



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 9, 2018 10:15 a.m.

Today's flowers are given by Connie Baer, in memory of her wife, Rita Marsh for their Anniversary.

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 Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 7 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

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

Praise Him With Pipes

Ben Logan

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Celebrant
People*

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

Hymn of Praise

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Hymnal 374

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Isaiah 35:4-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

The choir will sing the Psalm today.

**Psalm singing/chant is an ancient church tradition that involves reciting the text on a repeating tone; thusly, creating musical interest while still emphasizing the words.*

Antiphon: I will praise the Lord as long as I live, hallelujah.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

Second Reading

James 2:1-10,14-17

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn
All stand to sing.

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

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

God calls us today to be open to the word and to one another. Let us open ourselves in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader

For the Church we pray. That we may bring God's word of life to all in silence, darkness, and despair.
Lord, have mercy.

For our church we pray. That we may grow into the mystery of God's life among and in us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the world we pray. That nations will come to cooperate for the health and well-being of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our community we pray, especially those affected by the recent fires and floods. That hospitals and nursing homes may be equipped to deal with our sick and dying, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm we pray especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*). That all who have asked for our prayers may know the healing power of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon

Into your mercy, O God, we commend all the needy world, trusting in your almighty power, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Recognition of Flower Guild

This morning we recognize and offer our thanks to everyone who serves on the Flower Guild at St. Paul's. These dedicated ministers create the beautiful floral arrangements that adorn our sanctuary each Sunday. They help to make our worship services beautiful and inspiring, and we are so grateful!

You are invited.

If you're looking for a way to get involved, the Flower Guild invites you to speak with them. No prior experience is necessary. We are glad to train you to create beautiful arrangements too. Please let us know if you are interested.

Leader I present to you these ministers who have shown their dedication as members of the Flower Guild for this church.

Ministers Christ Jesus, you go before us and behind us, you are our inspiration and our light. Thank you for surrounding us with your compassion and your love. Guide us in this important ministry and bless us so that we may continue to bless others in your name.

People **Holy and gracious God, bless your hands, your feet, your hearts and your voices as you seek to serve the world in the name of Christ.**

Celebrant And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

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

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Heals Us All

Felix Eisenhauer

Presentation Hymn

From all that dwell below the skies

Hymnal 380

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S125

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.

Fraction Anthem

Let us break bread together (v.1)

Hymnal 325

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 worshippers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

*Healing Waters
By the River*

*Trevor Thomson
Paul Randall Keith*

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal 602

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word

Hymnal 371

Please stand.

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

With Pipes of Tin and Wood

Alfred V. Fedak

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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.

Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



*This sign means,
"I love you."*

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.

Serving This Week 10:15am

Acolytes	Gabe Lamola, Henry Rose
Chalice	Roger Crow, Maggie Kennedy
Psalm	Sung by Choir
Lay Readers	Ralph Armstrong, Bridget Wareham
Prayers of the People	Drew Darby
Pastoral Care	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Rose Hayden-Smith
Ushers	Larry & Shirley Myers
Welcome Ministry	Marcia Semple, Ernie Fickerson
Sunday School Leaders	Heidi Trevisan, Sarah Lamola
Hospitality	Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
Flower Guild	Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews
Counters	Louise Bretz
Facility Lock Up	Greg Jackson

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 9/9	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Monday 9/10	5:30 pm	First Monday Book Club (Panera Bread)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 9/11	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room)
Wed. 9/12	9:00 am	Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 9/13	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	6:30 pm	AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 9/14	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 9/15	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 9, 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, Jan, Priscilla, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mike, Kevin, Mary, Kathie, Tom

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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 Santa Barbara County: St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints; Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + 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: Jesse Bandonado, William Murray, Jr., Elizabeth Cubberly

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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 Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson
(Next week for hospitality: 10:15 am – Woody & Louise Bretz, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Paul & Marilyn Angelo)

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:

Please help us welcome the Choir as they return from their summer break. The season kicks off with an original composition by Felix Eisenhauer and a contemporary favorite *Healing Waters*. Stay tuned all season for exciting music all around!

MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION (October 20-29)



Dr. Steve Jones will be going on another medical mission trip – this time to Jamaica. We have the opportunity to help bring medicine and medical care to our brothers and sisters who are in need. Monetary donations may be given to St. Paul's noting Jamaica Medical Mission in the memo or they may be written directly to West African Community Mission also noting Jamaica Medical Mission. *Donations will be collected now through September 30.* All are invited to a "Packing Party" at noon on October 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.



FAITH IN ACTION RALLY - Sunday, September 16 at 11:30am in Kahler Hall

The Faith in Action Committee invites you to a short presentation on the importance of expressing our faith through letter-writing to our political representatives.

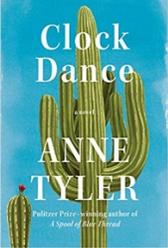
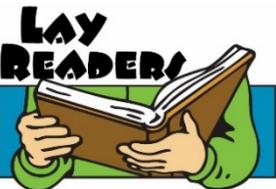
We will be discussing how to amplify our voices
when speaking out on behalf of those who need our help.

Invite your friends and join us as we put our Faith in Action.



MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN - September 24th 6:30-7:30pm

Join us on Monday evenings through October (9/24-10/29) for a fun and interesting small group. We will gather to study the bible, grow in our faith and support one another. The book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren, will guide us in this study of the bible and stir great conversation along the way! Meet in the Library at St. Paul's (near the school gate just off the parking lot). All are welcome, so bring your friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, Sept. 10th The August selection is <u>Clock Dance</u> by Anne Tyler. This is a “charming new novel of self-discovery and second chances from the best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of <u>A Spool of Blue Thread</u>. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on September 10th (the Monday following Labor Day) at 5:30pm. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King</i></p>
	<p>FAIR TRADE SALES – Sunday, Sept. 16 after both services After Sunday services 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</p>
	<p>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, Sept. 20th 11am at Marie Callender’s All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Callender’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, September 16th.</p>
	<p>FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY-NEW STUDY BEGINS The Women’s Bible Study Group has begun a new study on <i>Job</i> by Lisa Harper. Discover the redemptive side to Job’s story of suffering. The cost of the individual workbook and group DVD is \$36. (Scholarships are available.) Contact Suzanne McCombs or the office with questions. Meet in the library on Fridays at 9:15am.</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Acolytes</i> ACOLYTE TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 16 @ 11:30am Acolytes are boys and girls, men and women, who assist the priest and other ministers as the altar during public worship. Children can begin serving as acolytes when they are 7 years or older and able to sit quietly through the service and assist with worship while enjoying the experience. Please meet Deacon Ed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, 9/16 at 11:30am.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When it comes to worship, Acolytes Lead the Way!</p>
	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Readers</i> LAY READER TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 23 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary Lay Readers (or Lectors) are trained in reading Scripture during public services of worship. They may also read the Prayers of the People as Intercessors for the community gathered. Whether you are experienced in this ministry, or would like to be trained to join our team, you're invited to meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:15am on 9/23.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We look forward to seeing you there!</p>

 <p>Usher Training & Review</p>	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Ushers</i> USHER TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, September 30 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary Ushering is a ministry of welcome and hospitality. Ushers greet people at the door, offer the service bulletin and answer any questions visitors may have. They help people find seats when the church is crowded, oversee the collection and presentation of the congregation's offering, and invite people forward in an efficient manner at the time of communion. Ushers are scheduled for all Sunday services and occasionally for memorial services or special occasions. We need more ushers, so bring a friend and join us!</p>
 <p>LEM Introduction & Review</p>	<p><i>For all New and Continuing Chalice Bearers</i> LEM TRAINING & REVIEW - Sunday, October 14 @ 9:15am - Sanctuary Previously known as Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) are trained to assist in the distribution of the consecrated elements during Holy Eucharist. They dress in a liturgical vestment called an alb (from the Latin 'Albus', meaning white), and serve on the altar with the acolytes and clergy. All current LEMs are encouraged to attend the meeting. If you are interested in learning more about the training required for this important ministry, please speak with Rev. Susan or Deacon Ed. Thank you for your dedication to this important ministry!</p>
 <p>Family to Family</p>	<p>PUT YOUT FAITH IN ACTION - HELP FEED THE HUNGRY UPDATE: Goal \$4,200 \$3,677 donations received = funds the ministry almost through December = 1,470 meals! 87% of goal! Just \$523 more to reach goal!!! <i>Donations are accepted at any time to support this important ministry.</i></p>



Welcome Lisa Devine, Minister for Family Faith Formation!

We are thrilled to welcome Lisa Devine to work with the Youth & Family Ministry here at St. Paul's. Her part-time position is funded through the Comprehensive Growth Project.

Lisa has spent the last two decades working in ministry inside and outside of various churches. She served as Director of Youth & Family Ministries at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Malibu and Minister of Education at Altadena Community Church. In 2017, she graduated from seminary (M.Div.) at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. Before pursuing a call to ministry, Lisa studied comparative literature as an undergraduate and received a Master of Science in Nutrition, working as a writer, consultant and speaker in the world of natural health education. She has spent the last two years working for The Abundant Table in Camarillo, first as a seminarian intern and now Intern Program Director. She also writes and consults for other local non-profits in the areas of program and community development. Lisa is passionate about supporting children, youth and families on their spiritual journey and looks forward to collaborating with St. Paul's to create opportunities for deeply enriching community connection and enlivening programming for all. Lisa lives in Oxnard with her husband, Mike, and two children, Aidan (age 11) and Lainey (age 6).



Newcomer Information Series

SUNDAYS 12-12:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

(next to the Kitchen in Kahler Hall)

9/30 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church
10/7 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
10/14 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

You're also invited:

10/28 New Member Welcome and Blessing in Church (optional)

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith

All are welcome!



Did you know?

A hymn for homecoming!

Some hymn histories can be quite involved, some simple. This is a simple story: the composer, Kathleen Thomerson, began this hymn while looking forward to a trip back home to Houston from Illinois (hence the hymn tune name, Houston) and to her very close friends at the church, Church of the Redeemer, which had meant so much to her. The result of this happy anticipation is this hymn—music

and words—*I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.*

Here is truly a “homecoming hymn” that resounds with the joy of our traveling to, with, for, and home, to Jesus.

"I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

--<https://hymnary.org>



Put on your best bib and tucker and join in fundraising fun at our annual ace-high shindig as we "Hoedown Throw-down" our way to fundraising for St. Paul's mission and ministries!

Git your tickets now for Line Dancin' with Louise & Woody, Santa Maria Style BBQ Dinner, Silent Auction, Little Buckaroo Games, Ole Western Movies, raffles and more!

Adult ticket \$35 ★ Child Ticket \$15 ★ Swag Boot \$25
Saturday, September 22nd, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

It's time to sign up to participate!

Look for volunteer 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