

# St. Paul's 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.

September 19, 2021  
Proper 20





## **BIG NEWS!**

Have you appreciated having the option of attending church on-line during the Pandemic, and when you needed to worship in your PJ's?

Did you know that all the camera's (IPhones), Video mixer's (IPad's) and tripods are all personal equipment? They belong to me MK+, John, Declan, Duane, Joseph, Marty and others?

Did you know that the program that we have been using to make all of this possible is being paid for by a parishioner, above and beyond his regular pledge?

Have you realized that our system is something that we each have cobbled together, without the help of experts?

**WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES**, so that we can continue to offer our Sunday worship online and make the experience seamless! After consulting with a number of 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 equip the church for this 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 on Sunday morning.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!!!!!**

**Good Afternoon Friends!**

**PER OUR GOVERNOR'S DEGREE WE WILL BE MASKED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL.**

**Ok, we need to talk about a few things, so we have some clarity on Sunday mornings:**

**First of all, once you have signed in giving your vaccination status, and your agreement NOT to hold that church responsible if for some reason you got COVID, you DON'T have to sign it again. We keep those records. After signing all of that, you should have gotten a sticker for your name tag that proves you've gone through that 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 give you a sticker.**

**Secondly, once that whole process is done it's done. Then each week you only need to sign in on the Contact Tracing sheet. The reason for that is so we have a means of knowing who is in church on any given Sunday.**

**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 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 SAINT PAULS.**

**The break through COVID cases are happening because of exposure to the non-vaccinated, AND unmasked sick folks. If you are continuing to live within the bubble of your normal life, and not working side by side with the unvaccinated, you should not be a risk. IF you are afraid of being at Church, please know that we continue our live streaming every Sunday.**

**OK, so that's the first thing I needed to talk to you about. Now, let's consider the issue of "Cat Herding." "What you might be saying, what is cat herding?" Well over the years, the vestry has designated the priest as the chief cat herder because we've seen over the the last 11 years how difficult it is to get folks to move in the same direction... just like trying to lead a clowder/glaring/OR pounce of cats. This upcoming Sunday a couple of us will be helping folks with distancing in the pews so no one is breathing down anyone's back.**

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

# 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:

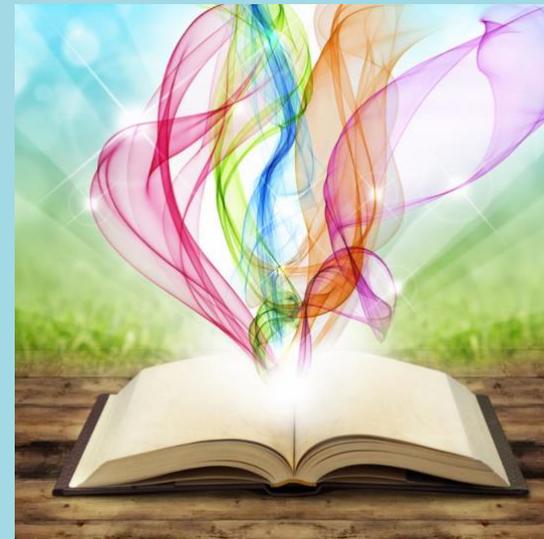
<https://eventbrite.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=4ec6912c1146b2b6fd2418e57&id=8e83146350>.



## 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**

**Passcode: journey**

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 22 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the next Sunday. The readings are:

Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22

Psalm 124

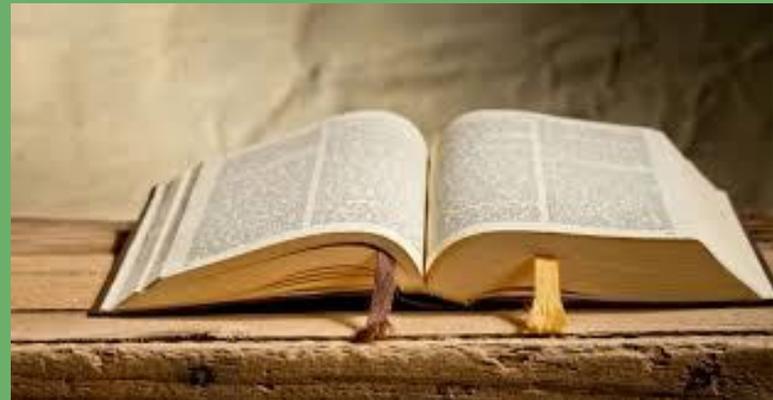
James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Sue

Ahrens at 360.471.2139

See you on Wednesday!



## 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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(206) 849-2803



Cost:  
\$1 per  
pound

# SHREDDING EVENT

Cost:  
\$1 per  
pound

Watch while your Documents are Shredded

Drive Thru - Masks Required

Elks Parking Lot, 4131 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton

Saturday, September 18, 2021

9:00AM to 1:00 PM

**BREMERTON CENTRAL LIONS FUNDRAISER**



Recycle -no charge

TV Monitors, Towers, Laptops

[Hard Drives destroyed at Facility=\$10]



**Donate:**



**used eyeglasses, hearing aids & cell  
phones to support the Lions Club**



How would you like to start cleaning out your garage of stuff that you no longer need, or are able to recycle before winter sets in? Well, do I have a deal for you!

Between now and the end of September, you are welcome to utilize our church's dumpster. It's emptied early on Monday mornings. Make sure that any smelly garage stuff is placed in the dumpster closer to Saturday so that it's not in there for a long period of time.

Also, if the dumpster is full when you arrive, please do not overfill. We need the lid to be shut tight at all times to keep critters out. Please pick up after yourselves if you drop things. No one is scheduled for dumpster cleanup and that includes me. Finally, *please do not drop off any household appliances or hazardous waste materials.*

Thank you!

Karen Hobson  
Project Manager

350 West Sound Climate Action and Sunrise South Kitsap

present....

# Global Day of Climate Action

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September 25th, 2021  
11 AM, Bremerton WA

Meeting at Manette Bridge and  
marching to Evergreen Park





# 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**

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,

Our biggest news for this newsletter is: THE BRIGADE PANTRY HAS MOVED! This move was unexpected but very welcome. Our board of directors are filled with gratitude for this much bigger space the school district has made available for us. The new portable is behind Naval Avenue Early Learning Center (900 Olympic Ave).

We do not have a start date yet for this year, but the goal is to begin packing and delivering food backpacks by mid to late September. We'll keep everyone posted as plans fall into place.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

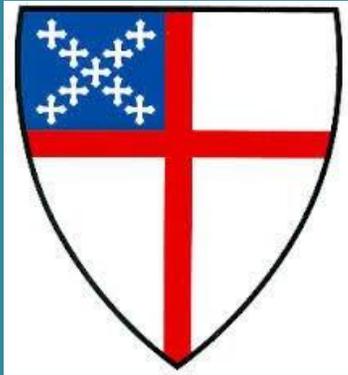
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# Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



[Click to read the September 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](mailto:stpaul700@gmail.com).**