



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



Online Bulletin

## The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

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June 9, 2019 8 a.m.

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*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. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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### Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

**Prelude**

*Trumpet Dialogue*

*Franklin Ashdown*

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

**Entrance Hymn**

**Hail thee, festival day!**

**Hymnal 225**

**Opening Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

**People      And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works; \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all creation.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading**

Romans 8:14-17

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**Holy Gospel**

*Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.*

John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God faithfully in this holy catholic<sup>1</sup> Church.

**Celebrant** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
**People** **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

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*Deacon*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.<sup>2</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, Ed, and Dick;* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor,* that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Laura, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Stephanie, Wilma, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, JoAnne, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(See page 10 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Joe Hernandez and those whose names we bring before God,* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## New Member Blessing

*Please be seated.*

We ask your prayers as we welcome these persons who are joining with us as members of St. Paul's, Ventura.

**Loving God, by whose inspiration this congregation was established over 130 years ago; Bless these new members. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us together as one body dedicated to worshiping, loving and serving you. Help us to grow in love and faith. Stir us to serve and support one another and equip us for our many ministries as we work together to serve as the Light of Christ in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## Announcements

## **Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

## *Liturgy of the Table*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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## Offertory

## *I'm Goin'-a Sing!*

*arr. Robin Dinda*

## **Presentation Hymn**

## Spirit divine, attend our prayers

Hymnal 509

*Please stand.*

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## The Lord's Prayer

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## **Breaking of the Bread**

**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 Lamb. 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 a blessing from the priest.*

**Communion Music**Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Archer/Proulx/Quignard

**Post Communion Prayer***Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

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**Blessing**

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.  
May God take your lips and speak through them  
May God take your hands and work through them.  
May God take your hearts and set them on fire!

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn****Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove****Hymnal 512***Please stand as you are able.*

*Sprinkling with holy water. If you prefer not to get sprinkled with holy water, please move toward the outer aisle for a moment.*

**Dismissal**

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Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude***Trumpet Rondo*

Franklin Ashdown

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2 A Prayer for Tolerance Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron

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## **Serving This Week 6/09/2019**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Roger Crow
<b>Psalm</b>	Roger Crow
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Pauli Powers
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Cantor</b>	Diego Magaña
<b>Ushers</b>	Peter & Sharon Bowers, Richard Goodman
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Dela Parker, Bill Brewer

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

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>6/9</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Pentecost Party(Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>6/10</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>6/11</b>	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team
	12:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room)
<b>Weds.</b> <b>6/12</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Labyrinth Walk
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>6/13</b>	8:30 am	Building and Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>6/14</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>6/15</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>6/16</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

## **Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 9, 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  
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

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

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Stephanie, Wilma, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, JoAnne, Carrie, Linda, Judy, 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 Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### **IN MEMORIUM**

Joe Hernandez

*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. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

Dr. Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister

Tara Eisenhauer, Assistant Music Minister

Sara Edwards, Organist

Nadia Talley, ASL Interpreter

Paula Robertson, Parish Administrator

Kathleen Jensen, Assistant Administrator

Heidi Trevisan, Sunday School Director; Wendy Olivier, Nursery Caregiver

# St. Paul's Announcements June 9, 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-Dela Parker, Bill Brewer**

**10:15 am Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill, Janalee Young**

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

*10:15 Norm & Pam Owens, Ruth McCool, Bert & Ernie Fickerson)*

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Grace Dunlevy, come by and say hello!**

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



**THANK YOU** to today's guest musician, Gabe Garnett on trumpet!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our REACH project for Laundry Love! We collected about \$160 in quarters and another \$330 in donations plus a truck load of supplies. Our next REACH Project will be collecting school supplies on behalf of Project Understanding. Look for the red REACH bags coming to you soon!



**Celebrate the Birthday of the Church and  
130 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.  
All are invited to the party today after the 10:15 service!**

Lunch at 11:30 in Kahler Hall

**Bring your friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome!**



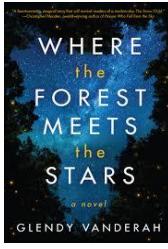
**NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP:** St. Paul's parishioners Dr. Steve Jones, Karen and Tegan Jones are going on a medical mission trip to Nigeria on June 20. Thank you for \$1376 in donations! All are invited to a "packing Party" Today **Sunday, June 9** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall (Biedermann Hall behind the church). Stop by any time between 12:30 to about 3:00pm to help out!



**CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF HEIDI TREVISAN – NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16 at 10:15:**  
Help us celebrate the ministry of our wonderful Sunday School Director, Heidi Trevisan, and thank her for her years of service. Though leaving this position, she will continue the journey of faith with us at St. Paul's and be available to serve the Lord in new and exciting ways. Our celebration will continue following the 10:15am service with cupcakes and root beer floats for everyone in Kahler Hall.



**EVERY SUMMER SUNDAY – HYMNS ARE HIP AND COTTAS ARE COOL! SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR – BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 23:** Want to get a taste of the choir but can't commit year round? Join us at 9:30am any Sunday starting June 23 until September. Meet in the Music Room for a brief warm-up and to familiarize yourself with the hymns for the day. We will then sing the hymns together from the back of the church. Talk to Felix if you have questions.

 <p><b>SUMMER</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – JUNE 23-AUGUST 25:</b> This year's theme is <i>A Family Celebration</i>. We will look at families in the Bible and talk about our own families. Each child will create a scrapbook, adding pages each week. Our teens will be building a town for us to learn about community and who is our neighbor. <b>SUPPLIES NEEDED</b>—Look for the list in the narthex (lobby). We are also looking for volunteers to help. Interested? Please contact Rev. Liz.</p>
	<p><b>FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR DEACON ED &amp; KATHERINE – SUNDAY, JUNE 30:</b> Join us after each service to thank Deacon Ed and Katherine for their 15 years of ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. We are so grateful to him for all his wonderful leadership, service and support, and to her for the wonderful Tai Chi classes, the gardening and all the ways she has supported this congregation!</p> <p>We'll celebrate with cake, the presentation of a gift from the parish, and an opportunity for people to come forward to express their gratitude and share their Deacon Ed stories. The exact date of his move is not yet determined, so we hope he will continue with us as long as possible. <b>Put this date on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!</b></p>
	<p><b>INTERESTED IN A JOINING A MINISTRY FOR THE SUMMER? SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES!</b></p> <p>If you'd like to try out a ministry or have a little more time to volunteer this summer, let us know. We'd love to help you get involved and make a difference! No experience necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Serving at or for Worship:</i> Assist the Altar Guild, Assist the Ushers, Assist the Welcome Greeters, Sing with the Summer Pick-up Choir, Assist the Flower Guild</li> <li>• <i>Working around the Campus:</i> Gardening, painting, cleaning, help with repairs, or help weed and harvest in our Congregational Garden</li> <li>• <i>Feeding the Hungry:</i> at Family to Family, or by handing out lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church Office</li> <li>• <i>Serving in the Name of Christ:</i> Help with Reach Projects and Outreach Planning</li> </ul>
	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MONDAY JULY 1:</b> Where the Forest Meets the Stars by Glendy Vanderah is our current selection. After personal losses and health issues, Joanna Teale returns to her graduate research on nesting birds in rural Illinois, determined to prove that her recent hardships have not broken her. She throws herself into her work from dusk to dawn, until her solitary routine is disrupted by the appearance of a mysterious child who teaches two strangers how to love and trust again. Join us at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome. <i>Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.</i></p>
	<p><b>EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE DODGERS – FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 6, 7:00 pm:</b> Come watch the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the San Francisco Giants and then stay afterwards to enjoy Friday Night Fireworks! Tickets are \$27.00 each and are located in the Reserved Section. The order deadline is July 21. Make your check out to St. Paul's and write "Dodger Night" on the memo line. Questions? Contact Kathleen in the Church Office.</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>←This sign means, "I love you."</p>
	<p><b>SAVE THE DATES:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, June 23</b> – Summer Sunday School Begins</p> <p><b>Sunday July 14</b> – Sack Lunch Packing Party</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 25</b> – Blessing of the Backpacks</p> <p><b>Friday, September 6</b> – Episcopal Dodger Night</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 8</b> – Homecoming Sunday</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 21</b> – Country Hoedown</p>

