

THE EPISTLE OF

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to live out the love of God as seen in Jesus Christ. We will, with God's help:
Discover God's presence in Word and Sacrament,
Share God's word, Nurture God's people,
Encourage congregational and personal growth on our shared journey, and
Act justly and peaceably.



A Community of Renewed Spirit

Over the last few months, you have probably heard talk of renewal at St. Paul's. We see increasing numbers of people returning to in-person services and in March the children returned to in-person Sunday School.

Allan+ has preached about it, the Vestry has discussed it as part of our conversations about what life will be like as we emerge from pandemic, Hank Head has posted articles in the Epistle and the weekly emails, and many have been reading the book *The Innovative Church* by Dr. Scott Cormode.

I know there are many conversations and speculations about what this might mean. The Rector, the Wardens, and the members of the Vestry are all convinced that Spirit for renewal is alive at St. Paul's and that we need to do all we can to respond to God's call to us. With the impact of being separated the last two years, coming together again is different than it ever was before. We have all had experiences that have changed us. We, the Vestry, want to learn how people are doing and coping as we return to a "new normal". After a lot of discussion and prayer, we have decided that the Cormode book provides a good review of the questions that are important for us to address to figure out how we can best move forward as a community of renewed Spirit, renewed Faith and renewed Hope.

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The first step for the process of re-connecting our community will be to sponsor a series of Learning Sessions to review the concepts in the Cormode book and try to learn how they apply to our community. The Wardens and all members of the Vestry have committed to be included in these Learning Sessions. As we worked to design this initial phase, we determined that a good place to start was with two groups of 10 people each. We felt that 10 people would be the optimal size to foster good discussion and learning and provide a good foundation for moving into the whole congregation. The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry members will be 12 of the participants and we invited 11 other Lay Leaders who are in official leadership roles in the congregation to join us. These Learning Sessions will last through mid-May. Following those sessions, we will be working with Dr. Cormode to understand what we have learned and to decide on next steps for activities and programs that will last throughout the year. The activities and programs will invite all members of the parish to participate in this renewal project. Because this is all new, we don't know exactly what those activities and programs will be, but the Wardens and Vestry have made a commitment to involve the whole parish and to keep working on renewal through Allan+'s sabbatical and the rest of 2022.

We will report regularly on how the process is progressing and how others in the community can become involved. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, please contact me, Junior Warden Nancy Smith, or any member of the Vestry. We want you to know what's happening and you can be sure we'll be calling on you for help as we proceed through the year.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Ross Fraser, Senior Warden

'In Everything Give Thanks' *thank you*

Have you ever...

thought you needed one stitch to repair an item of clothing, only to discover the whole garment is falling apart?

seen a small spot on a wall that needs to be cleaned, only to discover that the whole room needs help?

started to rearrange one small corner of the cupboard, only to discover that the whole pantry needs redoing?

WELL -

Renee Parkhurst saw one piece of wallpaper trim in our nursery that needed to be replaced -

SO...

She thought, no problem, I can fix that in no time.

And then...

The wallpaper on one wall needed to come off

And then...

Another layer appeared that should be removed

And then...

the whole room

And then...

the adjoining room shouted 'HELP'

And then...

there was the paint layer, the primer, the drywall layer, the old graffiti, and so, of course, the Parkhurst's proceeded to tackle it all, layer by layer, hour upon hour, day after day, side by side, and behold, a refreshed nursery was reborn

Did you ever wonder...

Who leads our Sunday School program?

Who keeps our financial records in order?

Who distributes food to the families in the neighborhood every Wednesday?

Who prepared and served the food at the Eiber School holiday gala?

Who serves on the Outreach Committee?

Who creates exquisite pottery?

Who's a retired geologist extraordinaire?

Who works with Freedom Service dogs?

Who just retired from 3 years on our vestry?

Who directs traffic in our parking lot on food distribution mornings?

Who leads the 'Needlecraft for the Needy' group?

Who helped organize the garage sale?

Who writes the checks as St. Paul's treasurer?

Who serves on the ECW board?

Who tutors at an elementary school in Denver?

*"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer;
Others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.
A generous person will be enriched,
And one who gives water will get water."*

To David and Renee,

Sometimes we just look up, smile, and say, "We know that was you."

thank you

Sincerely, Ross Fraser and Nancy Smith

EASTER BRUNCH

After Easter Sunday services we would like to have a continental breakfast/brunch of some kind. Due to Covid uncertainty, we don't want to totally commit ourselves, so please check the weekly newsletter and your Sunday Bulletin. If you have not been getting the newsletter, please contact the office (office@stpaulslakewood.org).

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are having an Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 service. The kids will gather just inside the glass doors that go out to the courtyard. We will release the kids, youngest first. If it's snowing the Easter egg hunt will be in the basement. Kids from 1 to 12 are welcome. Look for more information in the Weekly Newsletter and your Sunday Bulletin.



Episcopal Church Women

Where do we go from here?

During the past few months, the Board of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has been discussing the future of ECW at St. Paul's. ECW has a long history in the parish of providing programs, social events, and fund raising opportunities (for both the parish and community outreach). With waning participation in the programs the past few years, we have found no clear direction in how to move forward. Most members of the Board have served for many years, rotating through the various office positions. Attempts to recruit new members have not been successful.

With our parish currently focusing on renewal and innovation, it seems an opportune time for the ECW board to consider their contribution, ministry and the best way to serve our church community moving forward.

We invite any comments or thoughts that you may have regarding this conversation. Please feel free to speak with one of the ECW co-presidents: Carol Davenport or Barbara McLenon.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Carol Davenport and Barbara McLenon
Episcopal Church Women Co-Presidents



NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP

St. Paul's Needle Craft group will meet the 4th Sunday in April, as the third Sunday is Easter. We are currently working on hot/cold packs and wool crafts for the Holiday Bazaar. You can always work on hats and scarves for the Gathering Place, or prayer shawls for St. Paul's. Feel free to bring whatever you are working on. Lunch will be a potluck after the 10:30 coffee hour.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The congregation has been donating food to supplement the box of produce and box of shelf stable food that we get from Benefits in Action. Its our way to make food distribution a little more personal. Please have your donation to St. Paul's by 4 pm if possible. You can drop off food in the kitchen (in refrigerator if food needs it) during office hours (T-F, 10-2) or on the second and fourth Wednesday from 3-4 (in the cooler located in front of the church). Donations requested for April and May are as follows:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays:

April 13 - Desserts

April 27 - Paper Products

May 4 - Milk, cheese, bread

May 17 - Canned Meat, Pasta or

Rice and sauce (make a meal)



Sunday School is now a hybrid Sunday School, which means we meet in person, but we also have capability to meet remotely at the same time. It is a bit of a work in progress, but so good so far. If you have children who are not participating, but would like to, please contact Renee at

sundayschool@stpaulslakewood.org



Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry Committee has resumed meetings and are actively planning. Loose plate offerings have begun again. As we gather together in smaller numbers, the loose plate offerings will be donated to a single charity every other month. This will enable St. Paul's to offer greater support to organizations. The loose plate offerings are the cash funds that are put in the collection plates. The loose plate offerings from the first weekend of the month are deposited into the rector's discretionary fund. The second, third and fourth weekend donations are given to a charitable cause within our community, the greater metro area, and on occasion national and international ministries.

The loose plate for the months of February and March will be donated to the Hands of the Carpenter. The Hands of the Carpenter provides vehicle related services for single mothers with dependent children. The goal is to remove the obstacles that unreliable transportation presents as women strike to maintain jobs, care for their families, and be self-sufficient.

From Allan+

A Vestry member and I sat down the other day to talk about the past and the future. It turned into a time of reflection from the perspective of a lay person and a clergy person. Our time together started with a look back on the past and the contributions of time, talent, resources and money that built this church community going all the back to 1947. If you sit in this church, look around, and imagine all the people it has taken to get us here, you cannot help but be grateful to them, and to God.

Our time together also included some reflection on the last two years and how that trying time has challenged, if not endangered, all that has been built. If the past two years have taught us anything, it is that our world is in deep need of healing. We've been sick and isolated from the sources of wholeness and peaceful rest upon which we rely. We have suffered from chronic aloneness and a longing for our community – a healing community that took years and decades to build. As we are emerging from our isola-

The loose plate offering for April/May 2022 will be announced the beginning April.

Eiber Elementary has a new family liaison, Maria Beken. Maria is available to assist parents, share community resources and offer support for the social and academic success of the students. We have met with Ms. Beken, and have restarted offering the support of the St. Paul's community. Please watch for more information about upcoming projects and events where you can get involved. Thank you to all who have contributed to our first collection of boys underwear and supplies for the birthday bags that are sent home with the student.

Please remember to keep shopping at Kings Soopers. If you have not linked your card to St. Paul's please look for how to do this on the Outreach Ministry bulletin board.

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Geiger

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tion, we are finding the places that were built for healing and rest are just not the same. We are finding that even our communities of faith, which have been the rocks and foundations of our spiritual lives, are not immune to disease or loneliness. But by the grace of God, that is not the end of this story.

Our past is evidence that strong communities of faith are not built by accident. They come out of an intentional gathering of people with the Holy Spirit and in the Name of God to share their gifts and to witness together what only God can create. It is in this spiritual fellowship that the power of God is seen and the power of community is felt. It is in these communities where we see the fruits of our labors – the spiritual planting and watering – that is done here so that God could provide the growth. It is true we have put in time and a lot of hard work, but if we are not careful, we might begin to think we did this alone. When in reality, God is doing this.

Over the last two years, the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's have, at times, been challenged to try to find the work of God among us. At no time, however, was there any doubt of God's presence with us. We believe what has kept us faithful during this long period is the trust that God would show us a way to be a deeply connected community once again. A place that makes us a beacon of hope for our community and a welcoming refuge to all who need a spiritual home.

After two long and difficult years in a drought of ideas surrounded by a sea of frustrations, we believe God is showing us a path. We feel that with the tools we now have, we can begin to reconnect as a community of faith. Some of those tools have been presented to us in the book *The Innovative Church*. We have been invited to participate in a Church Summit, where we will develop more tools. All these things are new to us, and we don't know everything yet. The churches for whom these resources were developed look a lot like St. Paul's. And as we, the Vestry, began to see these resources coming together, it became clear it was time for us to stand with God, to pick up those tools, and get to work rebuilding. By the grace of God, we realized it was going to take the whole community sharing in an abundance of gifts and working in collaboration with one another toward the same goal – a vibrant and connected community.

When you hear the Vestry or your priest talking about renewal, it comes out of a vision and a desire to actively participate in what God is doing. We need everyone to share in the work and the joy. We want each member to come with tools in hand and ready to begin just like the founders of our community did 75 years ago.

We know it is hard to pick up and start again. As lay leaders and clergy, we have struggled with this ourselves. As we think of what was built before, it has become more clear to us that each step in this new journey must start with gratitude and trust that what God did once in that time, God can do again in this time. Grateful to all the people who have helped us hang on during the pandemic, we can join them in this sacred effort. Grateful that we have survived these last two years, we can take the next faithful step. With hearts full of gratitude, we can celebrate what God is doing with us and through us, right now.

From this Vestry member and from this priest, we believe that we have to be intentional about our healing. Surely, there are many paths to healing, but we only know the one God is giving to us right now. It seems the way to start is for us to first, identify all the people whom God has entrusted to our care, and second, to name all of our longings and losses. And so, without delay, that is where we will start.

Others have written more about how we will start listening to and learning about our longings and losses. This listening project comes out of a desire to reconnect by creating a sense of empathy with one another. We encourage you to keep an eye out for what is happening in the Weekly News, The *Epistle*, and our

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bulletins. There will be information at our worship services. This whole process is unfolding before us, and we will communicate by every means at our disposal what we know when we know it. We do not want anyone to feel isolated from this effort. We have all had too much of that. We want to work with one another and with God to begin to heal the wounds of these last two years. With grateful hearts, we want to begin to make sense of our past and open ourselves up to the possibilities God has in store for us in the future. There are only two things we need to do to begin this healing: come together as a community, and trust God with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

In gratitude for each member of our community.
Saoirse Charis-Graves, Vestry Class of 2023.
The Rev. Allan Cole, Rector



The Nursery is back open with new walls. Come check it out. The nursery is open during the 10:30 service for kids between the ages of infants to 5 years old. We do have a preschool/kindergarten for potty trained kids over 3 (as off fall 2021). The nursery will be open on Palm Sunday and Easter.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR NURSERY

We have one paid nursery worker and one volunteer for every Sunday. We also have a volunteer who just checks in the nursery to see if an extra person is needed. We need more volunteers to help the nursery run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer please contact either the office or Renee (sundayschool@stpaulslakewood.org).



Episcopal Church Women

The Abundant Bake Sale Sundays, April 2 and May 7



The final monthly Abundant Bake Sales for the season will be April 2nd and May 7th, following both Sunday services. During the sales of the past months, the generosity of those who contribute home baked items and those who purchase them by donation has provided for the refurbishing of the parish nursery as well as donations for the victims of the Marshall fire. Proceeds from the April and May sales will be used to purchase new window coverings in the Library.

Take a peek in the nursery to see the progress of the redecorating taking place there, spearheaded by Renee Parkhurst. And take a peek in the Library to make note of how nice it will be to have new functioning window coverings to complement the updated table chairs and the brighter lighting (thank you, Don Davenport for your work on that project).

Dust off those mixers, get out those favorite recipe cards and tuck some extra change in your pockets for the Abundant Bake Sales



ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION

Notes on Holy Week

The Lord can clear the darkest skies, can give us day for night, make drops of sacred sorrow rise to rivers of delight. ~ Isaac Watts

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON OF LENT // APRIL 10 — APRIL 16, 2022

While the whole of Lent is a journey toward the cross with Jesus, Holy Week is where we experience this journey with the greatest intensity. On these days, you're invited to step into that intensity with intention through the story that accompanies each of the days of this week and through the suggested practices that allow you to embody the significance of each day.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- How willing am I to enter into the suffering of Jesus? How am I responding to the reality of his arrest, death, and burial?
- In what ways am I being invited to die to myself, in order that I might more fully live in God?

PRACTICES TO CONSIDER

- Participate in the procession of palms
- Wash the feet of another person
- Pray for an hour with Jesus in the middle of the night on Maundy Thursday
- Attend a Good Friday service
- Walk the Stations of the Cross
- Practice solitude, stillness, and silence on Holy Saturday
- Participate in an Easter Vigil or Tenebrae service

HOLY DAYS

Palm Sunday—April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, is a feast day that commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It falls on the Sunday before Easter, marking the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

Monday of Holy Week—April 11, 2022

On this day, Jesus cleansed the Temple and cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit. That evening, Mary anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil and her tears.

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 12, 2022

On Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus debated with the religious authorities in the Temple and issued his famous discourse about the end of the age on the Mount of Olives.

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 13, 2022

By Wednesday, the religious leaders were conspiring to kill Jesus, and Judas began striking his deal of betrayal.

Maundy Thursday—April 14, 2022

On this day we memorialize the Last Supper. Jesus washed his disciples' feet and invited Peter, James, and John to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

Good Friday—April 15, 2022

Good Friday is a day of fasting in which we observe the crucifixion of Jesus.

Holy Saturday—April 16, 2022

Holy Saturday commemorates Jesus' body laying in the tomb. It is the last day of Holy Week and a day of mourning.

EASTER

50 DAYS, ENDING ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST // April 17–June 5, 2022

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ~ MARK 28: 5-8

Easter is the pinnacle of the liturgical year. On this day, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the grave. This event that forms the foundation of our faith invites us to deepen our belief in the mysterious paradox that life follows death. In theological terms, this is called the paschal mystery.

The broader season of Easter, or Eastertide, lasts fifty days. During that time, we also observe Jesus’ ascension into heaven and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church on the Day of Pentecost, which marks the end of the season.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER —

- What could it mean to practice resurrection in my life?
- How have I witnessed new life flow forth from death?
- How do I experience the Holy Spirit’s gifts?

PRACTICES TO CONSIDER —

- Pay attention to evidence of new life, whether in nature, relationships, people, or situations
- Keep a gratitude journal, adding to it at the beginning or end of each day
- Take up a fifty-day practice, in contrast to the forty-day fast of Lent, that promotes joy, freedom, and celebration
- Pray for #resurrection eyes” that allow you to see where God is wanting to do some thing new
- Attend a Spirit-filled prayer service, witnessing the life of the Holy Spirit at work
- Wear new clothes—an outward sign of the new, inner person—in white and gold or bright, spring colors
- Decorate Easter eggs throughout the season with images that represent the themes of this season

ASCENSION OF THE LORD — May 26, 2022

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ~ ACTS 1: 9-11

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter and commemorates the ascension of Jesus to heaven.

PRACTICES TO CONSIDER —

- Embrace the overlapping rhythms of worship, care for others, and justice; confront the ways your privilege and ease may come at the expense of another and consider how you may contribute to the ministry of reconciliation
- Celebrate with a picnic or climb the highest nearby heights to imitate the Mount of Olives from where Jesus ascended

SAVE the DATE!

All-Parish Party
Sunday, May 1, 2022
3-5:00 pm

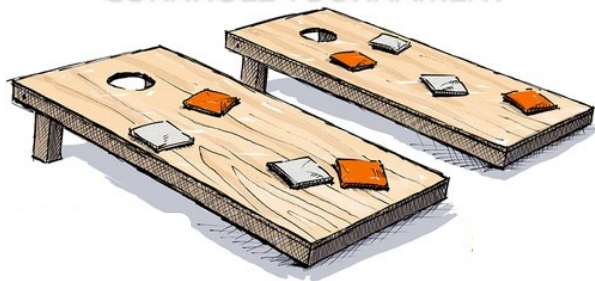


To *celebrate* our parish life together, the Episcopal Church Women will host an ALL-PARISH PARTY, May 1, 2022, 3:00-5:00pm. The party theme is Cinco de Mayo. There will be catered food and games in the courtyard for both adults and children, including a Corn Hole Tournament. Everyone loves a little friendly competition!

This time together will also give us the opportunity to give Fr. Allan and Michelle a proper send off for their long-postponed sabbatical.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in for a fun celebration together. More details will follow.

ST. PAUL'S CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



The 2022 Stewardship Theme – Gratitude...the Heart of Stewardship



In 2021 we focused on overcoming the scarcity mentality that came with the limiting conditions of the pandemic and sharing God's gifts. Our theme for 2022, "Gratitude...the Heart of Stewardship" also calls our attention to God's abundance. Those who participated in the Adult Faith Exploration discussions based on "Grateful" written by Diana Butler-Bass, will remember her saying, "Gratitude is the ability to see God's abundance." If you did not participate in those discussions, we recommend you add the title to your reading list. It will likely have the effect of opening your heart to more joy and peace.

The Stewardship Ministry has continued to emphasize the broader concept that we are called to be good stewards of all God's gifts. When we look through "soft eyes" and see the abundance that God has provided we can be grateful.

A disposition toward gratitude for those gifts inevitably results in a feeling of grace toward others. And grace is the connection that binds the community. It calls us to share our talent, time and financial resources in support of the ministries that care for those God has entrusted to us.

While the words may be a bit different from the 2021 theme, the acknowledgment of God's abundance is still at the foundation. We encourage you to continue to see "life as an abundance of shared gifts" and daily demonstrate that gratitude is indeed at the heart of stewardship.

Gratefully yours,
The StewMinCrew

Nancy Smith, Bill Bennett, Rod McLenon,
Allan Cole and Hank Head

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Statement of Income and Expense by Minor Group
February of Fiscal Year 2022

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-01-Pledge & Plate Offering	21,212.33	15,963.63	70,876.66	63,098.89
00-02-Miscellaneous Receipts	1,933.34	870.16	3,366.68	1,417.16
00-04-Dedicated Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	23,145.67	16,833.79	74,243.34	64,516.05
Expense				
00-01-Administrative Expenses	1,741.67	1,628.72	3,483.34	2,780.73
00-02-Clergy Expenses	11,838.91	14,886.94	23,677.82	26,029.88
00-03-Personnel&Contract Labor	7,476.37	3,835.38	13,452.68	12,245.62
00-04-Plant Expenses	9,813.76	10,185.97	13,443.26	15,230.23
00-05-Programs Expenses	1,560.42	130.81	2,620.84	1,207.52
00-07-Diocesan Pledge	1,966.67	1,277.09	3,933.34	5,047.91
00-08-Front Range Region Pledge	491.67	319.27	983.34	1,261.98
Total Expense	37,889.44	32,264.18	61,594.62	63,803.87
Income Less Expense	-\$11,743.00	-\$15,430.00	\$12,648.72	\$ 712.18

Month: Income -\$16,833; Expense \$32,264; Net income -\$15,430.

2021:Net income 712.

We anticipated a large deficit in February, but it was even worse than expected. Although, we are slightly ahead for the year, we are behind relative to our budget. We will have to see the trend over the next two or three months before we consider any changes to budget. I think we are all still sorting out COVID and the new economy, so thank you all for your pledges and donations. We just gave nearly \$2,300 to help the victims of the Boulder County fires; again, thanks for your generosity.

David Parkhurst and Gretchen Colbert
Treasurers

Behind the Scenes with Rosie



Louis Wain, A Summer Tea Party.
Courtesy of Chris Beetles Ltd.

I have been working hard behind the scenes to update the membership information in our church community's Database. If you don't yet have a login please email me at office@stpaulslakewood.org, or phone 303-233-4991. Having a login will allow you to your information and the Membership Directory. I would love to help with entering your email and phone number accurately, while learning more about your skills and ministry needs. I would also love to connect with you with the right people to help improve the life of our community. This way everyone can receive all the notices, bulletins, and newsletters, and we can all engage with the community at St. Paul's. Don't delay, call today!

Sabbatical plans for the Rector

— refresh | rest | refocus —

You may remember that Allan+ was due to go on sabbatical in May 2020. Those plans, along with all the rest of the world's plans, were postponed until further notice. Since part of the sabbatical time will be spend in Israel, it was necessary to wait until COVID travel restrictions were lifted. Then in 2021, the state of the pandemic had not improved enough for travel and the sabbatical was postponed again.

Part of Allan's sabbatical is possible due to a grant from the Lilly Foundation's Clergy Renewal Program. The foundation has been generous with relaxing the time frame so that clergy will still be able go on sabbatical one to two years late. But the time frame is not completely open-ended meaning that Allan+ will have to take his sabbatical in 2022.

And there couldn't be a better time. In fact, it is going to work out better now for several reasons. One, the world is in a much different place with respect to restrictions and tools for fighting COVID. Two, the lay leadership, led by Sr. Warden Ross Fraser and Jr. Warden Nancy Smith, is functioning very effectively. Then, our Office Staff is functioning very well under the leadership of our Office Administrator, Rosie Downs. Our Pastoral Care Ministry continues to be a source of care for the members of our parish family, offering us a vision of a parish that helps care for each other. Finally, there is the renewal work which is happening right now at St. Paul's and which will coincide nicely with the renewal aspect of Allan's sabbatical.

On the practical side of things, the details are coming there, as well. The dates of the sabbatical time are now set. Allan+ will be away June - September. The Rev. Rick Meyers will act as Saturday and Sunday supply priest for the entirely period, offering the congregation a familiar face each week. Father Rick has been working with our Sr. Warden Ross Fraser closely to iron our any details.

All in all, the time is right for our parish and clergy to begin a time of renewal. That time gives all of us a chance to see things in a different light and to find new ways of being church together. It is worth saying, however, that renewal does not happen without the full participation of the congregation. Allan's time away will require intentional efforts on his part towards renewal, and the members of our parish must engage with the same intentionality. We can think of it like this: This time of renewal is about developing a deeper relationship with God and one another. It is about learning to be more effective ministry partners as clergy and lay people. Ultimately, this time of renewal is about how we can live into God's call to us.

In peace.



“THIS IS THE DAY THAT I HAVE MADE! As you rejoice in this day of life, it will yield up to you precious gifts and beneficial training. Walk with Me along the high road of thanksgiving, and you will find all the delights I have made ready for you.

To protect your thankfulness, you must remember that you reside in a fallen world, where blessings and sorrows intermingle freely. A constant focus on adversity defeats many Christians. They walk through a day that is brimming with beauty and brightness, seeing only the grayness of their thoughts. Neglecting the practice of giving thanks and darkened their minds.

How precious are My children who remember to thank Me at all times. They can Walk through the darkest days with Joy in their hearts because they know that the Light of My Presence is still shining on them. *Rejoice in this day that I have made*, for I am your steadfast Companion.”

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. Psalm 116:17

(This was copied from “Jesus Calling.” page 345 by Sarah Young)

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THE EPISTLE
April/May 2022



WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 p.m.	Online Compline
Tuesday, Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Online Morning Prayer
SATURDAYS	6:00 p.m.	Nishma/Holy Communion

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