

St. Paul's by the Salish Sea Episcopal Church

WE ARE 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.

October 17, 2021
Proper 24

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Episcopal Priests: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight & the Rev. David Dinkins

Preacher/Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Georgann Falotico

Lay Readers: Richard Horn, Joanna Baas & Georgann Falotico

Altar Guild: Terri Anderson, Tara Chambless & Mackenzie Cahill

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people
and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.*

**Join us for the 111th Convention of the Episcopal
Diocese of Olympia October 29-30** as we attempt to
live into the promise made in our Baptismal Covenant
to strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of
all. It will be a time to gather virtually in community for
workshops and worship, a time to assemble remotely
once more as we do the work of the diocese. Join us
as we gather together once more as the Body of Christ
- with God's help.





All Things Bright and Beautiful! Some parish pets from last Sunday's Blessing of the Animals.

OUR MINISTRY TO THE WORLD: WE We will continue to offer our services online even after the pandemic recedes. So to do that and while making the experience seamless we need to upgrade! After consulting with Diocesan experts, we've decided upon a system that will cost approximately \$10,000: 3 stationary cameras that can shift and zoom in, microphones to pick up the organ, and the congregation, updated mixing board, and an updated computer to manage it all.



We have been offered a **matching donation of \$5000 to update and equip the church for this our video ministry to the world.**

Will you help us raise the matching \$5,000 to make this a reality?

Please make donations online or with checks with the notation of "**Our Ministry to the World,**" or with cash in an envelope Sunday morning with the same notation. **Our latest numbers show \$2599 toward our goal.** Thank you for your generosity!

If you wonder if this ministry is worth it, here are a few analytics from Facebook for the last month: we have about 550 people who are following us regularly, the Blessing of the Animals got the most reaches of 261 beyond our regular 40 folks in the pews. Most Sunday we boost our "membership" by another 50-100 with those who watch via Facebook. So, yes, we will continue this ministry... let's make sure that we do it well.

OH, and BTW that one Sunday most recently when we couldn't get anything to work well in morning. The same was happening across the Diocese. Even the Cathedral was having problems. So it wasn't just a St. Paul's issue.

THANK YOU!!!!!!





There have been many of you who have expressed either an interest in working, or those interested in participating in the upcoming **COME AND SEE/ CURSILLO** weekend that was supposed to have been at the beginning of December.

For months the team has been working toward that goal, but with the continuing high numbers of COVID, and lots of prayer, we have decided to postpone it until Memorial Day Weekend.

So the weekend will be **May 27-29, at Camp Huston**. Both John and I will be working the weekend, and a few others within our community as well. So I hope that

you'll reconsider and decide yet again to join us for this weekend where we learn more about God's love, and what it feels like in the midst of a wonderful community!!!!

This week has been one of having many opportunities to visit with folks, interact at meals and share deeply in ZOOM meetings. I might not have been in the office all the time, but ministry gets done in a multitude of means and locations! We had our second discernment team meeting, Executive team meeting in preparation for next week's Vestry meeting, and another planning meeting for the May COME AND SEE/ CURSILLO weekend for May of 2022.

BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!

Mother Kathleen+

FREE WOOD FOR WINTER WARMTH!

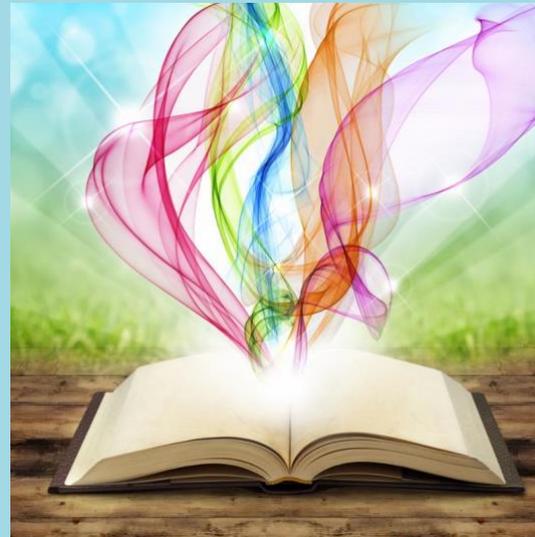
Tara Chambless has a pile of wood to offer to anyone who is willing to haul it away and use it. Please contact her with your interest: tarac117@gmail.com



The Book Group Of St. Paul's meets every Monday evening at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

We are currently reading: *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?: Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World* by Brian D. McLaren

McLaren uses the metaphor of great religious leaders crossing the road to converse about key matters of faith. Yet he seems to make the strongest case for fostering tolerance of other religions, while implementing Christian doctrine and maintaining Christian identity, through a single personal story. His brother offers to move some furniture into his new apartment and decides to play a practical joke, flooding the bathroom with several hundred balloons. McLaren must enlist the help of a neighbor boy to invite a virtual parade of children into the apartment to carry away the balloons. The resulting friendship between the Christian author and the Muslim boy provides an essential life lesson about loving our neighbors and tolerating their differences. McLaren makes additional valid points about the need to accept others and their various faiths while not compromising on Christian identity, but this particular anecdote leaves by far the most lasting impression. For Christians on the fence about whether to accept others and their faiths, or to insist that only Christianity can adequately serve, this book provides important insights. —Susan DeGrane



Come and Join Us!

Read the book and join us on Zoom. I found the book hard to put down and a great read.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253008185?pwd=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaa2Z2UURDZz09>

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Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the next Sunday. The readings are:

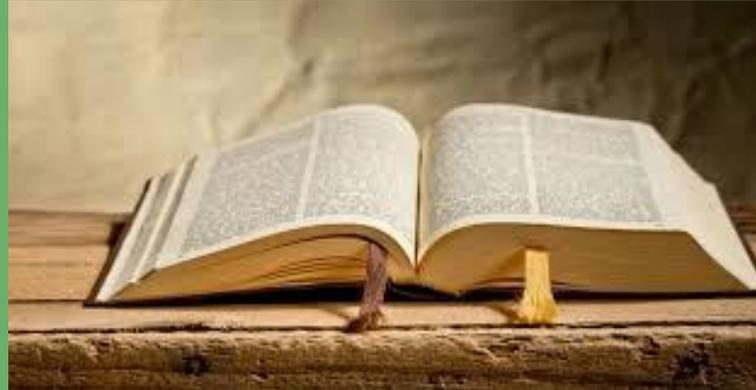
Job 42:1-6,10-17

Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

All are welcome! Please contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139 with any questions.



See you on Wednesday!

Do you know any young people that might be looking for part-time work? Canterbury Manor is looking for dining room servers. Requirements for the job include:

- **Passing a State Background Check**
- **Passing a drug test**
- **Having COVID vaccine shots**

Please contact Canterbury Manor at 360-377-0113 if interested.



Promise for the Future 34th Annual Bremerton Central Lions Virtual Auction Event

The fun begins on Friday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm, with a virtual happy hour kick-off event!

Virtually visit with the Bremerton Central Lions officers and learn about the many auction items available for bidding. Bidding happens all week from Friday, October 22, and ends with our auction finale event on Saturday, October 30.

Incredible items available this year including a Holland America Cruise, unique vacation experiences, and more!

This year's Raise-the-Paddle benefits the Olympic College Promise Scholarship.

[Click here for more information and registration](#)



From the Lord's Neighborhood Diner:

We need volunteers!

St. Paul's and the Lord's Neighborhood Diner are supporting the Salvation Army by preparing dinner 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 date of:
Saturday, November 13, 2021

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

Blessings,
Jackie King
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(206) 849-2803



SAVE THE DATE

Port Madison Dialogues

Four Part Online Panel Discussions

Suquamish Tribal leaders will share the history of the Suquamish Tribe, current issues facing the Tribe, and the impacts of the sometimes difficult relationships between Tribal and non-Tribal communities.

Tribal members will share poetry, songs, and stories.

Thursdays

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Sept. 23

Oct. 7

Oct. 21

Nov. 4



<https://bit.ly/PortMadison>

Please plan to attend all four sessions.

Sponsored by Kitsap County, the Suquamish Tribe, and the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County.

Discussions take place 6:30-8:00 pm on the following Thursdays: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21 and Nov. 4. The sessions will cover: Since Time Immemorial - Early History; Tribal Sovereignty and Governance; Current Issues Facing the Tribe; and a Wrap-Up Circle - Grief and Healing.

The events are open to the public and people are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

To learn more and to register in advance (required), click [here](#) or visit <https://bit.ly/PortMadison>.

Hi everyone,

There's lots of news in this month's newsletter, some very important changes in our practices, and some pretty blatant begging for mid-week help (we've absolutely no pride at all when it comes to asking for your help). And it's your fault -- you're all so dang good at what you do!

Check it out and get back to us with your questions. We love you and are bursting with pride at how you have faithfully pivoted, over and over, as circumstances and COVID have required. We are quite a team!

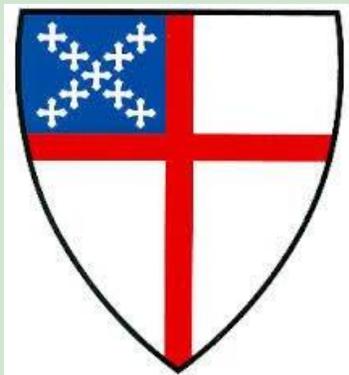
Thank you, xo's,
Myra

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



Read the BBB October Newsletter



Church office hours:

Tuesdays - Thursdays

10:00AM - 2:00PM

**If you require assistance, please call Philip
at 360-377-0106 or
email stpaul700@gmail.com.**
