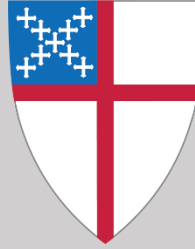


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THE HERALD

St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

January's Calendar:

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Office Hours:

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

Monday, January 2: Office Closed for New Year Holiday

Tuesday, January 3: Minster Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 5: PEO Bridge: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 7: F.I.S.T. 9:00 am

Sunday, January 8: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am

Monday, January 9: PCC 10:00 am

Wednesday, January 11: Book Club 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 12: Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Saturday January 14: Community Meal 11:00 am -
1:00 pm

Sunday, January 15: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am
Bishop Bascom Here

Tuesday, January 17: Vestry 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 18: Men's Group 9:00 am

Thursday, January 19: PEO Bridge: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday, January 20: Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 22: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am
Annual parish meeting after church

Thursday, January 26: Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 29: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am

FROM FATHER STEVE



Dear friends:

Though we are well into the new church year, our new calendar year of 2023 is fast approaching. Other than liturgical, the secular calendar year is what the church bases its activity on, which includes The Annual Parish Meeting, a new operations budget and electing new members to the Vestry. Unlike congregational churches where the congregation votes on most matters and the Majority rules, in the Episcopal Church the congregation elects representatives from its body that make most of the decisions for the church throughout the year. It is similar to our state and federal governments where the people elect representatives to make decisions for the good of the whole. This year, our nominees for election to the Vestry are Gwyneth Hawk, Weldon Elrod, and Beth Fitz Gibbon. Gwyneth will be serving her second term. She is a chalice bearer, a member of the Altar Guild, an usher as well as a member of the Happy Bookers. Weldon Elrod, is a long-time member of St. Paul's and has served on the Vestry before. Weldon also serves as an usher, a member of the men's group and is a frequent member of our FIST group. Beth has been at St. Paul's for three years. She serves as an usher, a lector, and serves on the Diocesan Council of Trustees. In January, she will begin serving as the President of the Board of Trustees. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for January 22. The year-end financial statement will be presented as well as the 2023 budget; the new Vestry will be elected; we'll hear the latest news on the priest search and other reports will be given. We will also have refreshments. We always strive to keep the Meeting an hour or less. Please plan to join us.

This January 15, we will also have Bishop Bascom join us for her every other year "official" visitation. She will be doing Confirmation and Receptions. While we had 7 people receive Confirmation/Reception instruction, it looks as though only 3 will be available that Sunday due to travel conflicts. We will also have someone from St. Luke's, Wamego join us to be received on that day.

I'll see you at church AND at the Annual Parish Meeting!

Steve+

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ 7:30 pm

Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist with Christmas readings, carols, and homily 9:30 am

New Year's Day
A festival of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion 9:30 am

Christmas is a season, not a day! Please join us for all these services as we celebrate the 12-day season of our Lord's birth!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee completed, the Vestry approved, and the Diocesan Missioner for Transitions (Ms. Debbie Kremers) uploaded both the Parish Profile and Office of Transition Ministry Profile to the appropriate church websites and formally announced the vacancy at St. Paul's. What was uploaded can be found in the "Search Committee" tab at the top of the parish website (www.stpaulslvn.org). Candidates have until January 6, 2023 to express their interest in the position. After January 6th, Ms. Kremers will compile a list of applicants for the Committee to interview. While waiting for the names, the Committee is beginning to compile a list of questions to ask candidates. Please let a Search Committee member know if there is something you want to ask candidates.

THE HAPPY BOOKERS

The Happy Bookers Book Club meets every month. The meetings are open to everyone. You don't have to be an official member of the club; you don't have to come every month; you don't even have to read the assigned book. You are most welcome to come anytime you can. The goal is to have a good time! The next meeting of the Happy Bookers is January 11, at 6:30 pm. (We meet 2nd Wednesdays most months.) Our book for discussion this month is *The Man who died Twice* by Richard Osman.

PARISH HALL RENOVATION NEWS

While we are still waiting for materials to arrive before beginning our kitchen renovation, there is some work being done. The area that used to be parish offices is being converted into a conference room. To do this, we moved the wall between the former office manager's and priest's offices three feet to the west. This made the front room significantly larger. The former priest's office (now the treasurer's office) about 36 sq. ft. smaller but still large enough for Jeff to do his work comfortably. The front room is now large enough to serve as a meeting room and will be furnished with a large conference table and comfortable chairs. It should seat around 12 people and be large enough for most all of our regularly meeting groups. We hope this might also encourage the formation of other small groups in our church. It should be ready by mid-January. Downstairs in the Parish House, we are renovating one of the old restrooms which will now serve as a unisex restroom mainly for our Sunday School. Both of the downstairs restrooms were in terrible shape. It was decided to renovate one with two toilets to serve everyone. The other restroom will be stripped to serve as a mop closet and storage area. This project, too, should be finished in January, and time for the Annual Parish Meeting. We hope to have both areas ready for you to view. We hope we will be beginning the kitchen renovations by the end of January. The parish hall will be done immediately after the kitchen is finished. Funds for these projects are from the estate of Matt Vlademar, surplus funds from the TAME campaign, and special gifts from church members.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!

A lot of people are making New year's resolutions right now. This is a great time to invite people to church. And maybe that's a good resolution for you: to invite more people to church this year! They might just be waiting for you to ask!

COFFEE HOUR MOVES BACK TO THE PARISH HOUSE

On January 8th, we are going to move our coffee hour after church back to the Parish House. While there are advantages to having our after-church fellowship time in the church narthex, people have remarked that there is just too little room and no place to sit for conversation. Of course, there is a disadvantage to moving across the street too, especially in cold weather. And we tend to lose some folks along the way, especially those parked in the church parking lot or east of the church. We ask you to please make the effort and the short walk to join us in the comfortable space of the Parish House for after-church fellowship. We will have some designated parking for those that aren't as mobile on their feet and need to drive around. Fellowship is an important part of our life together. Please join us!

AN EPISTLE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN, GENE HART

Below is the latest report from Gene. He is now officially half way through his 3-year trek that is seminary (education training for the priesthood). Gene, Debi and Finn are all doing well on the mountaintop that is The University of the South, better known as Sewanee.

Hi St. Paul's!

Well, with my last paper turned in, this marks the halfway point for us here at Sewanee. This semester has been a slug, and we are all looking forward to the break. Sorting the Mysteries of God, Creation, and Christ in Systematic Theology wore me to a nub. Then our Church Music class ground that nub into dust. We had to memorize 55 hymn tunes...for those who are not musically inclined, it was depressingly hard. Nevertheless, all that is in the past, and we have Moral Theology and History of Christian Worship to look forward to in January. I will no longer measure reading in pages but in inches and feet...

My joy this semester has been in my Field Education placement. Mother Molly, the Chaplain at St Andrew's School (where Finn is a student), took me on as her new student intern. Every Wednesday is Holy Eucharist for the entire school body, students and faculty, followed by a community lunch. On Sunday nights, we have a Compline office for our boarding students. The energy from the students is incredible. They tolerate no half answers and demand that I am my authentic self.

We thank you for all your support and your prayers. I am going to take advantage of the first day in over a week that it is not raining and get outside, away from computers and textbooks, and breathe a bit.

Yours,

Gene

BISHOP BASCOM WILL BE AT ST. PAUL'S ON JANUARY 15. Please plan to be there to greet our Bishop and to support those being Confirmed or Received! It would be great to have a full house on hat day!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of December 19, we have 49 pledges for a total \$221, 210.96. That is \$31,000 more than last year! Thank you for your continued financial support of our church!

St. Paul's Prayer List for January



Please pray for St. Paul's sick and suffering:

Norman Arnold, Lester Rhodes, Jim Wardlow, Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Barbara O'Neill, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Carol Ohlstein, Karen Gray, Barry & Deb Rimmey, Anne Boyd, James Henry, Mildred Harazin, Cindy and Gregg Scircle, Marge Scheele, Phyliss Downing, Britta Copt, Katie Scircle, Randy Kamm, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary Masterson Stitt, Teresa Murphy, For all in the military at home and abroad.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In thanksgiving of the birthday of their son-in-law, **Tony Kramer** by Bill and Joy Kromer

In loving memory of **Ruth Zobel** by Stan and Lee Vlademar

In loving memory of her mother, **Lottie Rawlings** by Anne Boyd and the Rawlings Trust

In thanksgiving of the birthday of their granddaughter, **Jennifer Kramer Alexander** by Bill and Joy Kromer

In loving memory of **Harvey Edmonds, Sr.** by the Edmond Trust

In loving memory of **Louis and Sophie Feller and Florence Heller** by the Feller Trust

In thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, **Amy Hubbard** by Gary and Jan Hubbard

In loving memory of her mother and their grandmother, **Shelby Rhodes** by Deb and Barry Rimmey, Dustin, Brandon, and families

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

15 – Frank & Lisa Masterson

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S:

2 – Cassie Blakely

7 – Deb Rimmey

11 – Abby Hoffman

12 – Paras Mendiola

15 – Gregg Scircle

17 – Becky Johnson

21 – Frank Masterson

29 – Pam Simpson



If you don't see your name on this list or see an error, please contact the church office!

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