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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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JUNE_JULY 2023



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.



FELLOWSHIP AT ST PAUL'S

St. Paul's now has established a Fellowship Committee which is branch of the Women of St. Paul's group. Our function is to coordinate fellowship opportunities for both the women, and the congregation of St. Paul's. We have been brainstorming ideas and would like to start out with the following:

June 27 - **Bag Ladies Tuesdays** (brown bag lunch last Tuesday of the month) at 11am

This is a very informal drop in anytime time and open to everyone just to build community, bring your lunch if you wish or just come and visit.

July 27 - (Thursday) **Botanic Gardens Tour** at 1 pm. *

Aug 13 - (Sunday) **LoDo History Tour** with docent Rosie Downs. *

Sept 23 - (Saturday) **Corn Maze** at Botanic Gardens Chatfield. *

Oct 17 - (Tuesday) **CSU Spur Tour** and lunch at Stockyard Saloon - 10am.*

*Sign-up lists will be posted as events get closer.

Other outings in the works are - quarterly potluck dinners Saturdays at 4:30. We would be done in time for those that wish to attend the Nishma service; a movie night in the courtyard; hotdogs and hamburgers after the 10:30 service; game nights, bingo or trivia nights, Bear Creek State Park walks; Coors Tour, Denver Zoo and Denver Nature and Science days. Your feedback and ideas are appreciated.

If you would like to help coordinate events with BJ and Renee, please send them an email. The more the merrier.

Check Weekly News and bulletins for more information.

BJ Burleigh and Renee Parkhurst

Join Us

Historic Tour of LoDo Denver

Led by Docent Rosie Downs

For those of us who have lived in Denver for a long while, we have all noticed the transformation of lower downtown Denver to what is now known as LoDo. Curious about the history of this area? Please join a group sponsored by The Women of St. Paul's for a walking tour of the area. Docent Rosie Downs will lead the 1/1/2 hour tour that involves about 1 mile of walking on Sunday, August 13, 10:30-noon. The tour begins and ends at Union Station. Cost per person is \$18.

This tour date/time has been reserved for those participating from St. Paul's. We propose to car-pool from the church parking lot following the 8:00am service at approximately 9:30. Optional: Lunch together following the tour (restaurant to be determined).

The number of participants is limited, so we encourage you to sign up sooner than later. A special sign up link has been set up for our group so that you can reserve and pay for your place online (*if you try to reserve directly from the Historic Denver website, it will show that the August 13 tour is not available*).

Book from <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/historicdenver/items/8767/availability/1176078247/book/?full-items=yes>

If you prefer, Barbara McLenon, will be happy to place your reservation for you. Just let her know and pay her directly. If you make your own reservation online using the above link, it would be helpful to let Barbara know you are planning to participate.

Below is a short description of the tour:

From Union Station to Wynkoop, Tattered Cover to Warehouse Row, learn how the largest collection of historic warehouses in the West transformed from railroad hub to skid row to urban hot spot.

All tours are led by a corps of passionate and highly-trained citizen docents tell the story of Denver's founding, the arrival and impact of the railroad, the way buildings grew up around Union Station, and the transformation of the neighborhood – now a national model for how to balance preservation and development.

For Flowers that bloom about our feet



For Flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see;
Father in heave,
Father in heaven, we thank thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees;
Father in heaven,
Father in heaven, we thank thee!

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



Pastoral Care

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

Sometimes we need to go beyond our own prayer lives and ask others to pray with and for us. In doing this we open ourselves to a loving, caring, and prayerful community lifting not only our needs but also our thanksgivings to a merciful and loving god. If you would like additional prayers, you have come to the right place! At St. Paul's there are a couple of ways to receive prayers.

The first, is to make a request to be placed on the Prayer Chain. This is a group of individuals that pray daily for others. A request to be on the Prayer Chain can be made by filling in a pew card and placing it in the offering plate or calling the office. Prayers will be continued for one month unless requested otherwise. These requests are kept confidential.

The second way to receive prayers is to come forward during the time of the *Prayers of the People* during the services. At the Sunday services, members of the Pastoral Care Ministry and others will pray with and for you. In both instances, you may request prayers for either yourself or a loved one.

If you have questions or would like to become a member of either the

Prayer Chain or
Pastoral Care Ministry, please contact
Carol Davenport at the email
pastoralcare@stpaulslakewood.org



FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEEDS FOR JUNE & JULY

**June 28 - hamburgers and hot dogs
w/salad**

July 12 - desserts

**July 26 - paper products
& cleaning products**



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 on the second and fourth Wednesdays. It's our way to make food distribution a little more personal. With cost of food going up food pantries have been hard pressed to meet the demand. Please have your donation to St. Paul's by 4 pm if possible. You can drop off food in the kitchen (in refrigerator if needed) 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 for June and July are:

We can also have ongoing need for non-perishable goods in our pantry. When we run out of boxes from Benefits in Action on Wednesdays, we give out bags from our pantry. The bags are also available to anyone coming in during the week looking for help with their food needs. We will start putting an item of the month in the weekly news that you can donate to the pantry. This will be addition to the food donation for every other Wednesday. So, if it's hard for you to be able to donate food for Wednesdays then please considered donating to St. Paul's food pantry. There will be a box in the Narthex for this purpose.



**June 14 - canned meat, pasta/rice and
sauce (make a meal)**

**June - canned vegetables and canned fruit
July - breakfast bars**



NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP



thank you

We are completely moved into our new space, behind the chapel in what used to be 'Mommy Rocks'. Its cozy but very functional.

We will be meeting June 25 and July 23. We've switched to 4th Sunday for a few months. We meet for a pot luck lunch in the parish hall, then we head over to our sewing room behind the chapel. We are currently sewing hand warmers and pot holder for the Holiday Bazaar. We also have hats and mittens to sew for the Gathering place next winter.

To our seamstresses, there are some ready-to-sew kits in the Needle-Craft room in case you feel like you just need to be sewing before then.

Renee sends out an email every month as a reminder. If you are not currently on these emails, but would like to be please contact Renee Parkhurst.

Deep gratitude to all the folks who participated in Adult Faith Exploration this year. We've shared questions, prayers, curiosities, book titles, websites, inspiration, joys, and occasional challenges. We've welcomed some new folks and enjoyed the stimulation of guest speakers and facilitators. We've explored the boundaries of what we think we know as well as some new practices for engaging with our faith. All while creating a sense of community in the name of deepening our relationship with God.

We'll miss one another this summer, and we'll return in September with new vigor for continued study and exploration.

Thank you to everyone!



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY IS OFF FOR THE SUMMER

We will be in need of nursery volunteers.
Please consider joining us.



THANK
YOU
TEACHERS

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers, because it takes a village to raise a child and teachers plant seeds that grow forever. If you see Alison, Margie, Regina, Kristin, Beth, Carol D. or Renee please let them know you appreciate them.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Statement of Income and Expense by Minor Group
April of Fiscal Year 2023

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-01-Pledge & Plate Offering	26,371.59	40,913.85	88,093.78	98,489.04
00-02-Miscellaneous Receipts	1,828.56	2,219.74	4,524.51	9,767.91
00-04-Dedicated Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	28,200.15	43,133.59	92,618.29	108,256.95
Expense				
00-01-Administrative Expenses	1,607.74	2,005.58	6,696.01	7,173.16
00-02-Clergy Expenses	11,847.24	11,738.26	47,788.96	47,553.38
00-03-Personnel&Contract Labor	5,637.09	2,604.75	24,346.18	18,079.66
00-04-Plant Expenses	11,201.93	10,756.64	31,312.91	31,049.69
00-05-Programs Expenses	1,371.89	1,046.97	5,855.93	4,866.69
00-07-Diocesan Pledge	2,143.27	3,273.11	7,003.46	7,863.12
00-08-Front Range Region Pledge	<u>535.81</u>	<u>818.28</u>	<u>1,750.90</u>	<u>1,965.79</u>
Total Expense	34,344.97	32,243.59	124,754.35	118,551.49
Income Less Expense	-\$ 6,144.82	\$ 10,890.00	-\$32,136.06	-\$10,294.54

Month: Income \$43,133; Expense \$32,243; Net income \$10,890.
2023: YTD net income -\$10,294.

We had a good month in April, due in part to a large annual gift that came in. It positions us better for the summer, which typically has smaller monthly incomes. For the year we are down about \$10,000, although that loss is much better than the budgeted loss of over \$30,000. Thank you all for the support so far this year. Help us through the summer with automated donations even if you are out enjoying a vacation. Check out online giving at <https://www.stpaulslakewood.org>. We also have registered with Zelle®, and it is possible to make regular donations through the email address treasurer@stpaulslakewood.org.

David Parkhurst and Gretchen Colbert
Treasurers



St. Paul's Worship Committee (a standing committee designated by our by-laws) has risen up from the ashes. Hallelujah! After a bumpy start in early 2020, our "renewed" committee began meeting in October 2022, just after our Rector's return from sabbatical.

Our mission: In close collaboration with the Rector, the Worship Committee suggests and evaluates ways of enriching, developing and strengthening both group and personal worship of the Parish membership.

Current membership is Rector, Allan Cole, Sr. Warden, Ross Fraser, Saoirse Charis-Graves Graves, Cindy Rutledge, Susan Hillring, Barbara McLenon, Gray Buckley and Altar Guild Chair, Billie Brown.

We meet monthly and discuss what's happening in our worship services, how to support parishioners in a meaningful worship experience, and anticipating upcoming needs, e.g., the Bishop's letter regarding the return to a Common Cup on July 1, 2023.

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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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

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

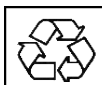
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