

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

(In Exile in the Parish Hall 11.7 - ?)

**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.**

**November 14, 2021
Proper 28**

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

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

Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III

Vestry Greeter: Jim Manlove

Lay Readers: Stan Hess, Tara Chambless & Eric Smiley

Altar Guild: Scott de Lessart & Philip Fryer

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR RECTOR



THE BUILDING UPDATE: The worst of the buckled press board has been removed, along with the carpet, and fans have been running non-stop since we started the process of remediation.

Three samples were sent out to consultants to make sure that we don't have

any asbestos in the "popcorn" ceiling, the wall board or the tiles downstairs. All the tests came out asbestos free!!! So a dumpster should arrive Friday, and the major tear out should happen in the next couple of days.

As I told all of you on Sunday, we were given two options for insurance payout: flood or wind. Flood had a \$89,000 deductible. REALLY!!!! What's the point of that? So our adjuster went with wind damage causing all the water problems so all damage is being covered. What that includes is: new sanctuary carpet, new floor in the parish hall, replaced buckled wood, and repairs in the lantern, and all the other parts that got destroyed.

So until you hear otherwise, we will be having church in the parish hall. Those of you with strong legs and knees are welcome to come in through the front door and down the stairs, or those with walking challenges can park in the back and come in through the back. Please make sure that you sign in for contact tracing, wear your masks, and we will continue to be the church... maybe in exile to the basement, but still St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Salish Sea.

SEE YA IN THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY!
Mother Kathleen+

OUR MINISTRY TO THE WORLD: 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! We are in conversation with Ellis Pro-Media and will keep all of you in the loop with what's happening.

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 funds 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. **We are getting close to our goal!**

THANK YOU!!!!!!

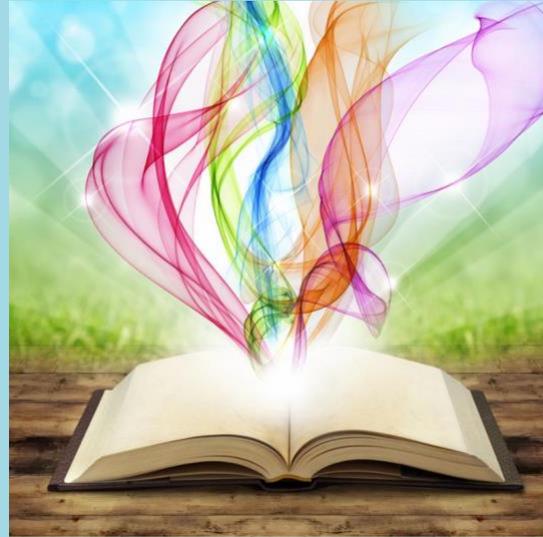


There have been many of you who have expressed either an interest in working, or those interested in participating in the upcoming **COME AND SEE/ CURSILLO** weekend will be Memorial Day Weekend 2022. So the weekend will be **May 27-29, at Camp Huston.** Both John and I will be working the weekend, and 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!!!!

BIG HUGS TO YOU ALL!!!
Mother Kathleen+

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=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZa a2Z2UURDZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185

Passcode: journey

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the next Sunday. The readings are:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132

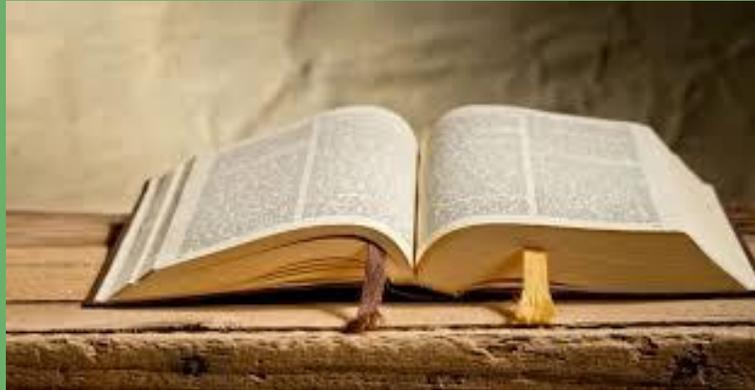
Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

All are welcome!

Please contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139 with any questions.

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.

Please let me know if you are willing to work the upcoming date of:

Saturday, November 13, & our next Saturday will be Dec. 11th.

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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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!

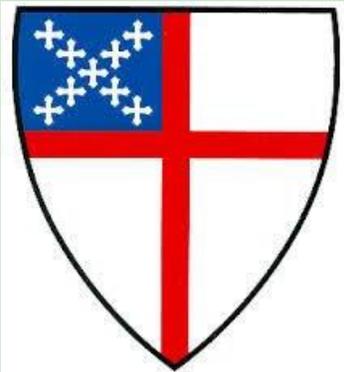
Check it out and get back to us with your questions. We love you and are bursting with pride at how you have faithfully pivoted, over and over, as circumstances and COVID have required. We are quite a team!

Thank you, xo's,
Myra

Read the BBB October Newsletter

Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



**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.**