# ST. PAUL'S Episcopal CHURCH



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## The Herald June 2024 Edition

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S – 9:30 A.M.

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### THE HERALD

### St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

2024 VESTRY	TERM EXPIRES
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#### **Finance and Admin**

**Brian Hodges** 2025, Warden

**Beth Fitz Gibbon** 2026, Clerk

Weldon Elrod 2026

#### **Parish Life**

**Joe Porter** 2027, Warden

**Gwyneth Hawk** 2026

Kathy Meyer 2025

#### **Outreach**

Carol Hunt 2027

Jane Belanus 2025

**Tristan Simpson** 2025

### **JUNE CALENDAR**

\* Friends In Service to St. Paul's (FIST) 8 a.m.

\* Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (Hood family send off)

\* Outreach Committee Mtg. 11:00 a.m.

\* High School and Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3: \* PCC 10:00 a.m.

\* Steadfast Stitchers 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 5:** \* 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 6:** \* PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

\* Community Meal 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 9:** \* Worship Service 9:20 a.m.

\* High School and Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 10:** \* Grandparents@Prayer 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 11:** \* Steadfast Stitchers 10 – Noon

**Wednesday, June 12:** \* Happy Bookers 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 13:** \* Parish Life Committee 10:00 a.m.

\* Set-up for TAG sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\* TAG sale in Parish Hall 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 16:** \* Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

\* Vestry Meeting 11:00 – Noon

\* High School and Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 17:** \* Steadfast Stitchers 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 19:** \* Men's Group @ the Depot 9:00 a.m.

\* Juneteenth - Office Closed

**Thursday, June 20:** \* PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

\* Men's Prayer Group 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday, June 23:** \* Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

\* High School and Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 25:** \* Steadfast Stitchers 10:00-Noon

**Sunday, June 30:** \* Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

\* High School and Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

### From the Priest in Charge Fr. Jere Hinson

To all God's holy people in Leavenworth, NW Kansas and NE Missouri, grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! In this issue of the Herald you will find three themes: Congratulations, Thank you, and What's Next?!

Congratulations to Joe and Michelle Garcia, Liddell Hobin, and Anthea Brosnan as they all reached career milestones. Retirement is a liminal time—a fancy way of saying threshold or doorway. I marvel at and give thanks for the lives the four of these generous souls have touched over the course of their careers. I can't wait to see what God is calling them to next!

Congratulations, as well, to our graduates! Aiden Cummins graduated from high school. Sophia Cummins, Sophia Nance, Isobel Haberland, and Grayson Masterson graduated from eighth grade. Each of these graduates received a copy of the book <u>3 Big Questions That Shape Your Future</u>. Our church family stands ready to help them ponder: Who am I? Where do I fit? And What difference can I make?

Third, congratulations to Christian Skaggs who was baptized on the Feast of Pentecost becoming a child of God here in our midst. Thanks to Tristan and Bruce who sponsored him. Again, I can't wait to see what God does next in his life.

Thank you's this month are numerous and I always worry about missing someone. At risk of that let me list a few highlights you may see or may be in the background of this month's Herald:

- \* Mark Stotler's stalwart music leadership and our awesome choir
- \* Gary Hobin's leadership of our Minster book study
- \* Jane and Terry Belanus' support of our growing youth gathering
- \* Javier Alfonso's digital native support to Father Analog's blog efforts
- \* Dr. Lisa Masterson's coordination of our AED refreshment
- \* Bill Kromer and Frank Masterson's support to Jeff our Treasurer
- \* Your energetic vestry's engagement in finding ways to enhance our common life and expand our ministry—ask them for details ③
- \* And many more

What's Next? We aren't really slowing down in the summer! Check out the calendar! First Wednesday will feature Sister Amy Walcott who has stepped up as director of Leavenworth Attainable Housing with Sister Vickie's retirement. We have our annual church rummage sale ably led this year by Kathy Meyer. We will bid fair winds and following seas to the Hood family as they move to their next Army assignment—I can't wait to see who God brings us next. We will celebrate our awesome Sunday School teachers. We are supporting three young people's participation in Episcopal church camp. In July we are aiming to host a late afternoon/evening Vacation Bible School—see Jennifer Turner for how to help!

The Spirt is on the move! Come and see what God is doing!

Faithfully, Jere+

### **June Birthdays**

June 3 - Kelly Wagner

June 4 – Liddell Hobin

June 10 – Jane Belanus

June 11 - Carter Skaggs

June 14 – Joe Garcia

June 20 – Kimberly McMillan

June 25 – Fr. Jere Hinson

### **June Anniversaries**

June 12 - Martha & Rhett Bochette

June 23 - Maggie & Robert Streb

June 26 - Sandra & Dallas Van Hoose



### **First Wednesday**

First Wednesday in May featured our Diocesan Youth and Young Adult leaders, Chad Senuta and the Rev. Karen Schlabach. June's First Wednesday will feature Sister Amy Walcott.





### From the Sr. Warden

This month your Vestry decided in principle to purchase the Parish House tables and chairs identified by the committee but deferred making a decision to purchase them until next month when the entire Vestry will be available to meet and discuss funding options. Thank you to all who participated and provided input to this discussion! The Vestry also received an Organ Restoration Report from Dr. Mark Stotler, our music director. His report identified the major deficiencies with the organ and their impacts. The Vestry appreciated the report and will wait until Dr. Stotler receives the repair cost estimate from the organ repair company before proceeding further. Depending on the cost and severity of the repairs this may merit a new capital campaign. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to make things better, please reach out to myself or the other Vestry members. Thanks - Brian Hodges, brianahodges46@gmail.com, (913) 775-0125.

Congratulations Christian Skaggs on your Baptism May 19<sup>th</sup>!
May the love of God fill you and strengthen you!









### **Tag and Rummage Sale**

St. Paul's will hold a Tag and Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 15 from 8:00am –3:00pm. Parish members can reserve an 8' table on the main level of the Parish Hall for \$25.00. Members may sell their individual items and keep all their profit. Set will be available on Friday 6/14 from 9am-2pm.



There will also be a hotdog/beverage sale at the kitchen window from 11-1. Youth of the church will operate the sale. Procedures will go to youth activities.

The lower level of the Parish Hall will have the rummage items from the church for sale. **We are** *not* **accepting donations** but encourage you to purchase a table if you have items



you wish to sell. The church sale will include kitchen items, old dishes and silverware from the kitchen remodel as well as the old lighting fixtures from the parish hall. Medical assistance items that we will not loan plus miscellaneous furniture will also be for sale.

Please sign up early for your table or to assist with the sale. For additional information contact Kathy Meyer or Candy Dials.

### **Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)**

Come join us on Monday, June 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We are studying "Grandparenting with a Purpose", by Lillian Penner. We will discuss the topic "Communicate your Faith to your Grandchildren" at this gathering. Please plan to join us the second Monday of each



month as we strive to learn more about how to practice intentional grandparenting with focused prayer that God will be ever present in the lives of our grandchildren. We have seen prayers for our grandchildren answered since we have been meeting and would love to be your prayer warriors should you like to share prayer requests for your children and grandchildren with us. Please contact Amy Masters, (913) 240-3823 or Anthea Brosnan, (913) 680-4481 if you have any prayer requests or questions.



Congratulations to the 2024 Graduates!!!







### From the Outreach Committee:

Thank you to all who donated to St Paul's Outreach project, The Leavenworth Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels). You donated \$275.00 to this organization.

Our Outreach Project for June 2024 will be given to the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope. It has been assisting those who live in poverty in Leavenworth since December, 2014. It began first as Welcome Central, then they added an emergency night shelter. In 2016 they added a day shelter and combined all three services in their own building. Their community could not exist without folks who offer financial support and those who share their time – over 100 volunteers each week keep us running 365 days (and nights) a year.

Welcome Central provides services to those in Leavenworth County living in poverty which include instructions about daily living skills, information about social service providers, access to job seeking skills, assistance in getting personal documents and transportation to helping agencies and other essential services.

Our May Outreach offering will be used to support the community meal. Thanks to Joe Porter, our youth group had leftovers to eat at their Sunday evening meal.

Our youth are collecting clothing for the Foster Closet and will deliver them June 1st.

At our First Wednesday meal, the 5th of June, Sr Amy Wilcott SCL, will talk to us about Attainable housing. She will be taking over for Sr Vickie Perkins. We will be represented at the Attainable Housing Dinner/Fundraiser.

Iris Arnold will speak at July's First Wednesday pot luck. She leads the Leavenworth Mission Community Store and Food Pantry. Our Outreach offering in July will support this organization.

St Paul's will participate in PAIR Day August 17th.

The Cancer Walk is Saturday September 21st. St Paul's will participate.

We will conduct a coat drive in October.

Trunk or Treat will be Saturday October 26th. Still Paul's will collect candy and will be participating in this event.

At November's first Wednesday pot luck we hope to have Deb from Court Appointed Special Advocates, (CASA), who will tell us about Angel Tree and how to support it.

We seek volunteers to provide leadership and organization for some of these projects.

### Happening #98 registration is open

Happening is a Christian Experience by youth for youth. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There are games, music, great food, and a chance to talk with peers about things that really matter. Students "go through" Happening only once, after that, they may come back and serve on Happening staff, recreating the experience for others.

The program, led by youth for youth, focuses on three big questions:



Where do I fit?

What difference can I make?

and what the good news of Jesus Christ can tell us about these questions.

When: July 19-21, 2024

Where: St. Margaret's, Lawrence

Who: Youth in grades 9-12 (including rising 9th graders in the summer); College students

are invited and welcome to serve on staff.

**Fee:** \$60

**Priority deadline:** 1-week prior to event (fee increases by \$15 after this date)

**Registration form:** <a href="https://bit.ly/EDOKSessions">https://bit.ly/EDOKSessions</a>

### What is it like for high school youth to serve on staff?

Youth, college students, and adults who have previously attended Happening are invited to be on staff. Volunteers can choose from several available staff positions depending on their interest. We need young people to serve as family group leaders, kitchen staff, photographers, gophers, and musicians. Staff will gather beginning at 4 pm on Friday to prepare for the weekend. All staff (youth and adults) need to complete the registration form above if they wish to serve on Happening staff.

**Questions?** Contact Diocesan Youth Missioner, Karen Schlabach, <a href="ks.org">kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org</a>.



High School age students and young adults are welcome to join in monthly fellowship and discussion. Join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. We hope to increase our numbers and make this a meaningful experience for all.

### All invited to Pride liturgy, parade

The Diocese of Kansas and West Missouri will come together to celebrate a special Pride Mass on Saturday, June 8, at 9:30 am, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 40th and Main St. in Kansas City, MO. Bishop Cathleen Bascom will be presiding. All are welcome.

Following the Pride liturgy, those wishing to join the Pride parade will make the short walk to Westport to take our spot in line. Parishes are encouraged to bring signs and/or banners identifying your churches. The parade is approximately 2 miles in length, ending at Pridefest located at Theis Park in front of the Nelson Atkins Museum.

Many in the LGBTQIA+ community have a history of rejection by the religions they were raised in. The Episcopal Church allows everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, to practice their faith as their authentic self. We support diversity, equality, and inclusion for all!. Supporting the LGBTQIA+ community during Pride month is an impactful way to show our love and support. Kansas City Pridefest is June 7-9.

**Please join us, we would love to show a strong Episcopal presence!** For questions or additional information please email <u>john.pfannes@att.net</u>.

### Leavenworth County Relay for Life, 2024

Summertime is fast approaching, and with it, the Leavenworth County Relay for Life in support of the American Cancer Society. We fielded out first ever Relay for Life team last year. Tom Dials had challenged us to field a team at the parish Annual Meeting the previous year, and we accepted the challenge. That effort involved a lot of discovery learning, but we successfully fielded a team, figured out how to assemble the church-owned canopy, and raised somewhat more donations for the American Cancer Society than we had agreed. Reports have it that we had more folks participating at the event than larger organizations in Leavenworth. Just as important, we had a great time! We will be



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participating in the Relay for Life again this year, building on last years' experience. Gary Hobin has volunteered to lead the team and organize the effort. Details for the county's event have not been released as of this writing. We expect them soon. Based on last years' experience, we anticipate being able to raise more in donations for the American Cancer Society.

We invite everyone in the parish to participate. You can help raise the canopy, then rest in the shade; you can walk laps in support of cancer survivors and care givers; you can simply log into the Leavenworth County Relay for Life website when it opens and make a donation. Your participation can be as much as you want.

#### **Missouri River Minster**

The Missouri River Minster met for its final meeting before summer on Tuesday, 07 May, here at St. Paul's. Representatives from Trinity Church, Atchison, and St. Thomas' Church, Falls City joined with St. Paul's folks to review the past month and offer ideas for activities after the summer break.

As is the normal practice, after welcoming folks to St. Paul's, the meeting began with prayer and a devotional exercise. Minster members read a passage from St. Luke's Gospel, then after reflection spoke to what words particularly resonated with them. The discussion deepened our understanding of the passage.

In our working through the book Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World (Roxburgh), we

discussed two chapters on "Practicing the Journey:" the chapters on Reflecting and Deciding. After discussing how reflecting on events can lead to making those events meaningful in our lives, Minster members offered examples of their own experiences and how the practice of reflection resulted in something larger than the simple event. One such experience was viewing a photograph of Falls City's lending library box, which led to reflection that we, too, could do something similar for the benefit of the larger community. Experience, reflection, decision.



From that reflection, discussion proceeded to addressing how we recognize what God is doing in the neighborhood. And what is our neighborhood? A standard practice in Anglican parishes used to be making the rounds of the parish on Rogation Sunday: physically visiting each corner of the Parish. Fr. Jere pointed out that St. Paul's parish consists of nodes, communities within a 40-minute driving radius.

The Minster will be taking a summer break for the next three months. When we reconvene in September, we intend to view a video, "Philadelphia Eleven," about the first women to be ordained as priests.

As one of the folks at the meeting remarked, "we ought to invite all members of the hosting parish to join for Minster meetings." And there you have it, St. Paul's folks: an open invitation to attend a Missouri River Minster meeting the next time we meet.



Men's Fellowship at the Depot! Every third Wednesday a group of St. Paul's gentlemen meet at The Depot for fellowship and conversation! They meet at 9:00 a.m. and always welcome new members. Hope to see you there!



The **Men's Prayer Group** meets on the third Saturday of the month for prayer and conversation. They also do service projects in support of St. Paul's and the community. Come join the fun! It will be worth your while.

Work on the **Lending Library** continues. Thank you, Joe and Michelle Garcia for all your hard work. It appears there is no slowing down in retirement for them!



**Congratulations** to all the recent retirees (Liddell Hobin, Joe and Michelle Garcia, and Anthea Brosnan) and our newly baptized member, Christian Skaggs!







Thank you to our lovely **choir** for providing joyful music to our worship. They will be taking a well deserved break until September.

Fr. Jere attended the retirement of Sr. Vicki. Thank you Sr. Vicki for all your hard work and dedication to the Leavenworth community! You will be truly missed! Enjoy your retirement!



### **Prayer List:**

Norman Arnold, Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Carol Ohlstein, Barry Rimmey, James Henry, Marge Scheele, Phyliss Downing, Randy Kamm, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary

Masterson Stitt, Teresa Murphy, Haroldine Nisbet, Wendy Fredland, Dick and Midge Bigler, Mary Madison, E.J. and Havick Eaton, Don Andersen, Bernice Biehn, Deacon Allen Ohlstein, Mary Kaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Tom Darnley, Beverly Rogness, Ralph Bodenner, Bill and Boni Lages, Martha Bochette, Ryne Cormode, Erik, Donna, and Ty Benson, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Kirsten Allen, Sylvia Salinas, Susan Jennaway, Kristen and Riley Rose Caldwell, Byron LeClerc, Mike Mendiola, Reid Kelly, Don Breckon, Jerry Blair, and Kellie Broom. For all in the military at home and abroad.

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