

# 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.

**November 7, 2021  
Proper 27**

**This Sunday's Ministry Team:**

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

*Verger: The Rev. Declan Jarry III*

*Vestry Greeter:*

*Lay Readers:*

*Altar Guild:*

**FROM THE DESK OF YOUR RECTOR**



**OUR BUILDING:** It never ceases to amaze me how my very human nature can cause me to want to just pull the blanket up over my head so I don't have to deal with whatever the recent crisis with the building is. The sanctuary flood has been a tough pill to swallow. We thought that with the new roof, that nothing that Mother Nature would throw our way, would cause us any headaches.

Well... surprise, surprise, surprise. In case you didn't read any of the missives I've already sent out; anywhere from 5-10,000 gallons of water accumulated up on high in the lantern during our recent Bomb Cyclone, and a great deal of it fell into the sanctuary and parish hall and has caused havoc.

Since being discovered: the blocked drains have been cleared, plans have been made to make fixes on the outside walkway to keep it clear, and

re-tar it, I have spoken with our Church Insurance company in NY, we've met with the adjuster from Tacoma, I have a phone call out to the mitigation company, and contractor for repair, and I'm waiting for it to all get started.

If you haven't been in the sanctuary since last week, the plywood is buckling in front of the altar platform - from in front of the grand piano to the first pews on the opposite side. Though the fans have been running non-stop it has only dried the carpet, while the damage continues to manifest. Everyone has said that with the speed with which we are dealing with everything, black mold isn't a big problem.

Worst case? Carpet will have to be replaced, drywall and plywood in the sanctuary floor, and perhaps the walkway in the lantern will all have to be replaced, and perhaps the tiles in the parish hall if the water cases them to buckle. Electrical stuff in the lighting area to the altar needs to be looked at, and everything will have to be fixed and repainted. We may be out of the sanctuary for a month or more. Cost? \$100-150,000.

Best case? It all goes faster and costs less, AND the insurance company covers everything!

If mitigation starts tomorrow, it will be too loud to meet in the Oliver room Sunday morning. So we will become our own version of the wandering tribe of Israel, and will start **meeting in the parish hall for church**. There we won't

have the same kind of amplification, visuals, or any of the stuff that makes worship comfortable, so I pray that we will all be kind to one another "BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER DONE IT THIS WAY BEFORE!"

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. **Our latest numbers show \$4,229 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 566 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. All together we have 2,180 check-ins. Pretty cool, huh?

**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

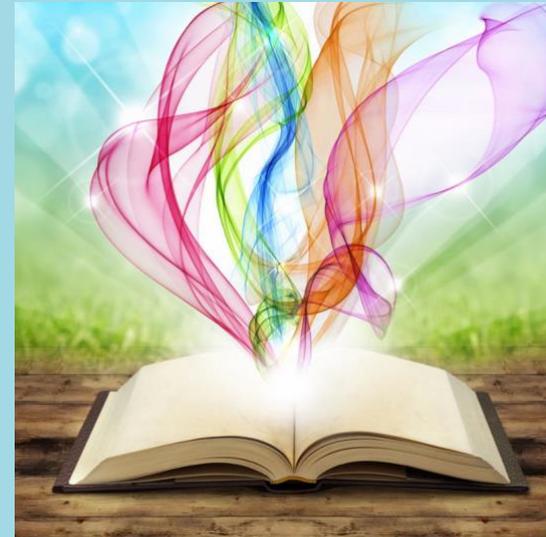
about God's love, and what it feels like in the midst of a wonderful community!!!!

**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=U0dVUjYrTHBtSnFIUIZaa2Z2UURDZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 852 5300 8185**

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**Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 9:30am in the Oliver Room. We will discuss the readings for the next Sunday. The readings are:**

**1 Samuel 1:4-20**

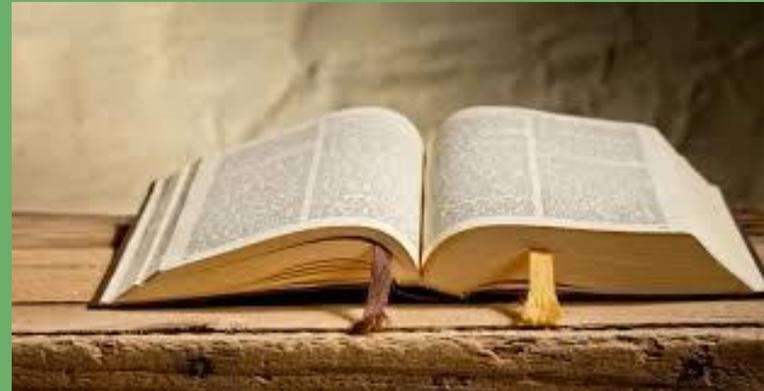
**Canticle of the Song of Hannah**

**Hebrews 10:11-25**

**Mark 13:1-8**

**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.**



## 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,  
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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!

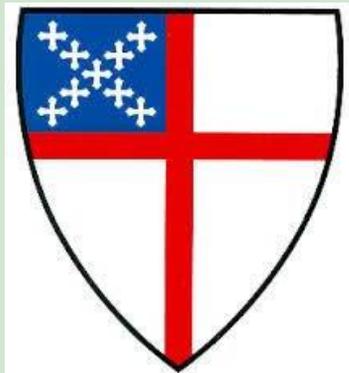
Thank you, xo's,  
Myra

# Bremerton Backpack Brigade

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



## Read the BBB October Newsletter



**The church office will be closed until Tuesday, November 9. In the event of an emergency, please contact Mother Kathleen or a member of the church vestry. Voice messages and emails will be answered when the office re-opens.**

**If you require assistance, please call Philip at 360-377-0106 or email [stpaul700@gmail.com](mailto:stpaul700@gmail.com).**

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