



June

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Information

10:00 a.m. Sundays

In-Person and on Zoom

8:00 p.m. Wednesdays on Facebook

Details can be found under the online worship tab at www.StPaulsSparks.org.

If you would like Holy Communion during worship, please call the church 775-358-4474.

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From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



Sabbatical Time Away

As I write this it is the 36th day of our stay in the Mission Bay area of San Francisco at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. The expectation was that we would return home with hospice care on or about June 4th. Lucy has had other plans. We will remain here until she dies and returns back into the fullness of God.

I could say that there are no words that can even begin to describe our experience with Lucy here in Mission Bay, but that would not be accurate. The words that flow through my heart and mind that describe the past weeks are both four letter words: Hard and Holy. Outside the realm of those with only four letters, I would even go as far as to use the word Priceless. The past 35 days Lucy has taught us more than we could have thought possible, and we know we still have things to learn.

Knowing that Lucy will not be with us much longer, our family focus needs to be solely on loving her while we can touch her, and then healing through that love as she continues to touch us when she is gone. In order to do this, I will be taking sabbatical time away from the church during the months of June, July, and August. Our hope is to continue to share our healing process through the Caring Bridge website.

Though I so wish I could be with you as St. Paul's returns to indoor in person worship, I am leaving you in good hands until I return. The Rev. Rick Millsap, former assistant priest at Trinity Cathedral, Reno, will be those hands. Be extra kind to him. He has been away from ministry for the past year, during which time he perfected the art of cleaning his house. Rev. Rick will be filling in on more than just Sundays.

He will be your priest, so if something comes up that you would have called me, do not hesitate to call him. We know the congregation will also be grieving Lucy, so Rev. Rick will help bring healing to you as well.

Our family will continue to hold closely the love and prayers you offer up. We experience them daily and we are most grateful.

Blessings,

Welcome Back to Indoor Worship June 6th!

We will ease into coming back together with a modified Summer schedule (June-August). We will offer a combined 10:00 a.m. Rite II service with blended music from the praise and traditional music teams. We will continue to broadcast the service on Zoom for those of you who are not ready or able to return in person. Adjustments to this schedule may happen, but only if the need arises. After Labor Day, we are planning to return to our regular Sunday schedule (including a return of the choir at the 11:00.)

Will there be any restrictions? Yes, but not a whole lot. Masks and socially distancing is NOT required for those who ARE vaccinated. For those who are not vaccinated, the diocese is requiring that you continue to wear your mask and socially distance yourself by 6 feet. We will continue to only offer bread at Communion and there will not be any Sunday school or childcare for now. We are going to try to offer an after service social time in the garden.

Sr. Warden Report

Dear St. Paul's Family,

We will begin worshiping in person beginning on June 6. We will continue to have the service live streamed on Zoom for those who can not attend

in person. Many thanks to the behind the scenes support that makes this possible: Ben Gallagher, Alyssa and Adam Teachout, and Tim Miller.

In person worship means that we will need everyone to choose a ministry in support of our worship service as they are able.

We are looking for people to join these ministry teams:

Lector

Usher

Greeter

Altar Guild

Lay Eucharistic Minister

To be part of one of the teams, please contact Robin at the church office. She will have a member of the team contact you.

As your Senior Warden, I will be working closely with the office staff, Robin Diehl, Roger Towne and Rev. Rick to make sure we keep the lights on and the bills paid. Please feel free to contact one of us as you have a need.

We are planning on moving forward with the improvement of our property. We have two projects planned for the fall.

As you remember, we had several teams working to make this happen under the leadership of Linda Kennedy. We had a team for Roof and HVAC; Parking Lot and Fund Raising. During the pandemic these ministries were not able to carry on their activities and thus ceased meeting. However, I have met with Jeff Devon who headed up the Roof and HVAC projects. His team expects to make a proposal to the vestry in June for the work to begin in the fall. This is very exciting news! We are thankful for the teams work. But now your part becomes most important. We will need capital to see the project to completion. As you are able, we encourage you to support this work of the parish.

Another project will happen in September. The North Entrance to the church will be redone to match the work in the Memorial Garden. A generous gift for half the cost of the \$14,000 project has been made by a parishioner. Please consider how you can help with the remaining funds.

Lastly,

We are a vibrant community! We are strong and resilient! Welcome Home!

Thanks be to God!

Margaret Bouzek

Senior Warden

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The pantry needs help! Are you able?

Tuesday 12:00 to 2:00

Bringing in food from the delivery truck and stocking the shelves.

Wednesday 9:00 to 12:00

Helping distribute food.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, email TCFPVolunteers@gmail.com