

# St Pauls Episcopal Church Newsletter

## The Messenger

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St Pauls Episcopal Church  
1805 Minnesota St, The Dalles, OR



# AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Jonathan's Last Service 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Morning Prayer 13	14	15	16	17	Luna's Last Day 18	19
<b>Vestry</b>						
Morning Prayer 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Morning Prayer 27	28	29	30	31		

## Worship Team Schedule

	The Transfiguration August 6 HE	Proper 14 August 13 MP?	Proper 15 August 20 ?	Proper 16 August 27 ?
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Jonathan Galles			
<b>Deacon</b>	- - - - -	- - - - -	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller	The Rev. Dcn. Pam Miller
<b>Homily</b>	The Rev. Jonathan Galles	Tbd	Tbd	Pam Miller
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jerry Frazier	Jeanie Senior	Jerry Frazier	Jeanie Senior
<b>Lector</b>	Anne Frazier	Kim McCullough	Ann Marie Woolsey	Sally Alford
<b>POP</b>	Wallace Wenn	Amy McIvenna	Diane Adams	Karen Coats
<b>Flowers</b>	Andrea Booren	Jerry & Anne Frazier	John & Diane Adams	Nancy Ramsey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Anne Frazier	Kim McCullough	Pat Brim-Williams	Anne Frazier

## **Kin**

Our spiritual kinship with one another in Christ is a matter of ongoing realization. A community offers fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers in Christ, with whom to laugh and weep, bicker and cooperate, serve and receive service. It is in many small moments of emulating Christ's self-sending love that we realize our kinship with Christ as his family.

**Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE**

**Submitted by: Gretchen Kimsey**

**Potluck & Fellowship Night Announcement:** No Movie Night this month, Potluck to be scheduled at a later date!

**Reverend Galles & Secretary Farewell:** Join us in saying farewell to Jonathan this Friday, August 6th after 10 am service for our special coffee hour with cake and ice cream. Luna will also be leaving us later this month. Godspeed to both Jonathan & Family, as well as Luna on their new journeys.

**Church Service Updates:** Due to Jonathan's departure and the lack of a priest, Eucharistic Sunday Services will now become Morning Prayer services. Keep an eye out for the new format on Sunday August 13th for what is to come!



# August Birthdays



**9.** Remy Willis

**12.** Rule Beasley

**18.** Sharon Bailey & Pat Brim-Williams

**19.** Marta Moser

**21.** Bonnie Lepinski

**22.** John Langfeldt & Jonathan Galles

**23.** Bill Ketchum

# For Your Prayers

Mary Mongold

Ginger Crowley

Kelly Swanson

Christi McCarren

Thea Beasley

Turf McCullough

Megan and Hayden

Carol Fisher

Jeff Stewart

John Langfeldt

Vicki Ellett

Sam Woolsey

Carolyn Thomas

The Rev Armor Larive and Ruby Larive

Bob Haechral

Jim and Kathy Scarborough

Debbie McMeel

David Davenport

Pat Fowler

For all who suffer from illness

For all people awaiting surgery and medical care

Relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country.

The people of Ukraine.

The people of Yemen

Our Nation.

**For the departed:**

Jim Ramsey.

Ron & Dewanda Clark

Skip Fisher

Laurie & Tom Nichol

Debbie Wolfe

Catherine Sessions

Erik Day

Mike Telfer

**In Thanksgiving:**

Best wishes to both Jonathan and Luna in their future endeavors!



# **Church Leadership**

The Reverend – *Jonathan Galles*

Senior Warden – *Chuck Miller*

Junior Warden – *Jill Darrow*

Treasurer – *Jerry Frazier*

## **Vestry Members**

*Denise Beasley*

*Gretchen Kimsey*

*Mike Nagle*

*Scott Salisbury*

*Chris Schanno*

*PK Swartz*

**Office Hours & Services:      9 Am to 1 Pm**

-Sunday 8 & 10 Am Service

**Tuesday – Friday**

(Childcare at 10 Am)

[Info@stpaulstheDalles.org](mailto:Info@stpaulstheDalles.org)

-9 Am Adult Forum

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# Letter from the front desk

With so much up in the air and decisions to be made for the future of St. Pauls, both Jonathan's and my own leave later this month will be yet another change that this parish must endure.

Upon coming to St. Paul's as the new Office Coordinator (Secretary), I was extremely nervous and wasn't quite sure how welcomed I would be, or if I would be able to do my job diligently and in a way that this Parish, that had already gone through so many changes, especially coming out of the peak of the Covid pandemic, would need. Though it was through the guidance and kindness of members such as Diane Adams, Anne Frazier, and Gretchen Kimsey that I was able to begin to find my way. Not to mention the immense amount of help and setup I had received from the former secretary, Fiona Ferguson, as well as Reverend Galles.

You may find this newsletter is a lot shorter than many of the others I have sent out over the past couple months, partially it is due from less submissions from the congregation, but also just due to the uncertainty of everything going forward. That is why This letter from the front desk maybe

a bit longer, as I not only want to convey my thanks and wishes towards this congregation, but also to give insight as an outsider looking in on a group of people going through change in a time where many individuals have diverse ways of thinking and ideas on how things should be.

While working at St. Pauls I have gone through many major life events (as life doesn't seem to give much of anyone a break), while working here I lost a good friend to the Fentanyl Crisis we are experiencing in this country, I lost a grandmother, and just now, may also be losing another close member of the family. Loss is something, I know, that this congregation is not new to. As hard as loss is though, it's a reminder of things that are inevitable. The two things in life that we are guaranteed as people, are birth, and death. In my experience- it is death, that reminds us we are still alive, and to continue to live, not just for ourselves, but for those we have helped, and those who have helped us along the way.

Season change, people come and go, but one thing that has been consistent, even long before Covid, is this church and this congregation. Sure, the community itself may have changed in terms of those who attend and or the way that things are done. But in some of the great conversations I've had

with different members of this community, one thing is consistent and must stay consistent in order for this community to thrive, and that is to continue to be there for one another. I myself may not be a firm believer in Christianity or any religion, but I do know whatever higher power has called so many beautiful souls to this place must've been for a reason. The same respect and forgiveness that you have shown me, is the same forgiveness and respect you must show each other, and any other new priest that comes to St. Pauls, should that time come. It is the spirit of togetherness that allows us to love one another, to worship with each other, and to see each other as different, and important members of this church community. And if you take a moment to think about the story of how Jesus walked out on the stormy waters of Galilee, I believe that St. Pauls is going through a similar time, spiritually.

Now it is difficult for me to speak on what things are and how things will change as I myself am not a member of this congregation, nor do I know the full story of everything that has happened since I have been here- but it is my sincerest and deepest belief that if you have faith, and continue to trust and walk with one another in the spirit of togetherness, that St. Paul's will find and come to a resolution that benefits all.

With that, I would just like to give thanks to all you have done for me, all you have shown me, and all you have taught me. I have learned so much in terms of what It means to be treated rightly and justly, with love and compassion despite the different life I may live from many of you. I had so much religious trauma before working here at St. Pauls, and it wasn't until after a few months here, that I was able to begin to work though a good portion of that trauma.

There are no perfect words to describe my time here, and honestly it does make me a bit sad to leave. I have grown to care for my position very much, and I will miss seeing some of you day to day. If any of you wish to see how I am doing please feel free to reach out to me before I leave so I can give you my contact information. Godspeed to Jonathan and his family for their future adventures, I can never repay the kindness and understanding he has shown me as my boss, and Godspeed and goodwill to the rest of this congregation. I will miss you all dearly.

Luna Lux Molina

Office Coordinator