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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.



Stewardship Ministry Update

Personal Perspectives from the Chair

When I enthusiastically accepted the invitation from Fr. Allan to be the chairperson of the Stewardship Ministry, I couldn't have known what lay ahead. My first action after accepting was to investigate what a Stewardship Ministry actually had as its responsibilities. I know...I should have done the research before accepting! However, the more I found out the more interested I became and saw a way to contribute.

Perspective: *I have received more from St. Paul's than I can ever return.*

We are blessed with a great team and have received consistent support from Allan and the Vestry as we formed our team, established our mission and began the journey. Many thanks to Bill Bennett, Rod McLenon, Nancy Smith and Fr. Allan! And a big thanks to the Vestry!

Perspective: *A committed team of faith driven congregants with God's help can get a lot done and have fun doing it.*



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Of course, the first year was complicated by the pandemic and all its restrictions. And the first pledge campaign we conducted did not achieve the level of gifts we had grown accustomed to receiving. Rather than consider that a failure, we chose to focus on the learning that resulted.

Perspective: *We must recognize what we can control and impact; and leave the rest to God.*

We attended the Project Resource training last spring, learned a bunch, and gained valuable insights.

Perspective: *We as a parish are not alone in our struggles and difficulties; and there are plentiful resources ready to offer help and insights with grace, love and understanding.*

I learned that our position on stewardship as a year-round stewarding of God's abundance was the right perspective. We must use that abundance generously to care for those entrusted to us by God. Just as importantly, I learned to embrace fund-raising as a ministry and that it is foundational to the ministries in support of accomplishing the mission of the church.

Perspective: *Stewarding God's abundance is ongoing and has no season.*

Along the way I was introduced to the thoughts of Scott Cormode in his book titled "The Innovative Church" which addresses the application of the unchanging Gospel in an ever-changing world to make spiritual sense of our longings and losses. We do the "planting and watering"...God provides the harvest. At the fractured founding of the church in Corinth, "Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6)

Perspective: *Our ministries are important for creating an environment conducive for spiritual growth but they are not decisive. God does the decisive work.*

(Cormode, Scott, "The Innovative Church: How Leaders and Their Congregations Can Adapt in an Ever-Changing World, 2020)

The Vestry is using Cormode's book as a reference as we discern God's will for St. Paul's and seek God's grace and strength in doing his will. The parish has a variety of challenges and priorities for serving our congregation's needs and the Vestry is working to address them.

Perspective: *The Vestry is a group of faith-based lay leaders supported by clergy that is effectively taking on the significant challenge that our parish faces as we recover and find our way through the pandemic's lasting effects.*



So, what is this “faith” that we as Christians refer to and rely on? “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) I must say that my faith has grown in ways I could not have predicted. My experiences as chairperson of the Stewardship Ministry, a member of the Vestry, participation in Adult Faith Formation and the loving kindness and support of the faithful group at Morning Prayer have nourished the development of my faith and my relationship with God. The ministry leaders have demonstrated their faith in finding innovative and creative ways to continue to do God’s will in their respective ministries. I have faith that St. Paul’s will recover to be what is needed for us congregants and those entrusted to us by God for their care.

Perspective: St. Paul’s has as its foundation a loving and caring congregation seeking to do God’s will.

I hope you will find it in your heart to share your talents, your time and your financial resources in support of St. Paul’s mission. I have faith you will.

Grace and Peace,
Hank



NEEDED - NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

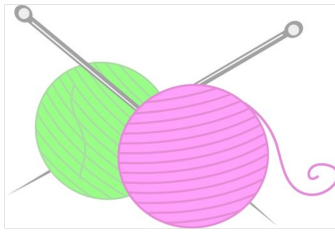
Do you miss cuddling babies and toddlers? Are your children (or grandchildren) now past that stage? Then consider volunteering in the nursery. And the good part is you can give them back.

We are looking for some volunteers to help in the nursery. We are trying to hire paid nursery workers, but are having a hard time. So far, we have one. We need two nursery workers at all times. We may start out with one paid nursery worker and one volunteer. Once we have two nursery workers, we will still need volunteers to help out in case

one of the nursery workers are sick. The ideal would be 3 paid nursery workers and 8-10 volunteers. Nursery will start up once we are closer to the ideal staffing and Sunday School has started in person (once Covid numbers are down).

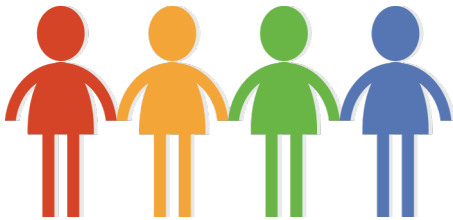
If you are interested in helping, please contact either Renee Parkhurst (drparkhurst@gmail.com) or the office (reception@stpaulsLakewood.org).





NEEDLECRAFT

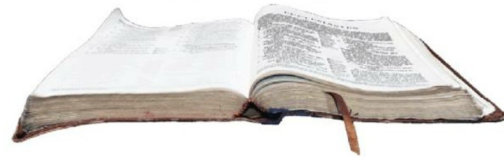
We will be meeting for Needlecraft group Oct. 17 and Nov 21. In October we will be finishing up crafts for the Bazaar. The November meeting is the day after the bazaar. We will be starting on hats for the Gathering Place. We always start with a lunch to share after the 10:30 service, then get to work. If you would like to join us and have not been getting our Emails, please contact the office or Renee Parkhurst. All knitters, crocheters and seamstresses of all levels, even beginners, are welcome.



November 7, 2021



Wisdom from Ecclesiastes



*For everything there is a season
and a time*

for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time
to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast stones, and a time
to gather stones;
a time to embrace, and a time
to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast
away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time
to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Verses 1-8





St. Paul's Garage and Bake Sale

Leaves are turning the temperatures have become rather unstable and the children have returned to school! Yep, it's fall in Lakewood, Colorado and time for the annual **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Garage and Bake Sale**. Mark your calendars for Sat., October 16.

If you have donations to make to the sale; please note the drop off dates and times. We will be accepting items to sell on Sundays October 3 and October 10. Drop off times will follow the 8:00 service and the 10:30 service.

Please, check that items are clean, in usable condition and have all their necessary parts. We love children's clothing, gently used toys and stuffed animals. Jewelry is a favorite item as well as decorative pieces and holiday decorations. Dishes, glassware, silverware and cooking utensils as well as small appliances are always in demand. We regret that we can no longer take furniture or large outdoor tools such as lawn mowers and snow blowers. **However**, hand held garden tools set some folks hearts all a twitter.

Volunteers are not only welcome but necessary for the sale to be a success. You may sign up at church or call the church office and volunteer some time. Garage Sale set up will run from October 11-15 from 9-12:00. Proceeds from the Garage Sale will help support church programs supporting women, children and families.



We decided an in-person Sunday School would just add stress to an already stressed situation for parents, so we started Sunday School on Zoom. We are sending leaflets to all the kids we think are interested. If your child has not gotten a package of leaflets in the mail, please contact Renee Parkhurst or the office. We are planning on in-person Sunday School once Covid numbers are lower or kids are able to be vaccinated.

We are planning on doing something for the kids at the Christmas Eve service. It will be sort of a video / in-person hybrid. If your child is not part of Sunday School and you want them to be in the video/play, please contact the office or Renee Parkhurst.

Christmas Pageant



Adult Faith Exploration

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ~ John 15:9

The ongoing mission of Adult Faith Exploration remains to strengthen your relationship with God and to support you in practicing your faith through the full range of activities of your life.

Have you ever wondered how to talk to God? Or wondered if God was even listening to you? Or imagined that God might be talking in a language you just don't understand? Have you questioned whether prayer actually "works?"

To open the 2021-2022 season of Adult Faith Exploration, we will spend time with *7 Ways to Pray: Time-Tested Practices for Encountering God* by Amy Boucher Pye. Each week, we will explore a kind of prayer to help us encounter God and say "yes" to a deeper intimacy with God's abiding love for each one of us.

The book itself is brand new, but the practices are ancient. We will experience praying with and through the Bible, practicing God's presence, hearing God, praying through lament, praying imaginatively, and praying the examen.

We will learn some passages from the Bible to help us with different needs. We will experience different kinds of prayer for ourselves. And we will talk with one another about our experiences with the Bible, with prayer, and with God.

No matter our circumstances, we are always a simple word or single step away from a conversation with God. And yet, as reflected in the questions above, taking that step or saying that word can sometimes feel confounding. In this series, we hope to make praying a *habit* to enjoy in our crazy, bustling, wearying times. Our hope is that you will find yourself regularly and repeatedly turning to God and finding God happy to hear from you.

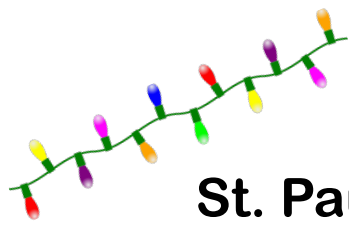
The series begins **Sunday, October 3rd** at **9:15am** in the **church library**. Some books will be available for checkout. Though it is not necessary, you are encouraged to bring your Bible as well as your journal if you keep one. If you prefer or desire an online option, please email <adultfaith@stpaulslakewood.org>.

From the Foreword: *Prayer is saying yes to the generous hospitality of the God who says to [God's] children, "I have loved you with an everlasting and steadfast love. Remain in my love. Dwell in it. Rest in it. Make yourselves at home in it."*

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**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**



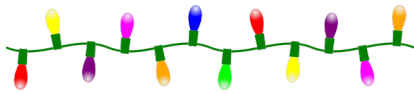
St. Paul's 13th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 19
Saturday, November 20

9 am to 4 pm
both days

Handcrafted items

Baked Goods



Episcopal
Church
Women

It's Baking Season!

As cooler temperatures arrive, it's an inviting time to be in the kitchen once again. The Episcopal Church Women offer opportunities to exercise your baking prowess while contributing to the mission to benefit St. Paul's women, children and families.

1st Sunday Abundant Gifts Mini-Bake Sales

Bakers
Needed

The first Sunday of each month, we are holding a mini-bake sale between services. Offered for a donation of your choice will be delicious baked goods, wrapped and ready to take home with you. The donations are earmarked for our church nursery. There are many updates and repairs needed to make this space safe and pleasing to our youngest members and their caregivers.

Willing bakers are needed to make this new venture a success. Please consider bringing wrapped home baked contribution with you when attending church on the 1st Sundays.

We would also love your help "manning" the sales table. If you would like to help the fun endeavor please ask at the table on Sunday.

(Rest assured, donuts will still be available to consume with your coffee as you greet one another!)

Episcopal Church Women cont.

Garage Sale Bake Sale – October 16

In conjunction with the Annual Garage Sale, Saturday, October 16, the ECW Bake Sale will be in full swing. This is a popular event with many stopping in from the neighborhood to purchase favorite baked items, jams and sauces. The women of the parish will receive a phone reminder to please bring home-baked items for this main fund raiser. The proceeds this year will be distributed through grants to women and ministries within the parish that will benefit women, children and families. More information about the grants and how to submit an application will follow later. Your wrapped and labeled food contributions may be delivered Friday or first thing Saturday morning.

Bake Sale Booth at the Holiday Bazaar – November 19 and 20th.

The ECW will again host a baked goods booth at the Holiday Bazaar, which returns to St. Paul's this year. This is a two-day event that draws many visitors from the area shopping for creative handmade items. It is very difficult for those visitors to pass by the ECW booth without picking up something delicious to take home or to give as gifts. We are known for providing wonderful goodies to purchase.

Because this is a two-day event, many contributions of baked goods are needed. Please bring yours to the church either day. The proceeds from the Bazaar booth will also be used to benefit women, children and families of the parish.





Advent: *Waiting* in *Hope*

ECW Advent Event – Saturday, December 4th

Special guest, The Rev. Debra Angell

The Episcopal Church Women Board invites you to a morning gathering, marking the beginning of the Advent Season, Saturday, December 4th. Our very own, Rev. Debra Angell will present the program. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 with the program beginning at 9:30 to 12:00.

“ADVENT: Hope for our New Year.” Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. We prepare for the second coming of Christ.

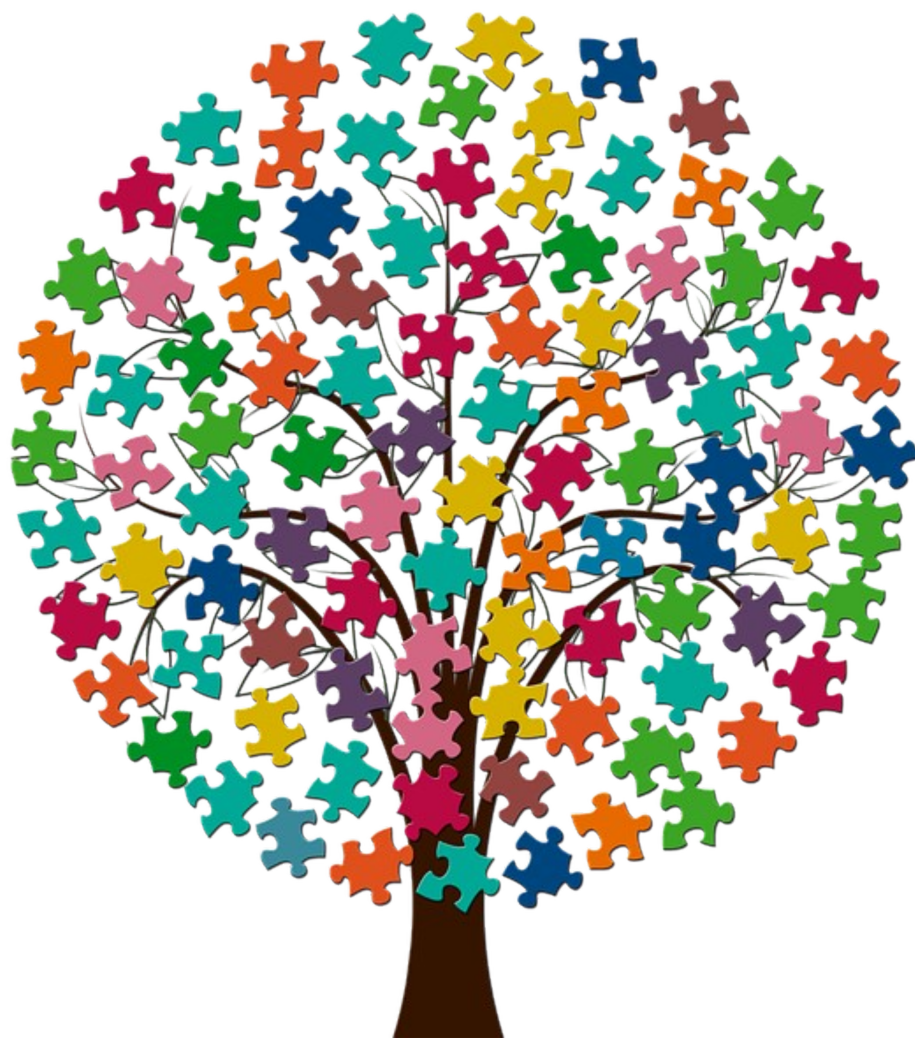
*If in your heart you make a manger for his birth,
then God will once again become a child on earth.*

Angelus Silesius

Debra will explore with us the question “How do we prepare to experience the coming of Christ”

The previous Episcopal Church Women gathering held September 12 with the theme “Reflections on an Extraordinary Year” was attended by twenty-four women who were delighted to come together after such a long time of separation due to the pandemic. As discussion groups shared experiences and their histories there were many smiles and much laughter in the room. Thank you to those who joined us! We look forward to being together once again for the Advent program, December 4th.





St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Statement of Income and Expense by Minor Group
August of Fiscal Year 2021

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-01-Pledge & Plate Offering	21,000.00	18,979.95	172,000.03	186,724.33
00-02-Miscellaneous Receipts	2,831.66	984.22	41,573.34	34,183.60
00-04-Dedicated Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	23,831.66	19,964.17	213,573.37	220,907.93
Expense				
00-01-Administrative Expenses	1,608.33	1,679.52	12,866.64	12,034.31
00-02-Clergy Expenses	11,127.41	12,043.18	89,269.28	89,867.82
00-03-Personnel&Contract Labor	5,630.23	4,634.98	34,484.04	28,402.41
00-04-Plant Expenses	8,250.00	7,823.21	36,000.00	32,340.74
00-05-Programs Expenses	2,825.00	4,155.51	22,800.00	19,521.14
00-06-Columbarium Expenses	0.00	90.00	0.00	320.50
00-07-Diocesan Pledge	1,746.67	1,518.34	13,973.36	14,937.89
00-08-Front Range Region Pledge	436.67	379.59	3,493.36	3,734.49
Total Expense	31,624.31	32,324.33	212,886.68	201,159.30
Income Less Expense	-\$ 7,792.65	-\$12,360.16	\$ 686.69	\$ 19,748.63

Month: Income \$19,964; Expense \$32,324; Net income \$-12,360.

2021: Net income \$19,748.

The net income for the year includes the PPP loan. Excluding that extra income from PPP, we have a net income of about \$-6,000, which hopefully is due to the summer lull and a large insurance bill. We have made contributions to Hands for the Carpenter, who provide car maintenance for women in need, and Episcopal Relief and Development for Haiti. Thank you all for your pledges and donations. Donate online at <https://www.stpaulslakewood.org/giving-to-st-pauls>.

David Parkhurst and Pam Horiszny
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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christian Education
	10:00 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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