



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.*



Online Bulletin

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

**Proper 14 Year C**

**August 11, 2019 10:15 a.m.**

### *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 Sunday School program for all children and youth begins at 10am in the sanctuary with a Bible Story and a song with corresponding ASL signs. We move to Room 14 at 10:10 for activities and discussion of our story for the day. Children return to the sanctuary for Eucharist. They will be brought into the chapel in the sanctuary and parents may pick them up there. If you would like your child to participate in our Summer Sunday School, Celebrating Families, please sign them in and get a wrist band and name tag either as you enter church (prior to 10am) or in Room 14.*

*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** *Andantino* *Franciszek Walczyński*

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

**Entrance Hymn** **Rejoice, rejoice believers** **Hymnal 68**

**Opening Salutation** *Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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** **Now thank we all our God (v.1)** **Hymnal 397**

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

## 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 for the reading of scripture.*

*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

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.

- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
 he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
 for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
 as we have put our trust in you.

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

*All stand as able to sing.*

**Day by day, dear Lord**

**Hymnal 654**

**Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
 to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
 follow thee more nearly, day by day.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

Luke 12:32-40

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant*     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

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

*All stand as able 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 catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

*Server*

Father, we pray for your holy Church:  
**That we all may be one.**

*Leader*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

<sup>2</sup> Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

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.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**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 those of others.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 and Other Special Occasions**

*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***

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.*

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

### **Offertory**

*Improvisation on the day's hymns*

*Felix Eisenhauer*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Praise our great and gracious Lord**

**Hymnal 393**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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:

### **Sanctus**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**Wonder, Love & Praise 785**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart, adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon teadora!**

**Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart, adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

*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.

*All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. 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 to receive 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.*

*Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.*

**Communion Music**                      *Guitar Improvisation*    *Reid Edwards*  
*Vier Impromptus D.935, Nr.2 in As-dur-Allegretto*    *Franz Schubert*

**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**                      **How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!**                      **Hymnal 533**  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**Announcements**  
*Please be seated.*

### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**                                      *Celebration!*    *David Paxton*

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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. Infants may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Preschool aged children are invited to join our Summer Sunday School. 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.
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## ***Serving This Week***

### **Acolytes**

### **Chalice**

### **Psalm**

### **Lay Readers**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Cantor**

### **Eucharistic Prayer Minister**

### **Pastoral Care Team**

### **Ushers**

### **Vestry Greeter**

### **Welcome Ministry**

### **Hospitality**

### **Altar Guild**

### **Flower Guild**

### **Counters**

### **Facility Lock Up**

Roger Crow, Ti Nahabedian

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Larry Myers

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Woody Bretz

Marcia Semple, Pat Malchak

Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Norm & Pam Owens

Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith

Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews

Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson

Greg McCombs



## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b> <b>8/11</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Room 12)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>8/12</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>8/13</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	12:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
<b>Weds.</b> <b>8/14</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Family Potluck and Planning
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>8/15</b>	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>8/16</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>8/17</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>8/18</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Sanctuary/Room 14)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Room 12)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel/Courtyard)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Gooden Center)



## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 11, 2019***

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

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

### ***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
- + U.S. Armed services 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 Wawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Alan Wirsig  
Mike Williams  
JoAnne Goodman

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector  
The Rev. Liz Williams, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting  
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## Announcements August 11, 2019

*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-Jo Ellen Heil**

**10:15 am- Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Norm & Pam Owens**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Dela Parker, Bill Brewer*

*10:15 Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton, Ted & Laura Andrews )*

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Woody Bretz, come by and say hello!**

### *Please join us again next Sunday!*



*The Spirit is moving and we're improving...*

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AROUND KAHLER HALL** We look forward to enjoying a beautiful new entrance from the parking lot down to and around Kahler Hall! While under construction, continue to use the parking lot, but instead of entering as usual through or around Kahler Hall, **follow the sidewalk along Loma Vista Road up to the Church Gate and enter there.**

**Summer Sunday School** is in Room 14, **Coffee Hour** will take place in our beautiful outdoor spaces and in Room 12. Nursery will continue as usual.

**There will be no access to Kahler Hall for at least three weeks, so please excuse the inconvenience!**



### THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH PROJECT...

#### REACH! OUT TO OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – With two ways you can help!

- 1) **Make a Donation** - It is time to replenish the financial soup pot! The Souper Bowl fundraising for Family to Family provided about 1,400 lunches and kept us going 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 250 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 to raise \$4,400 which will fund the ministry through January.
- 2) **Take a Reach Bag and Fill it with Food** - In addition to your generous donations, we will also be using our Red Reach Bags to collect food for St. Paul's Lunch Program. Did you know we hand out lunches to our hungry neighbors every week through our office? Each person receives 2 sandwiches, a banana, and a hard-boiled egg as well as a canned item, a granola bar, crackers and a sweet. Let's stock the pantry shelves!

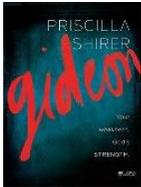
*Monetary donations for any of these items are gratefully accepted.  
Checks, Cash, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256.*

**Thank you!**



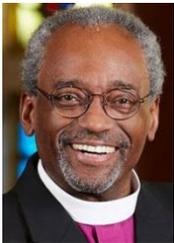
**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, August 15th**

All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's Cafe. 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 to let us know you're coming.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Friday Mornings beginning 8/23**

We will begin a new study on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This seven session study will be on Gideon using the book *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer. We meet at 9:30am in St. Paul's Library (right off the parking lot) and would love to have you join us.



**OUR CHURCH BELLS WILL RING – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Why? In commemoration of 400 years of African American history and culture. Our presiding Bishop, Michael Curry has invited us to participate in a Healing Day and National Bell Ringing. Join us at St. Paul's at 3pm as we remember, seek healing and recommit ourselves to the work of abolishing the scourge of modern-day slavery.

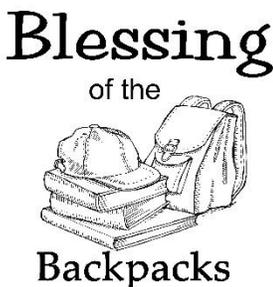
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**SUMMER PROGRAM BIG FINALE – August 25<sup>th</sup>:** We're counting down to our big celebration! Join us after the 10:15 service on Sunday, 8/25 when all our children will proudly present for you their favorite song, their beautiful scrapbooks and the amazing quilt they created as a part of this summer's program *A Family Celebration*. Bring your friends and neighbors.

We'll have Root Beer Floats for everyone!

Until then, join us each week at 10am for Bible story and music (with ASL) in the sanctuary followed by fun and interesting activities in Room 14.



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND NEW BEGINNINGS – Sunday, August 25th**

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

The blessing will be offered at both services.  
Bring your friends and join us as we lift our prayers and give thanks for new beginnings and opportunities to learn and grow.



**SENIOR SOCIAL – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Senior Social will be at the Townehouse in the home of Esther McClain  
Join us Tuesday, August 27 at 9:30am. All are welcome!

Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, 8/22 so we'll know how many to expect.

	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, September 9:</b> We have two selections this month! <i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes</i> by Jason Fagone is a true story of love, spies and the unlikely heroine who outwitted America’s enemies. <i>When a Toy Dog Became a Wolf and the Moon Broke Curfew</i> by Hendrika de Vries details how Hendrika survives harrowing experiences in Nazi occupied Amsterdam and discovers the woman she wants to become. Hendrika will be meeting with us at this meeting, so please <b>RSVP</b> to Paula or the church office so we know how many to expect. The book is not available until August 27. You can pre-order on Amazon. The location of the meeting will depend upon the number attending, so watch for an update. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King and open to all women of the parish.</p>
	<p><b>FOLLOW UP PRESENTATION FROM NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP – Sunday 9/15:</b> Dr. Steve Jones will give a presentation on the recent Medical Mission trip to Nigeria. Come hear how your support helped our neighbors in this far off land. Join us in Kahler Hall after each service.</p>
	<p><b>FANS</b> have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.</p>
	<p><b>ST. PAUL’S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE:</b> Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week’s ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul’s Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the “Learning Sign Language” playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul’s has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p>
	<p><b>SAVE THE DATES:</b> <b>Sunday, August 25</b> – Blessing of the Backpacks <b>Friday, September 6</b> – Episcopal Dodger Night <b>Sunday, September 8</b> – Homecoming Sunday</p>

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