



# 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.

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## News for our Community

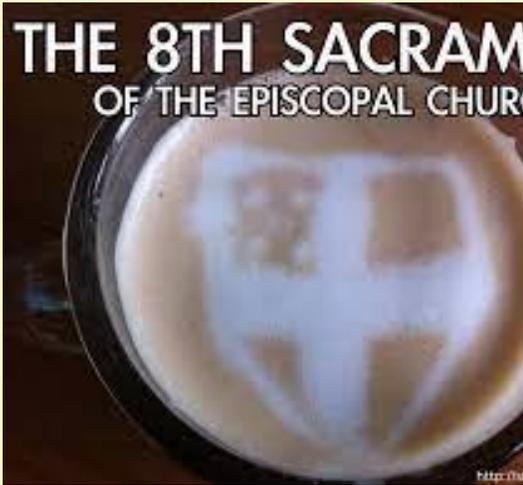
**Good Afternoon Friends!**

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+**

## THE 8TH SACRAMENT OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### 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



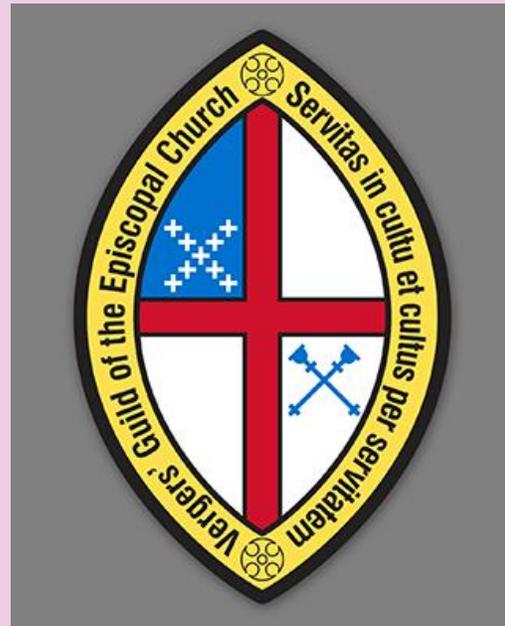
meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity. *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence 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 verger, 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 verger 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 verger 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 verger 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) verger 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
- Verger 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!)**

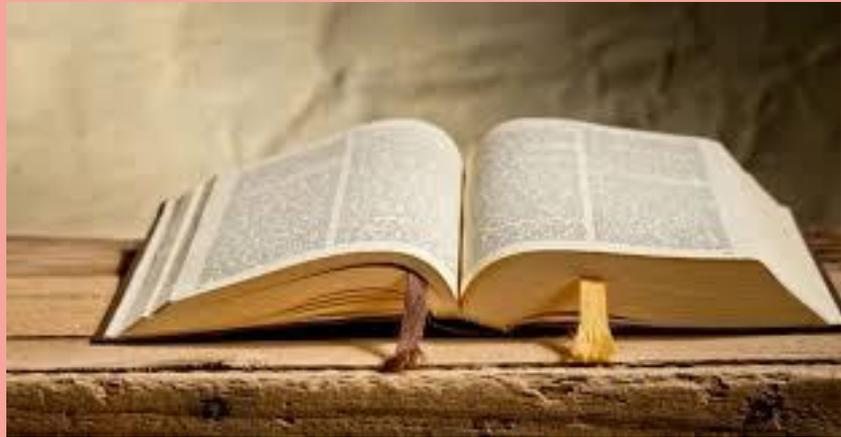
Thank you to all those who have previously volunteered: Sue Ahrens, Jim Manlove, Tara Chambless, Bonda Lewis, and Mary Jo Melia.

Blessings,  
Jackie King  
[Jackie\\_king@comcast.net](mailto:Jackie_king@comcast.net)



**(206) 849-2803**

**Bible Study is meeting in person! We will meet Wednesday, July 28 at 9:30am to discuss the readings for Sunday, August 1. We meet in the Oliver Room at St. Paul's.**



**The readings for this week are:**

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

**Psalms 78: 23-29**

**Ephesians 4: 1-16**

**John 6: 24-35**

**Everyone is welcome to join! If you have questions, call Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139**

***A note from Morgan Tondreault of the STS Foundation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to intercultural student exchange:***

**My name is Morgan and I am looking for a family in the Bremerton area to host Yannes from Germany, who will be a high school exchange student this fall. I wanted to reach out to see if you could assist me in finding him a family.**

**Yannes will be 16 and is an active Christian. His**

**hobbies include soccer, reading, and playing the piano. He has taken six years of English, three years of Spanish, and he has excellent references from his teachers who describe him as an enthusiastic, respectful, and communicative student.**



Yannes says, "I would like to go to the USA because you hear an incredible amount about the country here in Germany and because I want to get my own picture of it. I want to experience what everyday life looks like with an American citizen, what you do all day, and how your lives differ from ours."

I think Yannes would be a great addition to the community and I wanted to reach out and ask if you or anyone you know may be interested in hosting him this year. I am also offering a donation in exchange for the name of a family that hosts a student this coming fall. It is through exchange that we plant seeds of kindness and understanding while building friendship around the world.

Thank you!

Morgan Tondreault  
Marketing and Communications Coordinator  
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#### Commonly Asked Questions

#### Yannes from Germany



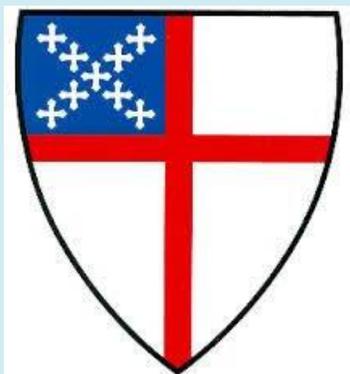
## Coming Out Concert

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!



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