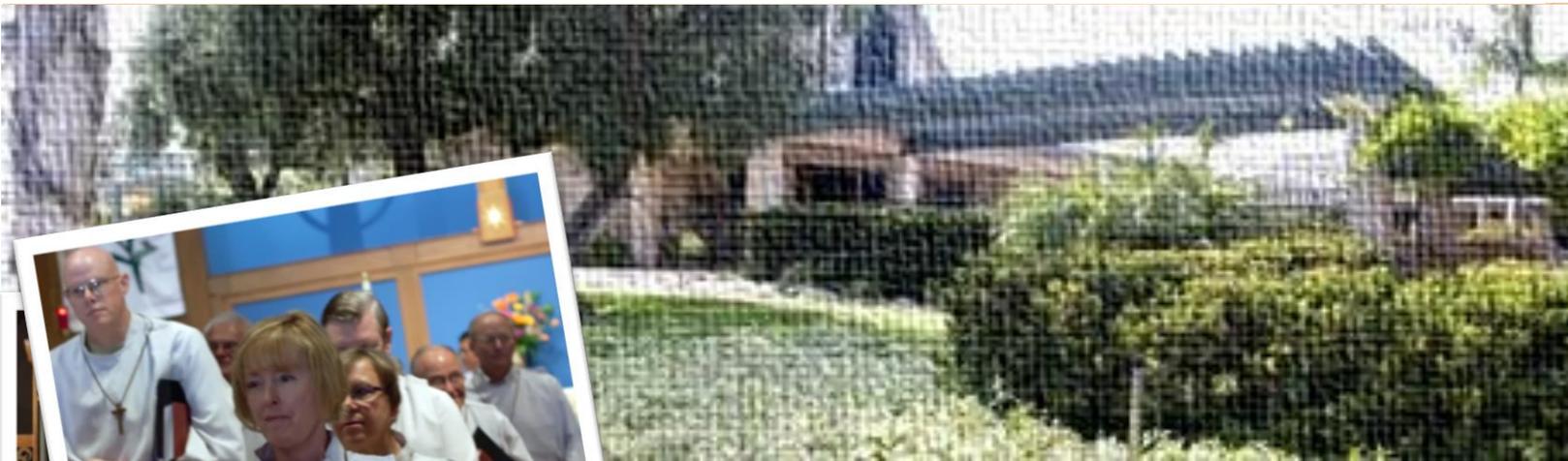




# ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*Ventura*





## OVER 130 YEARS AGO...

It all began in the summer of 1887 when a handful of people met to discuss the idea of establishing an Episcopal church here in Ventura. In 1889 it became official and the dream was realized. Today we are thankful to those who came before us, making it possible for us to be blessed by this wonderful church community. Now it's our turn to continue the ministry and bless others. We ask you to join us in making a commitment to the bright future that lies ahead for St. Paul's, Ventura.

### A RICH HISTORY

Since it was founded in 1889, St. Paul's has been a source of comfort, strength and inspiration for people seeking God's holy presence. Through the generations, the people of St. Paul's have upheld each other during times of sorrow and fear, thanksgiving and rejoicing. Many have come to experience the power of God's grace and grown in faith through the worship and ministries of this warm and welcoming congregation.

### A BRIGHT FUTURE

St. Paul's is a vibrant and active congregation. We are excited to by the recent growth in Music Ministry, Evangelism, Faith in Action, Abolitionist Committee as well as Outreach and other ministries. 130 years and still growing strong!

### WE FOLLOW JESUS



We are a Christian community that embraces the teachings of Jesus and strives to follow the example of his life and love. We believe Jesus continues to bless the world through the eyes, ears, hands, feet, hearts and voices of his followers. We are called to serve as the light of Christ to a world in need.

### NURTURE MINISTRIES



We believe that all are called to ministry. St. Paul's offers numerous and diverse opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, both within the parish and in our broader community. The breadth and diversity of our ministries are testaments to the broad interests of our congregation.

### AND WELCOME ALL



St. Paul's was established in 1889 and moved to our current location in the mid 1950s. When the new building was erected a sign was hung above the door. "Let no one be a Stranger." We continue in our commitment to this sacred tradition. All are welcome here.



**Celebrating**  
 130 years  
 &  
**Supporting**  
 the future  
 of this important ministry



## WILL YOU PLEDGE TO SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S THROUGH THE COMING YEAR?

### WHY MAKE A PLEDGE?

Though your gifts to the church are always appreciated, pledges make it possible for us to do responsible financial planning. Once the pledges for next year are in, we will create a budget and make plans for our 130<sup>th</sup> year of mission and ministry.

### HOW MUCH TO PLEDGE

Your pledge amount is between you and God. Whether you choose to embrace the biblical standard by tithing 10% or give a different amount, we are grateful. Please pray about it and then give joyfully and generously out of appreciation for all your blessings.

### YOUR PLEDGE AT WORK

Your generous pledge will help to fund our operating budget and make it possible for us to plan for the year to come. These funds are used to pay salaries, maintain facilities, run our office, print bulletins, present our programs and serve this community and the world.

### OTHER THAN PLEDGES

Pledges alone do not bring in enough to meet our operating expenses. Since the closing of our parish day school in 2009, we have made up the difference with income from leasing out portions of our property.

### ST. PAUL'S IS PLEASED TO BE HOME TO:

- La Famiglia Preschool
- VCSAGE Charter School
- Kindermusik

We are currently seeking new tenants to fill some wonderful space we have available. If you know anyone who's looking, please let us know.



### LEGACY GIFTS

Gifts That Keep On Giving  
Long into the Future



On occasion, we are blessed to receive gifts from parishioners who have remembered St. Paul's in their estate planning.

These legacy gifts do not affect our operating budget, but are used for special purposes and help us to accomplish things that would not otherwise be possible. If you would like assistance in arranging to bless St. Paul's with the legacy gift, please contact the church office.

*Thank you so much for your support!*

# 7 Ways Your Pledge Makes a Difference



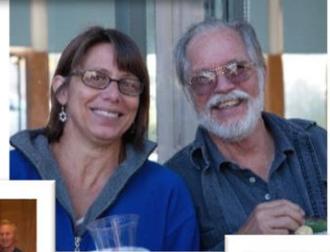
## 1 Operating Expenses & Staff

With your help we can keep the church running, pay our monthly bills, purchase supplies and produce bulletins, newsletters and promotions. We can also take care of our dedicated staff.



## 2 Sunday Worship Services

As a liturgical church, the heart and soul of who we are is expressed in our worship services. Your pledge makes it possible for us to offer weekly worship services as we have for 130 years.



## 3 Music Ministry

Our beautiful and inspiring music lifts our spirits and connects us with God. Your pledge helps us to provide wonderful music as an important part of our worship experience.



## 4 Youth & Children's Ministries

Our Sunday School and Youth Group Programs are provided to families for no charge. Your pledge makes it possible for us to support families as they develop their faith.



## 5 Prayer & Pastoral Care

Taking care of those in need is one of our most important callings. With your help, we can continue to take Holy Communion out to the sick or shut in and provide prayer and support to those who need it.



## 6 Fellowship & Formation

All are invited to enjoy the fellowship and hospitality following Sunday services. We also offer many opportunities for life-long formation as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.



## 7 Outreach

The people of St. Paul's have a heart for outreach. We take seriously our call to serve Christ by serving the world. Your pledge will help us continue this very important work.



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