

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 3, 2021
Proper 22

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

Clergy: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight & the Rev. David Dinkins

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Sue Ahrens

Lay Readers: Declan Jarry III, Alice Gray & Sue Ahrens

Altar Guild: Barbara Anderson & Mollyshannon Neel

A Celebration of Life

On Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 pm, we will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Janice Williamson. She and her husband were members of St. Paul's years ago, so this is a homecoming for her. Please join us for this celebration if you can and remember this wonderful woman!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The last Sunday of the Season of Creation comes this week, close to the Feast day of St. Francis. As we have done for years we will close with the blessing for our animals. It will happen during the 10:00 am service. All your animal kids are welcome.

And if kids want to bring their stuffed toy animals, they are welcome as well for a blessing!



BIG NEWS!

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 \$10,000: Stationary cameras that can shift and zoom in, microphones to pick up the organ, and the congregation, updated mixing board etc.



And here's the GREAT part.

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

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.

**AS OF TODAY 9.24 WE HAVE RAISED \$1,659 TOWARD OUR GOAL!!!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Meet one of our newest members!

Hello, my name is Jenny Berthelsen. I'm pretty new to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, but I'm excited to be here with all of you. I currently live in Bremerton. I have a tortoiseshell cat named Potato and a mouse named Remy. I've lived in many different places before moving here, including Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, and Nuremberg, Germany. In my spare time I enjoy yoga, nature walks, and disc golf.

Currently, I am employed with the Coffee Oasis, a non-profit organization that serves youth ages 13-25 in Kitsap and Pierce Counties. Some of our programs include youth shelters, supportive housing, case management, and host homes. Our mission is to help all youth from all walks of life regardless of religion or lack of religion, race, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, military status, or political ideologies or views.

The host home program is a youth-led program where families open their hearts and homes to take in youth who might otherwise not have a place to call home. The youth work on goals while having the stability of a home. If you would like to learn more about the program, please check our website: thecoffeeoasis.com/hosthome.

You may also reach out to me before or after Sunday service, or contact me via phone at 360.602.1782 or email at jenny.berthelsen@thecoffeeoasis.com.

Jenny Berthelsen



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Good Afternoon Friends!

I'm keeping all the **reminders below** until we know that we gathered all of our questionnaire waivers again. But there is also new news.

Finally **our church sign has been fixed**, and all the bullet holes either filled or the panelling fixed. It looks great! Thank you to Hansen Signs for their expertise and to Karen Hobson who is our parish project manager, riding herd on any and all contractors who help us here at St. Paul's.



SIGN IN PROTOCOLS DURING COVID

Due to a misunderstanding, the church office regrets that the weekly COVID Screening Questionnaires with the waiver were not kept on file, but shredded after a period of three weeks following each Sunday service. We request that you each complete the questionnaire and waiver this Sunday, which will then be kept on permanent file. Once you have completed the COVID Screening Questionnaire, including the waiver that the church is not liable if you contract COVID, you don't need to fill this out again. After completing this form, you should get a sticker for your name tag that proves that you've completed the screening. If you didn't get a star sticker OR if yours fell off, then sign the form again, prove your vaccination status, and we'll provide a sticker. This can be done at the long table in the church narthex as you enter. Once that process is done, it's done. Then each week you

only need to sign the Contact Tracing Sheet so that we have a means of knowing who was in church on any given Sunday if an outbreak occurs.

Let me assure you, All of our adults are vaccinated! I am so proud of this parish. Some of our teens are vaccinated. It is only our youngest ones who are not, and for the most part the families are keeping their kids away from church.

The only time when the priest is unmasked is while preaching, and we are safely distanced from all of you. Also, the musicians are at a distance from the congregation, for safety's sake. **THERE HAVE BEEN NO CASES OF COVID RELATED TO ST. PAUL'S.**

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



INDIVISIBLE BREMERTON

In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to: Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. One of the best ways to do that is through our involvement in local elections and activities.

Here is the link people can use to sign up for the newsletter for Indivisible Bremerton:

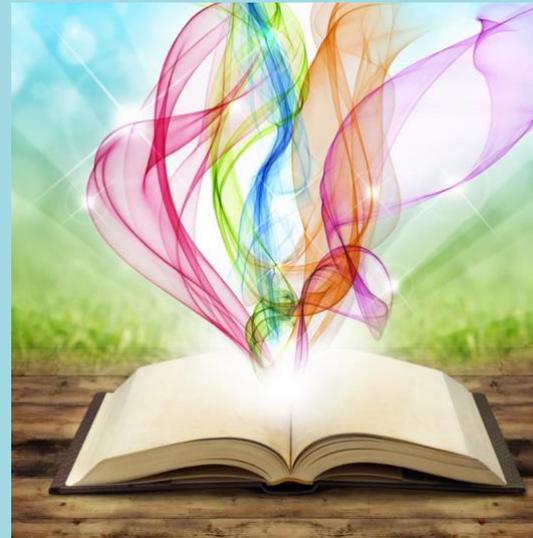
<https://eventbrite.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=4ec6912c1146b2b6fd2418e57&id=8e83146350>.



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>

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185

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Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the next Sunday. The readings are:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

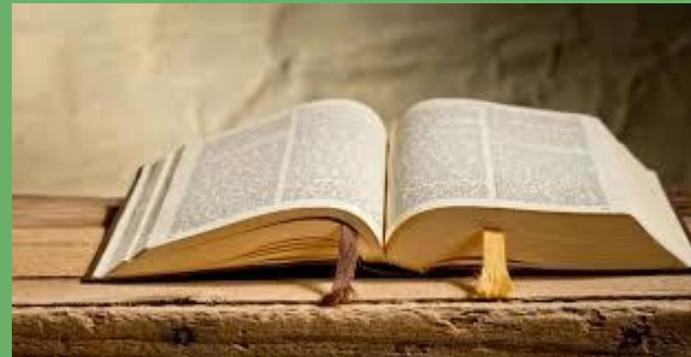
Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139.

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.



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.

We now have all the necessary volunteers for the month of September.



Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming date of:
Saturday, October 9, 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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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,

attached is the October Newsletter. Talk about just squeaking in under the wire, before October is actually upon us. there's just so much to do to prepare for this new school year, the newsletter got back burner status for a few days.. Someday we'll be so organized, it will hurt your eyes to look at us, but evidently, not yet.

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 all out, take a minute to digest it all (we did) and get back to us with your questions. We love you and we're 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,

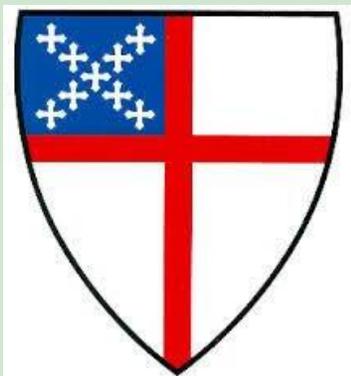
Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



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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.
