



# St. Paul's by the Salish Sea Episcopal Church

An Inclusive and Progressive  
Community of Faith

Who, led by the Spirit, are guided to provide a safe harbor  
for those on their spiritual journey.  
And who work to bring God's loving justice into our world in need.

**August 1, 2021**  
**Proper 13**

## News for our Community

### Good Afternoon Friends!

As you are reading this John and I are hanging out with my brother and sister-in-law in Alamosa, CO. We are beyond grateful to escape how our neighborhood in Port Orchard celebrates the 4th, because it's terrifying and endless. It's nice being about to watch fantastic fireworks from your backyard, but I worry about fire each year, and both of us and the dogs hate the racket. ANYWAY, enough ranting, we are in Alamosa, CO.

**I totally miswrote our vacation times last week, proof that "discalcula" never disappears. We will be gone June 29- July 31. We will be back in church with you on August 1st.**

**BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!**  
**Mother Kathleen+**



### COFFEE HOUR

Do you love having coffee on Sunday mornings? Do you love eating the homemade snacks each week? We again have post-pandemic permission to have coffee hour, but we need folks to take on the responsibility. Might it be you and your friends fulfilling this calling?



We are considering starting up a **Pastoral Care** team this fall. This team would receive training here in the church, and would be prepared to do home visits, i.e. taking communion to our homebound folks. They would also have the option of being part of a **Healing/Prayer Team** that would be available to pray with those seeking extra prayer after receiving communion on Sunday mornings. If this sounds interesting to you, please let Mother Kathleen know.

The Book Group Of St Paul's will finish *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu this coming Monday. We found the book very helpful with a Fourfold Path for healing and forgiving.

Next we plan to have a one night discussion on Monday August 16th at 6:30PM to review *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. This is a great read. It is fiction, "based in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity. *The Book of Longings* is



**an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence her."**

**Read the book and join us on Zoom. I found the book hard to put down and a great read. (Zoom invite to be uploaded soon.)**

### **Who is the robed person leading the Saint Paul's procession on Sundays?**

Now that Saint Paul's by the Salish Sea has reopened, you may have wondered: who is the person wearing the gray and black robe and carrying a rod (or the cross) leading the procession?

There is a new position on the ministry team known as a vergers, and the rod that he/she carries is known as a verge. Medieval cathedrals and churches were the center of community life and commerce, and as people stood in the church (there were no pews) they often presented their offerings of livestock and harvested produce. This resulted in noisy mass confusion, with no center path for the clergy to pass through. It was the vergers who, using his verge, cleared the path of people and animals for the procession of clergy and acted as a "Master of Ceremonies."



Today's vergers no longer needs to plow a path for the procession, but it is their job to ensure that the service runs smoothly and double-check that all things are ready, i.e. clergy, altar, lay readers, live streaming and sound techs, etc.

At St. Paul's, the vergers performs the following duties at the request of Mother Kathleen:

- Hospitality to the parish and greet visitors.
- Participate in liturgy and services as directed by the rector.
- Recruit, train, and nurture acolytes, lectors, chalice bearers, and Eucharistic visitors.
- Coordinate and work with the altar guild, greeters, ushers, and sound technicians.
- The head (senior) vergers assists the rector in matters of liturgy, theology, and history as requested, and be familiar with the liturgies of the Episcopal Church and assist the priest with planning, designing, implementing, and executing them.

Vergers may perform special duties assigned by the rector that include but are not limited to:

- Acolyte master
- Vergers for schedules

- Liaison to the altar guild, ushers, and choir master
- Pastoral care verger
- Trainer of lectors and Eucharistic visitors
- Verger for funerals, weddings, and baptisms

If you would like to be a verger and assist as a Lord's workhorse, please contact Head Verger Declan Jarry III at 301-787-4261 or email [Declanjarry@me.com](mailto:Declanjarry@me.com). Your help is needed. Ideally, we would like to have four vergers in rotation. (And you get to wear the fancy robe!)

## From the Lord's Neighborhood Diner:

**We need volunteers!**

St. Paul's and the Lord's Neighborhood Diner are now supporting the Salvation Army by preparing dinner **ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SATURDAY** of every month between 2:30

and 5:30 pm. It is a safe environment, and you can park behind the Salvation Army for free. Temperatures are checked at the door, everyone wears masks, and gloves are provided in the kitchen. We prepare 45-70 dinners and put our delicious cuisine in containers that the Salvation Army staff distribute to the hungry folks. You will only be working in the kitchen and will not have direct contact with the diners.

Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming month of:  
**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (We've got July covered!)**

Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered: Sue Ahrens, Jim Manlove, Tara Chambless, Bonda Lewis, and Mary Jo Melia.

Blessings,  
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Hello my friends,

It's time for another Brigade

# Bremerton Backpack Brigade

Serving the first needs of the child, so that they may learn



newsletter! We're just starting to gear up for the new school year, but there are food drives and backpack collections going on between now and then that you might want to know about ahead of time.

I guess the most important thing to know about this upcoming year is that the kids will be back in school (in-person) and we'll resume packing and delivering on Fridays (or the last day of the school week) like we've done before. The schedule will be included in the September newsletter.

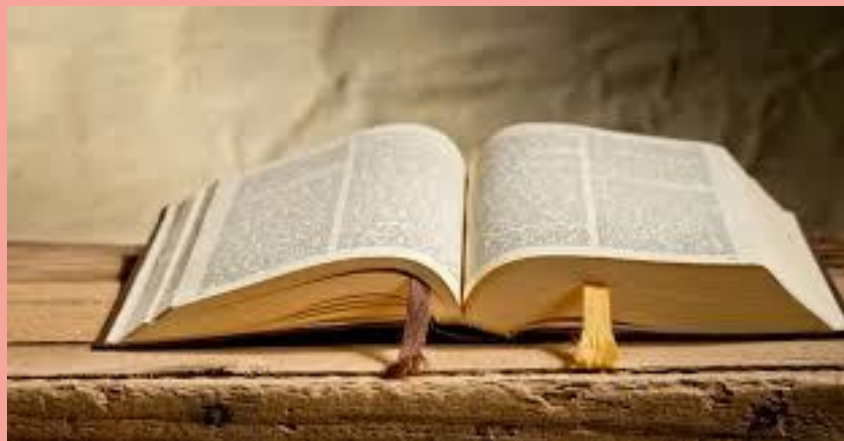
We're excited to see you all this fall, and don't forget: We'd love you to invite friends to come join us when you volunteer!

See ya soon,

Myra

[Click to read the August newsletter](#)

Bible Study is meeting in person! We meet Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Oliver Room to discuss the upcoming readings. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 4.



The readings for next Sunday (Aug. 8) are:

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34: 1-8

Ephesians 4: 25- 5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, please call Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139.

**A Holy  
Waste of  
Time  
Weekend  
Retreat  
for Young  
Adults**

Adults in  
their 20s &  
30s from  
around the

Diocese of Olympia are invited to a weekend of fun, friendship, faith, and blessed time-wasting at St. Andrew's House from August 20-22, 2021.

Feel free to choose your own adventure! Options for time-wasting include: kayaking, paddleboarding, and swimming the beautiful calm waters of the Puget Sound; taking a hike on the forest trails nearby; or simply reading and sunning at the lodge. We'll also offer some optional activities like yoga, music, and art. Each evening we'll close with prayer and song, and on Sunday morning we'll celebrate Eucharist together.

\$110/person includes lodging, delicious locally-sourced meals, and all activities. Scholarships available. More info. and register here:

<https://holy-waste-of-time.eventbrite.com>





Two weeks before global climate

negotiations, on 17 and 18 October, people of diverse religions will rise to send a message: destroying the planet is against our religions.

Join us for Faiths 4 Climate Justice Kickoff.

Call to learn more about this event!

**[Click here for more information on Faiths 4 Climate Justice](http://www.faiths4climatejustice.org)**



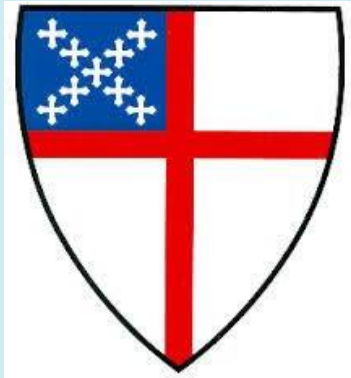
## Coming Out Concert

Planning for the Coming Out Concert is coming together and vendor registration is open!

This will be an in-person event on Saturday, July 31 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Gordon Field at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Kim Archer is our headliner. The Boys and Girls Club is planning a teen area. KPHD will have a pop-up vaccine clinic. Our vendor area is filling up with non-profits, artisans, and food vendors. A lot of familiar faces and some we'll be seeing for the first time.

We'd love to have you join us!



**Church office hours:  
Tuesdays - Thursdays  
10:00AM - 2:00PM  
If you require assistance,  
please call Philip at 360-377-  
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