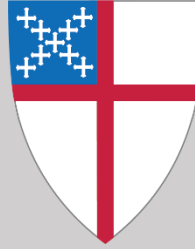


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THE HERALD

St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

July's Calendar:

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

Saturday, July 2: F.I.S.T – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 3: Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 4: Office Closed

Thursday, July 7: PEO Bridge 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9: Community Meal 11:00 a.m.-
1:00p.m.

Sunday, July 10: Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 13: Book Club 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 17: Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 19: Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20: Men's Group – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 21: PEO Bridge 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24: Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 31: Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

FROM FATHER STEVE



Dear Friends,

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of the of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses. (BCP 445)

Andrew Carnegie said, “The man who dies rich dies disgraced.” He, of course, was referring to money, not the richer blessings of life that come from faith, family, friendships and the other good blessings from God. Money, too, can be a blessing if it is looked upon as a gift to be shared, used well, and not hoarded or spent solely for self-serving purposes. Very few things can provide the joy that giving and generosity produces. Carnegie understood this and he practiced generosity every day. Of the more than \$500 million Carnegie made in his lifetime, he gave away over \$350 million while living and in his will left the bulk of the remainder not to his already wealthy family but to causes benefiting society.

I hope you have all taken the not too troublesome time to make a will, and I hope that it includes bequests to the church and, perhaps, other charitable causes. I also hope we are all practicing generous giving now. I know that is true for most of you. We have some things coming up to celebrate that are the result of just such giving. Thanks to you all, we will soon be paying off our longstanding loan for our building addition project. Thanks to the generosity of a deceased parishioner’s will and an estate gift to St. Paul’s, we soon be underway with the renovation and remodeling of our kitchen and parish hall. That gift will cover the cost of the kitchen remodel completely and hopefully stretch into the parish hall for some long overdue refurbishment of that space. The estate gift won’t be enough to include everything though, and that gives us all an opportunity to share in that work and extend our own generous giving, as we are able, and beyond the giving we already do through our annual pledges.

Included in this month’s Herald is a Gifts and Memorials list as well as a list of items and expenses we’ll need to complete our parish hall project “completely.” Take a look and see if there is something you can do to help us along. Once we get the Parish House project done, we’ll have both buildings in great shape, and with no debt, ready to welcome a new rector and to serve our church and community for generations to come!

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Lastly, don't forget St. Paul's Endowment Fund. This fund as it grows will help support not only the church's operation expenses but also its ministry programs and outreach. There are several ways you can give to the endowment (and you don't have to be a Carnegie to participate!). It can be a small or large amount, given now or in your will. But because all gifts are pooled together in this fund that only uses the generated interest and never the principal, every gift is significant and helps grow the fund, which in turn will help support St. Paul's program, outreach and general mission. Each dollar given will be there as a perpetual gift, because the principal is never spent; every dollar given yesterday, today, and tomorrow adds to the fund's total amount and its eventual scope of work.

Thank you for what you already do to support the church. The main work of church is giving. Join in that work and help provide for St. Paul's mission and ministry today, and tomorrow, and for all the years to come.

I'll see you in church,
Steve+

Beware of the Gift Card Scam

There is a current scam going around where the scammer uses the names of our Bishop, clergy (me), or parish leaders to try and solicit gift card donations. Recently, two of our parishioners received texts or emails, supposedly from me, asking for "a favor." There may be more of you that have been contacted. It's a very common scam that often begins, "I'm in a meeting right now so I can't call. I need your help with something urgent." Or "Sorry to bother you. I'm in an important meeting and need a favor." The request is usually for you to go and purchase gift cards and to contact "me at this email or this number" when done. If you fall for it and buy the cards, the scammer will then ask you for the pin numbers. If they get that they can spend all the money on that card without actually having the card. You'll be left with gift cards worth nothing and your money will be gone. It's very easy for online scammers to find out who the priest or warden or another leader is by going to an organization's website, LinkedIn, etc. and start impersonating them. It's also very easy to find good people who just want to help their priest or another leader out. So easy, in fact, that over \$150 million dollars was stolen in this way over the past year!

Please don't fall for this scam. Be skeptical of any calls you receive similar to this. I can assure you, if I need a favor like this from you, I'll wait until I'm available to call you personally or come and see you in person. Do not trust texts or emails asking for money favors. Check the telephone number or email carefully. If a scammer is using an email, they'll create an address that is almost, but not quite, the same as the person they are impersonating. The message may be different from the ones above. Requests may come as an email or text message. Never give out pin numbers, passwords, Social Security Numbers or banking information over the phone to anyone!

The Vestry and Memorials Committee keep an ongoing list of church needs that can be purchased by parishioners or friends of St. Paul's. Some items are appropriate as Memorial Gifts and are identified as such.

Gifts and Memorials List

Memorials

Columbarium Bench (approx. \$500) (*Purchased 2/22*)

Ushers Table (approx. \$300) (*Purchased 2/22*)

Parish House Cross (\$200-1000) (*Purchased 2/22*)

Choir Closet (approx. \$1000)

This would be built in northside narthex of the church to house choir vestments

Two Tall Tables (flowers, bulletins, offering plates, etc.) (approx. \$300) (*Purchased 2/22*)

Special Gifts

Gifts with asterisk () qualify as gift or memorial*

MEVO Camera for Parish House (approx. \$400) (*Purchased 2/22*)

This would allow us to broadcast parish meetings, special events, special classes, etc.

New 60-inch Flat Screen TV and rolling stand for Parish House (approx. \$800)

We need a large screen TV for receiving broadcasts, showing DVDs charts, graphs, PowerPoint presentations, and other educational materials.

12 ft. Conference Table (approx. \$900)

Table that will seat 12 to 14 people for vestry, committee meetings, book group, etc. At other times this will be used as a reception table

Organ Refurbishment (to solid-state) (Approx. \$40,000) * Priority

Organ (add pedal stop) (approx. \$4,000) *

Parish House Flooring (\$8000-\$10000 carpet; \$15-20,000 hard flooring)
(Partial gifts toward this need gratefully accepted)

Parish House Lighting (hanging fixtures (6) \$8-900 each or \$5,000 total)

New tables and chairs for the Parish Hall (see Parish House Gifts on next page)

Parish House Renovation and Refurbishment Gifts

While there may be some funds left over from a designated gift for the kitchen renovation that can be used in the parish hall space. Additional monies will be needed. Once the kitchen is finished, we'll know more about where we are, but if you see something here you'd be interested in helping with, please know that your additional funds will be used toward general refurbishment or if you so desire toward an expressed item or purpose.

Some Parish House gifts appear on the Gifts and Memorials list as well as this one. Pledges toward any items below (for all or part of the expense) will be gratefully accepted.

Flooring for the parish hall (\$3-4 per sq. ft.) or \$8-10,000 total for carpet; \$15-20,000 for hard floor

(Partial gifts toward this need are gratefully accepted)

Window treatments (6) \$200 per window

New light weight tables (10) = \$400 each

New more comfortable folding chairs (100) = \$50 each

Hanging light fixtures (6) = \$8-900 each or \$5000 total)

JULY 3 will be our Independence Day celebration.

At our Sunday service on July 3rd, we'll celebrate Independence Day along with our regular Sunday worship. The propers will be for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost, but we will include processing the flags, the pledge of allegiance and some patriotic hymns to mark the special holiday weekend. Feel free and encouraged to dress casually and in patriotic colors if you wish!

WELCOME

We have a new Administrative Assistant in the office. Her name is Serena Rubio. She is just returning to work after having a baby, who is now 3 months old. His name is Cyril. Serena's partner and Cyril's dad is Courtney Brown, who is a native of Leavenworth. Serena has lived here for 4 years. Her previous work was in technical support for Frontier Communications.

SUMMER IS VACATION TIME!

When you are traveling this summer, stay safe, buckle up, and attend church wherever you are. I like getting souvenir bulletins, so if you do attend church elsewhere, bring a bulletin back for me!

Also, if you are going to be away, remember our bills don't take a vacation! If you can pay your pledge before you go. Staying current with pledges helps the church meet its monthly financial obligations.

That All May Enter Update

I am happy to report to the congregation, that we have enough money to pay off the mortgage on the addition to our church! It's been a long 14 years but with the grace of God and all his wonderful people that love our historic church, we have succeeded faster than anticipated. We will need to leave money in the bank account to cover costs with the columbarium. Thank you to all that have donated to this wonderful project. There is still more to do, so watch for information.
Candy Dials

Email or Hard Copy?

The Newsletter and Sunday bulletin and spoken announcements are our two main forms of communication. But because we are often asked by parishioners, "Why didn't I know about that?" We are wondering if there is a better way to communicate. At our Vestry meeting last month, we discussed how some people are most attentive by hearing and others by sight. So, while I haven't always spoken to every announcement printed in the bulletin, I will begin doing that or at least verbally calling your attention to the bulletin announcements. As for the newsletter, most of you receive that via email. We realize that, particularly if reading your newsletter by phone, it can quickly become just a long thin line of words that go on forever. For others, it's easy to skip over emails that aren't timely. The trouble is we often never get back to them. And for others still, we are more inclined to read an emailed newsletter than a printed one. SO, here's our offer: if you would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you, so you'll get it in your mailbox, in a nicely formatted booklet form that you can read, and mark up, and tear out reminders to put on your refrigerator, or have a physical copy put in your favorite place so you can get to it in your leisure, we'd be happy and pleased to provide that for you. Just let us know if you are receiving an email newsletter and would prefer a mailed hard copy. If you prefer the emailed version, we'll keep sending you that. But, please choose the medium that will get your newsletter read each month.

You may be thinking, and I am certainly thinking, that if people don't read their emailed newsletter, they aren't going to see this article. That's a fact. So, I'll be announcing this in church over the next couple of weeks and we'll send it out in a separate, short email blast to everyone. And maybe you can mention it to people if someone says to you, "Why didn't I know about that?!" Communication is an important part of our life together. Let's all join in finding the best way to accomplish that. Thanks!

Choir on Summer Break

St. Paul's Choir will be taking a break during the summer months for a well-deserved vacation. Mark will be here except during his vacation times and he has substitute organists lined up for those occasions. The choir will return the Sunday after Labor Day.

ADD THE CHURCH DIRECTORY TO YOUR PHONE!

We have posted this in the newsletter more than a few times, but we continue to get calls in the office asking for a new directory or someone's phone number. We are happy to help you from the office, but if you have a cell phone, you can have the church directory as an app on your phone! And not only that, but every time we update the directory in the office, it will automatically update the directory on your phone! Here is how to install the directory on your phone, so that it's there and handy whenever you need it. (Do it now, so you don't forget.)

1. Look for the app on your phone that says "Instant Church Directory" and look for this icon.



If you don't see it, put "Instant Church Directory" in your "search apps" bar. It should come up at the top of the page. Look for the icon above.

2. Click on the "**Install**" button.
3. Once installed, click on the "Open" button.
4. Click on the "**Create login**" button.
5. Enter your email address as it appears in the church's directory, and create a password. The password must be at least 8 characters long and must include at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers, or symbols. Retype the password to confirm it and click on **Create Login**.
6. Now, go to your email inbox and check for an email from service@instant church directory.com.
7. You're almost done. To complete the sign-up process, you verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email.
8. Once you confirm your email, you can open the app and click **Sign in** to log into your church directory.

It's simple and you only have to do the above procedure once. From then on, you just tab on the church directory icon and the directory opens. You don't even have to sign in. So don't wait. Go for it! (If you need help, bring your phone to the church office and we'll install it for you.)

Don't want the directory on your phone? Then the directory is available on the church website. Go to stpaulslvn.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on a big orange button that says parish directory. You'll be prompted to enter a password. Enter the password and an up-to-date directory will appear. **Why a password?** So just anyone can't have access to parishioner information. The directory is for St. Paul's members. You should know/keep the password. It doesn't change, but you can't get in without it. If you don't know the password, call the church office and we'll give it to you.

But do the phone app too! It's cool!

CLASSIFIEDS - LOOKING FOR A “BEATER”

Anyone have an older car that qualifies as a “Beater”? Doesn’t matter if the tires are shot (we’ll get new ones) or if the condition of the interior and/or exterior are poor. As long as the engine runs “Okay,” it’s fine! My son just needs something to get back and forth to work until prices for decent cars go back down. He’s trying to stay below \$2000 for this temporary transportation. If you have or know someone who has something that fits the “beater” description, please call Steve+. 785-640-0052.

From the Senior Warden

Hello fellow parishioners of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. We are at our next step in our search for a new Priest: getting your feedback. Please complete the Parish Questionnaire **on the next page of this newsletter** to provide the search committee information about what you, the congregation, are looking for in our next Priest. Your answers will inform the Search Committee’s review and ranking of available candidates. When you’ve completed this questionnaire, please bring it to the Church and place it in the drop box on the table in the crossing, or mail to/drop it by the church office by 10 July. With our current budget, it is unlikely we can offer a salary, benefits, and pension to attract a full-time Priest so we, the Vestry, are leaning toward a part-time Vicar, working 3-days a week plus Sunday. If our budget changes, we will adjust our search criteria accordingly. I will continue to provide updates throughout the process. I encourage you to speak with any member of the Vestry or Search Committee at any time. We appreciate your prayers, thoughts, and feedback as we make this important decision. *(Questionnaires were provided at church on June 12, in this newsletter, and will be mailed to you upon request. Complete one per individual.)*

Many Blessings, Michelle Garcia

Vestry Members: Michelle Garcia, Joe Porter, Candy Dials, Gary Hobin, Carol Hunt, Brian Hodges, Gwyneth Hawk, Kathy Meyer, Jane Belanus
Search Committee Members (as of 10 June 2022): Brian Hodges, Jennifer Turner, Dave Cotter, Terry Belanus, and Nancy Mitchell Martin.

Check out St. Paul’s Facebook Page: Just put the address below in your search engine. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Leavenworth, KS Facebook
Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to be “on” Facebook or have a Facebook account to view our page or to watch the streamed services on our Facebook page. There’s lots of good stuff there and on our website: www.stpaulslvn.org
Check us out!

Parish Search Questionnaire

What qualities are important to you in a priest? Write the number of the response that best reflects your preference next to the quality described below.

1-Not important; 2-Somewhat important; 3-Nice to have; 4-Important; 5-Very important

_____ Oral Communication- pleasure to listen to, meaningful sermons

_____ Written communication-writes well, communicates effectively to the parish and Diocese

_____ Theological knowledge-expert on the Bible and the traditions and history of the Episcopal faith

_____ Administrative skills-can run a well-organized office

_____ Management of Church Staff- can recruit, lead and retain a small staff to run church operations efficiently, motivates employees and holds them accountable

_____ Counseling ability- grief, pre-marital, marital, and family counseling

_____ Teaching ability- can lead/supports a Bible study, Lenten program, adult education

_____ Social activism- voices support or disagreement on social justice issues publicly

_____ Involved in the local community-aware of and participates in community activities, engaged with other community groups

_____ Lead the Church in Evangelism/Growth - Able to go into the community to draw new members and/or teach the laity how to do it

_____ Involved in Church activities - leads by example with regular attendance and participation in FIST, Community Meal, Youth activities, Choir, etc.

_____ Pastoral Care-hospital/home visits for those in need

_____ Engages with congregation: visits with congregation after church/during other church activities

_____ Support programs in the Church- Sunday School, Bible Study, Youth Camp, Youth Group

Complete and detach and this questionnaire from the newsletter and add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper. Then mail to P.O. Box 233 or place in drop box at church. If you would like a committee member to contact you if you or they have questions, please write your name and contact information as well. Duplicate or call for additional copies if you need more for additional household members.

St. Paul's Prayer List for July



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

Norman Arnold, Lester Rhodes, Jim Wardlow, Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felt, 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, Susan Jennaway, Britta Copt, Katie Scircle, Judith Borchardt, Adrian Smith, Randy Kamm, Carol Sharp, Charles Gravidahl, Erika Johnson. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

The flowers on the altar are given:

In thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary by Gary and Liddell Hobin.

In loving memory of her parents, **Eric and Marie Snodgrass** by Shirley Franklin

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

In loving memory of his parents, **James and Norma Porter** by Joe and Sue Porter

In thanksgiving for the birthday of **Sandra Van Hoose** by her family

In loving memory of his mother, **Shirley Mae Crosland Dailey** by Gary and Lidell Hobin

In thanksgiving for the the 83rd birthday of **Boni Lages**

In thanksgiving for the birthday of **Joy Kromer**

In loving memory of **Gene and Dorothy Wentworth** by the Wentworth Trust

In loving memory of **Julius Textor** by the Rawlings Trust

In thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, **Alice Hughes walker** by Gary and Liddell Hobin

In thanksgiving for the birthday of **Hallie Fitzgerald Hughes** and their grandson, **Wyatt Lawrence Hughes** by Gary and Liddell Hobin

In loving memory of her father, **Marvin Boyd** by Boni and Bill Lages

In loving memory of his mother, **Susan Augusta Mcloed** by Norman and Sarah McLeod

JULY BIRTHDAY'S:

4 – Nancy Mitchell Martin

7 – Tristan Simpson

10 – Michelle Garcia

13 – Lisa Masterson

15 – Sandra Van Hoose

17 – Boni Lages

18 – Serena Rubio

20 – Joy Kromer

29 – Colleen Carney



JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

1 – Gary and Lidell Hobin

25 – Gary and Jan Hubbard

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

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