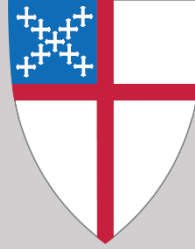


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**The Herald
April Edition**

Generous Community • Enduring Worship • Gracious Welcome

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

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Service streams at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings
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St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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2025 VESTRY

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2026

Parish Life

Joe Porter

2027, Warden

Gwyneth Hawk

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Bruce Simpson

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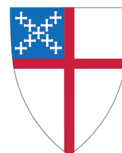
Carol Hunt

2027

Sarah Berry

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Anna "Bash" Bousfield 2026





April Calendar



- Wednesday, April 2:**
- * 12:00 pm Lenten sack lunch program
 - * 1:00 pm Sassy Seniors
 - * 6:00 pm Lenten Supper program
- Thursday, April 3:**
- * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Friday, April 4:**
- * 1-3 pm PEO Bridge
- Saturday, April 5:**
- * 8:30 am Friends In Service To St. Paul's (FIST)
- Sunday, April 6:**
- * **Worship Service 9:30 am**
 - * 5:00 pm High School/ Young Adult Gathering
- Monday, April 7:**
- * 10:00 am Pastoral Care Committee
- Tuesday, April 8:**
- * 6:30 pm Happy Bookers
- Wednesday, April 9:**
- * 12:00 pm Lenten sack lunch program
 - * 6:00 pm Lenten Supper program
- Thursday, April 10:**
- * 10:00 am Parish Life Committee
 - * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Saturday, April 12:**
- * 11 am - 1pm Community Meal
- Sunday, April 13:**
- * 9:30 am Worship – Palm Sunday
 - * 11:00 am Organ Restoration Meeting
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering
- Monday, April 14:**
- * 5:30 -6:30 pm Grandparents@Prayer
- Wednesday, April 16:**
- * 9:00 am Men's Group @ the Depot
 - * 12:00 pm Lenten sack lunch program
 - * 1:00 pm Sassy Seniors
 - * 6:00 pm Lenten Supper program
- Thursday, April 17:**
- * 7:00 pm Worship – Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 18:**
- * 12:00 pm Worship – Good Friday
 - * 1-3 pm PEO Bridge
 - * 7:00 pm Worship – Good Friday
- Saturday, April 19:**
- * 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
- Sunday, April 20:**
- * 9:30 am Worship – Easter
 - * 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
- Thursday, April 24:**
- * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Friday, April 25:**
- * 6:00 pm Gen Z (over 21) Gathering place TBD
- Saturday, April 26:**
- * 9 am – 4 pm Day of Battle using Parish Hall
- Sunday, April 27:**
- * 9:30 am Worship
 - * **Annual Plant Sale at Flower Garden Greenhouse**
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering

From the Priest in Charge

Fr. Jere Hinson

Grace and peace to the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement in Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri! We are well into our Lenten journey during which we have focused on penitence and repentance, two very similar words. Both represent things that people who desire to live out of transcendent values must do constantly not just when we discover we've done something wrong. I harken back to my days aboard ship. We would constantly check the ship's PIM—Plan of Intended Movement—to see if we were on plan, off plan, or needed a new plan. Now a days we use constellations of satellites to fix our position. When I first started, however, we used radio beams, direction finders, compass, noon sights, and the stars. Once upon a time I was proficient in the use of a sextant! The spiritual life is similar. Do not wait until you find yourself in shoal water and hard aground! Use Lent and in particular Holy Week, to take a fix on your life. Are you incarnating the fruits of the Spirit? Is God's will making its way from Heaven into your earthly voyage? Join your fellow mariners in this adventure of a lifetime!

Speaking of fellow mariners, have you noticed that there are new members of St. Paul's crew around lately? Have you met Roger and Di, Rich and Rose, Camille, Lenny, Alex and Chase, Lora, Terry, or Sherry? Please wear your name tags and get to know these St. Paul's people who God's Spirit has called into fellowship in the past couple of months. As we live into the God's vision of the church in Acts Chapter 2 through our Generous Community, Gracious Welcome and Enduring Worship, God adds to our number daily. Thank you for your part in this glorious undertaking.

Many thanks as well to Beth Fitz Gibbon and the Organ Restoration team. Through your generosity and their diligence, we are making progress toward a generational goal that will ensure we are able to praise God through choral organ music for decades to come. I love our music—in case you missed it, the highlight of last week's worship was Marje Leser encouraging the three young acolytes to sing the closing hymn—it was as if she had her own youth choir!!

There are many places to plug into our common life. We have already existing programs you can learn about via our website or the booklet on Lay Ministries that can be found in the parish hall. Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and our nursery are particular arenas that our Education Director, Jenn Turner (a magnificent volunteer), the Parish Life Committee and I are particularly highlighting over the next few months. If lay people feel called to lead an emerging ministry we are only limited by our imaginations.

On Wednesday April 2nd our Lenten Supper will feature special guest Shelly Swartz, Jan Hubbard's niece. She will be talking with us about her work as an active learning facilitator and how it contributes to the spiritual growth of the participants. Join us starting at 5:30pm, we eat at 6:00pm and the talk starts at 6:30pm.

Finally beloved, in the midst of times of trial and tribulations, and you find your mind spinning, heed the words of our patron, St. Paul in Philippians 4:8 and focus on, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think on these things."

Fr. Jere

From the Sr. Warden:

This month the Vestry decided to investigate the larger than expected snow removal bills, discussed the possibility of a later First Wednesday event focusing on different outreach opportunities, and agreed to host the April 20 (Easter Sunday) coffee hour. It also decided to conduct the April Vestry meeting on Wednesday, April 22d using Google Meet instead of the regularly scheduled in-person meeting on April 20th to avoid a conflict with the Easter Sunday celebrations. As a reminder, the Vestry meetings and generated documents are open to everybody and there is always time set aside during the meetings for members of the Church to speak directly to the Vestry. Please ask me or another Vestry member and we will provide a copy of the generated documents to you. 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.



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April Birthdays

April 6 – Kathy Meyer
Michael Streb

April 7 – Robert Streb

April 10 – Elizabeth Hoffman
Sarah McLeod

April 11 – Pam Cole

April 12 – Anthea Brosnan

April 13 – Laura Haberland
Shirley Franklin

April 22 – David Streb

April 23 – Sophia Nance

April 25 – David Cotter
Candy Dials

April Anniversaries

April 16 - John & Laura Alexander

April 29 – Terry & Jane Belanus



Generation Z is a group of young adults (21+) who gather monthly for fun, fellowship and to advise Fr. Jere on the spiritual needs of their cohort. For more information, please see Fr. Jere!

HAPPY BOOKERS Book Club finally got to meet after missing January and February due to the weather. Now, we have to reschedule due to Lent! Thank you, ladies, for being so flexible!! Our next meeting will be on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11** at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss both the March and April books, The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo and The Grey Wolf.



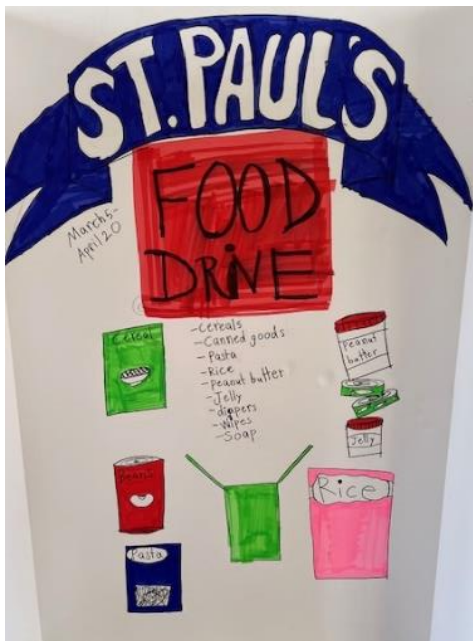
At times I think to myself,
"Drop the book and get stuff done!"
Then, I laugh and turn the page.

In May, we will be back to our original schedule and meet on May 14th to discuss The Secret Life of Sunflowers, a book about Vincent Van Gogh, and then choose books for the next few months.

Ladies, please consider joining us for an evening of fellowship, libations and book discussions. Our usual meeting day is the second Wednesday monthly at 6:30, in the church parish hall.

Lenten Food Drive:

To reflect Christ's call to care for those in need, this Lent season, we are collecting food and essential supplies for local food banks, including the Leavenworth Mission and Catholic Charities. All nonperishable food items are welcome, especially, cereals, canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter and jelly. We are accepting diapers, wipes, soaps, and other hygiene items to assist families facing economic hardship. Collection sites are available inside the church entrance (parking lot side) and parish hall. Your generosity, whether through in-kind donations or acts of service, will make a meaningful impact in our community this Lent. Thank you for joining us in this sacred tradition of giving.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt



We will be collecting Easter candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please be sure the candy is individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic Easter egg.



There will be baskets in the church and parish hall for your donations. Thank you.

Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, April 14 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We are studying Grandparenting with a Purpose, by Lillian Penner. We will discuss the topics “Praying for Your Grandchildren’s Parents” and “Praying God’s Word for 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.

Save The Date:

Vacation Bible School this year will be held July 14-18 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Please mark your calendars as it will be bigger and better than before!

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Think Spring! Annual Plant Sale

The annual St. Paul's plant sale will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the Flower Garden Greenhouse, 30471 164th St. in Leavenworth (near the west end of Metropolitan St.) Tell them you are from St. Paul's and we will receive 10% of sales that day. If you think it is too early to plant, purchase a gift card to use when you are ready!



Some of St Paul's parishioners involved in the Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade.





Easter Lilies

Those wishing to order a Lily to decorate the church for Easter may do so by writing a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, indicating on the memo line that it is for lilies. Each lily is \$15.00.

Please place your lily order not later than Sunday, April 13, returning this form to the church office or placing it in the collection plate so we can include your memorials and thanksgivings in the Easter bulletin.

You may pick up your lily after the service on Easter. The lilies remaining in the church will be taken to the parish hall where you can pick them up during office hours.

Given by _____

Given in memory of _____

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The Pancake Supper was held on March 4th and was a BIG success thanks to all the hard working volunteers and individuals attending!



Small Group Program:

Becoming companions in Christ happens over cups of coffee and shared meals in one another's home. It happens as we worship on Sunday morning and mourn when someone is no longer with us. It happens when we forgive each other for the harsh words we share when we are tired or hungry or disagree. It happens as we share the love of Jesus with one another over and over and over again. The companions in Christ small group experience will allow us to share in this process, as we journey toward Christ together, learning from each other's unique experience of God. At the end of the 6-week journey, you will have learned how to lead your own small group that seeks to develop more companions on the journey to becoming like Christ. Prayerfully consider joining this group. An information session will be held, May 18 with Mother Ryan immediately following the service during coffee hour.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



We are looking for at least eight adults who can volunteer once every other month to assist in our nursery. By diocesan guidelines we need to have two people anytime we provide childcare. One will be our teen

nursery attendant, Sofia. Volunteers would need to do Safe Church training, show up 15 minutes prior to Sunday worship service, and be prepared to help welcome anyone with children less than 3 years of age. Should no care be needed by 9:40 the volunteer is free to join with the congregation. Please pray about this. If you are so inclined, please talk with Fr. Jere, Bruce Simpson or Gwyneth Hawk. We hope to be able to offer this robust Gracious Welcome by Easter, 20 April.





March Community Meal
served over 450 meals!
Thank you to all the
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hard work it would not be
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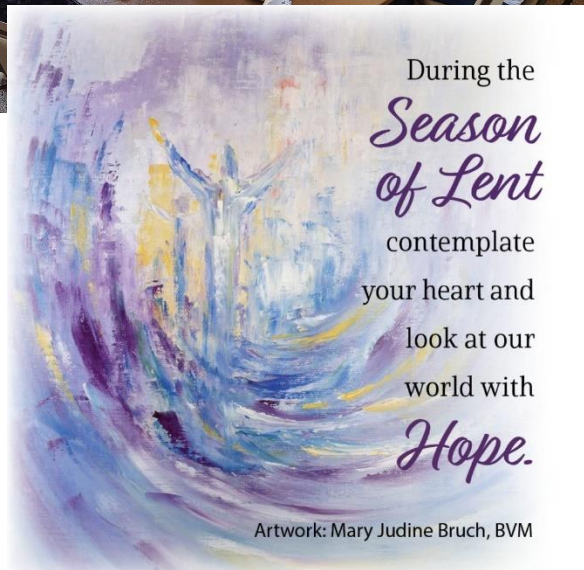


FIST volunteers are doing a fantastic job updating the Sunday school rooms in the basement of the Parish Hall.



Lenten Reflection and Fellowship

This Lent we have been exploring the prayer our Savior Christ hath taught us, "Our Father...." Fr. Jere has been using the book , To Dare the Our Father: A Transformative Spiritual Practice, by John Shea, as a guide for discussion during our lunch and suppertime gatherings. No need to read or purchased the book, though it is a good read! Questions explored include: How does praying the Our Father inform our thinking, feeling, willing, and acting? How does it become for us a transformative spiritual practice?



During the
*Season
of Lent*
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

Artwork: Mary Judine Bruch, BVM

There will be a noon sack lunch gathering and an evening, 6:00pm, supper on the following dates;
April 2 – hosted by the Altar Guild
April 9 – hosted by the Choir
April 16 – potluck



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Digital Ministry Update

Hello friends. I've been hearing that some of you are willing to help with the digital ministry mission but don't know how. Here are some ways you can help extend our presence in the digital world.

1. Email any pictures you take at a Church function to Mary at office@stpaulslvn.org . Along with the photos send the 5-Ws; **Who** is in the picture, **What** is the event/activity, **When** is the event/activity, **Where** is the event/activity, **Why** is the event/activity taking place. If the **“why”** is obvious or not pertinent you do not need to include it. These pictures will help us update our website.
2. As you plan an event, send a graphic or advertising flyer to Mary at office@stpaulslvn.org along with the 5-Ws so we can advertise it on Facebook, Instagram, our website, and create a VANCO payment option if required.
3. Follow the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulslvn>.
4. Interact with the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth Facebook Page by “liking”, commenting, or sharing the content and indicating your “interest” in an event.
5. Follow the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/stpaulslvn>.
6. Interact with the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth Instagram account by “liking”, commenting, or sharing the content.
7. Follow Fr. Jere's Country Parson Blog at <https://kansascountryparson.blogspot.com/?m=1> .
8. Interact with Fr. Jere's Country Parson Blog by “liking”, commenting, or sharing the content.
9. Subscribe to the St. Paul's Episcopal Leavenworth Church YouTube site at <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulslvn>.
10. Interact with our YouTube videos by “liking”, commenting, or sharing the content.
11. You can leave us a review on Google. Using the google search function, type in “St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth Kansas” and you will see this picture: Click on the “review” button to leave a review for everyone to see. Yes, we have some work to do to update the photos.
12. You can look up the name of the person you met at coffee hour (but now can't remember) by looking through the photos in our Parish Directory. The Directory is on our website <https://www.stpaulslvn.org>. It is password protected so call the office before you need to use it.
13. You can also download the Instant Church Directory from the app store. You sign in using the email you provided to the church. The information in the app is instantly updated with any deletions, corrections or additions to the directory.
14. You can get the latest copy of the Herald or the Monthly activity calendar at the website too!



We are a small band of daring adventurers in this new digital world and we appreciate any and all help you can give us. Our vision is that our St. Paul's Episcopal Church here in Leavenworth extends our generous community, enduring worship, and gracious welcome into the digital world. Talk to Michelle Garcia or Javier Alfonso if you have questions, ideas, or want to learn more.

Digital Resources:

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SCAMS & PHISHING – There has been an increase in emails and texts soliciting for “Gift Cards & Money Orders” or asking for Church Directory files – THESE ARE SCAMS, do not respond.



Prayer List:

Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Barry Rimmey, James Henry, Marge Scheele, Phyliss Downing, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary Masterson Stitt, Haroldine Nisbet, Wendy Fredland, Dick and Midge Bigler, Mary Madison, Don Andersen, Deacon Allen Ohlstein, MaryKaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Beverly Rogness, Bill and Boni Lages, Ralph Bodenner, Martha Bochette, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Susan Jennaway, Byron LeClerc, Don Breckon, Jerry Blair, Pam Dickerson, Sylvia Stevens, Barbara Regnier, Barbara Gregory, Robert & Harriet McCallum, Theodore & Donna Mahoney, Milagros Alfonso, Evie Stiglmire, Jeanette Allison, John & Fernanda Biehn, Deanna Vanlerberge, Robert Meza, and James Redmon. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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