:15 am – David & RoseAnn Hill, Ralph & Kay Armstrong, Janalee Young)

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



TODAY:

Trumpet, organ and voice create a perfect trio for Bach's *Cantata No. 51*. Tara Eisenhauer-voice, Felix Eisenhauer-organ, Gabe Garnett-trumpet. (10:15)

Next Sunday: The popular song, *The Way*, will be sung by St. Paul's Music Scholarship recipients Diego Magaña, Daniel Smithson and St. Paul's choir member Lauren Visser. (10:15)



MUSIC CHANGING WITH THE SEASONS

Our summer pick-up choir has been going strong! Join us on any or all Sundays at 9:45am in the music room for a warm-up and to learn the hymns.

Need more music in your life? Our fall program is gearing up and we saved a seat just for you! Our **MUSIC RETREAT is August 25** at St. Paul's from 10am-4-m. Join us for camaraderie and music making (and did we mention lunch is included?).



TODAY – FAIR TRADE SALES: Buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com



TODAY – SUNDAY SCHOOL: BUILDING OUR FAITH ONE BRICK AT A TIME

We will build mini marshmallow structures! And memorize Proverbs 2:6 "The Lord gives wisdom." We will also learn about the building of the temple and King Solomon (1Kings 6:11-13) and build up our faith while having great fun with Legos!



TODAY: ST. PAUL'S ABOLITIONIST COMMITTEE MEETS: Gather in the Youth Room at 12:15pm. The St. Paul's Ventura Abolitionist Committee's goal is *Communication, Education and Action against the scourge of modern slavery acting locally, while supporting national and international efforts*. Attend today's meeting to find out more.



SEMI-ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & THANK YOU - FAMILY TO FAMILY

It is time to replenish the financial soup pot! The Souper Bowl fundraising for Family to Family provided about 1,400 lunches through June. We have used every penny and are counting on your generosity to provide lunch to our hungry neighbors. We serve an average of 240 lunches once a month on the 3rd Monday at the Family to Family facility on the Ventura Avenue. The cost averages \$600 per month (\$2.50 per plate). Our goal is **\$4,200** which will fund the ministry through January 2019.

Donations may be made by cash, check or PayPal. Please note: Family to Family

UPDATE: \$2,711 donations received = funds the ministry through ½ of November = 1,084 meals! **65% of goal!**



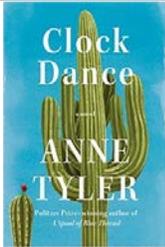
REACH – BACK 2 SCHOOL Now through August 15th.

The red REACH bags are back and ready to be filled with school supplies for K-5th grade children. Suggested items are listed and attached to the bags. This is our annual partnership with Project Understanding and the donations go to students attending their Tutoring Sites & families using their Food Pantry. Donations accepted now through August 15th. Please bring items to St. Paul's. (*Monetary donations are also welcome. Note: Back to School.*)



AUGUST 16 – LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Calendar's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, August 12.



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The August selection is Clock Dance by Anne Tyler. This is a “charming new novel of self-discovery and second chances from the best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of A Spool of Blue Thread. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on **September 10th** (the Monday following Labor Day) at 5:30pm. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King*



This sign means, "I love you."

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

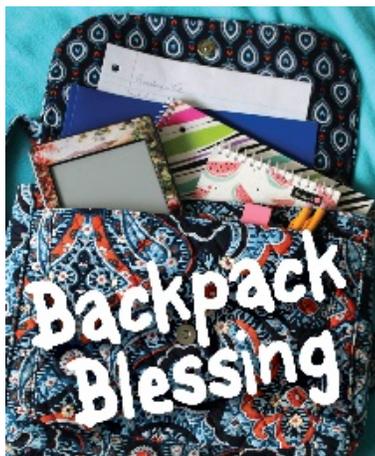
Why? Because all are welcome here!

Our rector, the Rev. Susan Bek, has made a commitment to incorporate American Sign Language (ASL) every time she celebrates the Eucharist. This reflects our commitment to welcoming all, and our willingness to change and adapt to become more accessible.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing Children's Songs, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Lifting prayers for children, teens, young adults, teachers and all those who are beginning a new journey



**Sunday, August 26
During the 8am & 10:15am Services**

Students, teachers, leaders, administrators and anyone who is starting a new chapter of life are invited to bring a symbol of this new beginning (backpacks, book bags, calendars, brief cases, and other items) to lay before the altar on Sunday.

Following the passing of the Peace, families and anyone who chooses to participate, will be invited to come forward for the blessing.

All are invited to join us as we lift our prayers and give thanks for new beginnings and opportunities to learn and to grow.



Tickets will go on sale August 19th!

Put on your best bib and tucker and join in the annual ace-high fundraiser.

Auction, raffle, dinner, dancing and more!

Saturday, September 22nd 4:30 – 6:30 pm

- ✓ *It's time to sign up to participate! Look for sign-up sheets in the church and the hall.*
- ✓ *To all Ministries – Please help the church by putting together a silent auction basket and donating a gift card!*

Drop off donations August 19 – September 9

Evangelism

Sharing the Good News
has never been so easy!

Are you passionate about St. Paul's?
Want to encourage others to join the church?

Take the 30 Day Evangelism Challenge!

Join us as we keep the faith and share the Good News through this challenge to everyone in the Episcopal Church all over the world. You are invited to participate as often as you can.

The challenges are posted each day to our Facebook Page (St. Paul's Ventura), our Facebook Group (St. Paul's Episcopal Church Ventura), Instagram (revsusanbek), & our website www.saintpaulsventura.org

Like and share posts as you choose, and like our Facebook page (St. Paul's Ventura) if you want to keep in touch. There will be a new challenge every day. God bless you all.

The people of St. Paul's, Ventura, wish you peace. #StPaulsVentura#episcopalevangelism

1. Google St. Paul's Ventura, Click "Write a Review" in info box on right hand side.
2. Share your enthusiasm and recommend the church we all love so much. Thank you!



8/25	10:00	Choir Retreat
8/26	8 & 10:15	Blessing of the Backpacks and New Beginnings
9/9	8 & 10:15	Fall Kickoff (new program year begins)
9/22	4:30-7pm	Country Hoedown Fundraiser
10/7	8 & 10:15	Blessing of the Animals Services in Kahler Hall
11/4	8 & 10:15	All Saints Day - with baptisms