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The New Year



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St. Pauls Messenger

Welcome
to
2023
at St.
Pauls!



“Though your beginning was
small, your latter days will be
very great.” Job 8:7 NRSV

A new face 
at the front desk 



This year we welcome Luna
as the new Church Office
Coordinator! Luna is studying
English and Writing at Eastern
Oregon University and has a
love for gaming, writing, and
her two dogs Finnley and
Valentine. Stop by the churches
office hours: 9 am - 1 pm and
say hi!

Letter from The Reverend Galles

Greetings People of St Pauls,

A new year is here, and that is exciting, and yet these transitions are never quite a clean break. As we change the numbers on our documents to 2023, the challenges of 2022 are very much still a part of our lives. In particular, I would like to talk about the last few weeks.

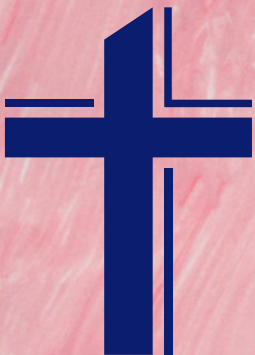
We are a small congregation. Deaths among us and those we are connected to are keenly felt. We have had many losses recently. In going over our funeral liturgies, I came across a note in the prayerbook I would like to share.

This is the closure of the section of our prayerbook covering funerals and burial:

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.”



Letter from The Reverend Galles

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I want to draw your attention to the line that liturgies for the dead are Easter liturgies. I'd like to suggest, that as Christians we move forward from a time like now by carrying Easter in our hearts, no matter the time of year.

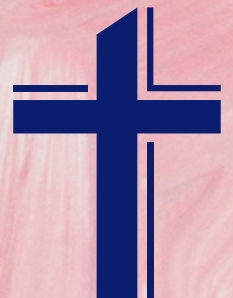
Going by a liturgical calendar is a funny thing. It helps us make time to consider and remember all the parts of our faith as we go around the yearly cycle. Yet, even as the liturgy frames the year for us spiritually, our lives do their own thing, including dear losses.

We've just had Christmas, we're about to celebrate epiphany. Yet, in times of loss we also remember Easter, though it may be months away. When loss hurts and breaks our hearts, keep Easter held tight. As the prayerbook reminds us, because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, and those we miss shall be raised.

When we die, those who remain experience joy intermingled with sorrow. Neither is inappropriate, and we must shoulder these experiences together with others. This may not have been the close to one year and the start of another we wanted, but it is what we have. What will we make of it?

For all the celebrations and events ahead of us, I'd like to suggest that we begin the year by carrying a piece of easter in our hearts always as we go. Tomorrow, we celebrate Epiphany, celebrating the revealing of Jesus through the lens of three travelers. That epiphany leads to the cross, and to Easter Sunday, the basis of our hope and joy. Hold that close, and let us walk the road of 2023 together.

- Rev. Jonathan Galles



Letter from the Senior Warden

According to the Gregorian calendar we use in our everyday life, the new year begins on January first. However, according to the liturgical calendar that guides our church year, the new year began at the end of November, with Advent. We are still in the midst of the 12 days of Christmas, which will end with the Epiphany on Friday, January 6th. If you can, please come to the Epiphany service at 5 pm that day to celebrate the arrival of the Magi, whose visit was described in the second chapter of Matthew.

Bishop Pat will attend our Vestry meeting on Sunday, January 8th, to present St. Paul's with the possibility of taking ownership of the Chapel at 601 Union Street. Up to now, we've been uncertain about the ownership of the Chapel (whether it belonged to St. Paul's or the Diocese). A thorough title search showed that the title is currently held by the Diocese. If you have any interest in this issue, you are invited to attend the Vestry meeting after the 10 am service that day.

Another issue before the Vestry is formally reducing the size of the Vestry from 12 to 9 members. Our congregation is much smaller than it was in the early 1960s when the 12-member vestry was established. In recent years, it's been a struggle to find parishioners willing to commit to serve. Bishop Pat has approved this change in the parish bylaws, and it will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting on February 19th. More information on this and other proposed changes to the bylaws is available in the minutes of the last Vestry meeting (December 11th) posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The church property at 605/607 Union Street (the former Diocesan House) will be going on the market as soon as the basement level has been emptied of contents that were not useful to social service agencies or parish individuals. That property is adjacent to the Chapel. Recently, an easement was executed to allow us access to the back of the Chapel when there is a new owner.

Finally, I hope you have had a chance to greet our new office coordinator, Luna Lux Molina. She already has become a welcoming presence in the office, and is ready to build on the great foundation set up by her predecessor. We're very glad to have her with us.



Julie Reynolds
Senior Warden





January 2023



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lessons and Carols: 10 Am 1	2	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 3	Chapel Service: 9 am - 1 Pm Office Hours: 12 Pm 4	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 5	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm Epiphany Service: 5 Pm 6	7
Church Service: 8 & 10 Am Vestry Meeting: 9 Am 8	9	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm Ladies Lunch Bunch: 11:30 Am 10	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm Chapel Service: 12 Pm 11	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 12	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 13	14
Church Service: 8 & 10 Am Forum: 9 Am 15	16	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 17	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm Chapel Service: 12 Pm 18	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 19	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 20	21
Church Service: 8 & 10 Am Forum: 9 Am 22	23	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 24	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm Chapel Service: 12 Pm 25	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 26	Office Hours: 9 am - 1 Pm 27	28
Church Service: 8 & 10 Am Forum: 9 Am 29	30	31				

Calendar

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**Worship
Team
Schedule**

Worship Team Schedule

	Christmas I Holy Name Jan. 1 HE, 8 a.m. Lassone & Carole 10	Feast of the Epiphany Jan. 6, 5 p.m. Prayer Service	First Sunday after Epiphany Jan. 8 HE	Second Sunday after Epiphany Jan. 15 HE	Third Sunday after Epiphany Jan. 22 HE	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Jan. 29 HE
Celebrant	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles
Homily	Jonathan Galles	N/A	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles	Jonathan Galles
Worship Leader	Pam Miller	Pam Miller (narrator)	Jeanie Senior	Lowry Browning	Jerry Frazier	Pam Miller
EM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lector	Jerry Frazier; Karen Coats; Gretchen Kimsey; Lowry Browning; Jeanie Senior	Anne Frazier	Kim McCullough	Diane Adams	Anne Frazier	Ann Marie Woolsey
POP	N/A	N/A	Mike Nagle	Pat Brim-Williams	Gretchen Kimsey	Kim McCullough
Usher						
Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Anne & Jerry Frazier	Scott & Bonnie Lepinski	Mike Nagle	Diane & John Adams
Altar Guild	Kim McCullough	Anne Frazier	Anne Frazier	Pat Brim Williams	Kim McCullough	Anne Frazier

Church Updates

Whats happening around the congregation?

Special Epiphany Service: Friday January 6th at 5 Pm!

Ladies Lunch Bunch!

Submitted by: Denise Beasley

At The Riv

401 East 10th St

Tuesday, January 10th 11:30 am



From the Forum Room

Submitted by: Jerry Frazier

The Sunday Forum Group will begin meeting next Sunday, January 8, picking up the book study started in October. The conversation next Sunday will center around the following chapters from the book:

DO I STAY CHRISTIAN by Brian D. McLaren (2022)

Part II - HOW

Chapter 17: Because I'm Human

Chapter 18: Because Christianity Is Changing

Chapter 19: To Free God

Chapter 20: Because of Fermi's Paradox and the Great Filter



When the current book study is completed in January Forum will again meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Common Room prior to the 10:00 am service. Forum is open to anyone that enjoys study and conversation about the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary or other topics pertinent to either the liturgical season or a special topic suggested by the participants or the rector. Everyone is encouraged to express their views and be willing to listen to other viewpoints from the participants.

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Whats happening around the congregation?



From the Never Forget Rose Garden

Crocus bulbs appear to think Spring is closer than what most of us think!

Submitted by: Jerry Fraizer



Coffee Hour Update!

New Coffee Hour sign up sheet has been posted in the library of the Sanctuary! Sign up to host today!

Submitted by: Andrea Booren

Taylor Hall & Building Policy Update:

St Paul's Building Policy is in the last portion of being finalized! Any future reservations for Taylor Hall will be handled by the Front Office.



LOCAL EVENTS!

Illuminated Cello

Jan 7th at 7:30 Pm

Location: Bingen Theatre,
Bingen WA



Comedy At The Granada

Jan 7th at 7:00 Pm

Location: Granada Theatre,
The Dalles OR



Dancing with the Gorge Stars

Jan 13th at 7:00 Pm

Location: The Dalles High School Auditorium



Paint Night W/Denae Manion

Jan 24th at 6:00 Pm

Location: Scooper Mcquades





For your prayers..

Mary Mongold // Ron Clark and family // Bill Ketchum // Christi McCarren // Megan and Hayden // Carol Fisher // Steve and Colleen Schafroth // Jeff Stewart // John Langfeldt // Mike Telfer // Heidi Rizer, her parents and sister // Mark Thomas // Vicki Ellett // Laurie Nichol // Debbie Wolfe // 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. // Our Nation.

For the departed:

Harry Ketchum // Jim Ramsey // Ken Elverum // Jack Alexander // Dewanda Clark // Skip Fisher.

In Thanksgiving:

For the marriage of Diane Walworth to Roy Clark on December 17 // For Kyle McCullough's achievement of the rank of Warrant Officer 1 in the U.S. Army, and for the gathering of Kim McCullough's entire family for that event. // For the marriage of Eugene Yuan to Tzuyu Yang // For Heidi Rizer's successful surgery.

January Birthdays



2 Turf McCullough
4 Heather Thompson
6 Skip Fisher
11 Jim Foster
11 Lynn Gill
16 Alexandria Alley
18 Nancy Ramsey
20 Wanda Hilderbrand
24 Colleen Schafroth

Ascension School

COVE, OR



Pause Retreat:

Sometimes we need to take a deep breath and pause! Join us for a weekend of deep listening. Through contemplative spiritual practices, we'll provide space and opportunity for rest, reflection, silence, and community.



Racial Justice Retreat:

As followers of Jesus, our work towards racial healing and conciliation is always before us. This retreat will address key anti-racism topics in a conversational space with an indigenous issues focus. All are welcome.



Young Adult Spiritual Exploration:

This retreat strives to create a welcoming and safe environment for young adults to explore their spirituality, their connection to themselves, to others, and to the universe around them. Curriculum includes activities such as yoga, meditation, emotional regulation, and identity strengthening workshops.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

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ASCENSION SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

SCHEDULE 2023

JUL
5-7



Discovery Camp:

Discovery Camp is the perfect opportunity for parents or guardians to give their young children an introduction into the camping world. Discovery Camp allows one or two parents/guardians to join their child for three days of fun! Many former campers come to Discovery camp to reconnect with old friends in a new stage of life and start a whole new generation of life-long Ascension School campers. (PreK-2nd Grade W/Adult).

JUL & AUG
30-3



Beginners Camp:

Beginner's Camp is for young campers who are ready for their first solo overnight camp experience. With days filled to the brim with engaging and fun activities, even the most nervous camper will return home hoping to come back next year. The occasional homesick camper is inevitable with children this age, but our skilled counseling staff will help empathetically direct campers into a growth mindset. Campers often return home with a newfound sense of self-empowerment and confidence. (3rd-4th Grade)

JUL
9-14



Combined Camp:

Combined Camp is for those preteen campers who are growing quickly, but not quite ready for the social dynamics of junior high. All of our camps are dedicated to strengthening camper mental well-being, especially confidence, but combined camp is a precious time to help solidify strong integrity, self-worth, and self-esteem in fast-growing campers. (5th-6th Grade)

ASCENSION SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

SCHEDULE 2023

JUL
23-28



Junior High Camp:

Junior High Camp is often our highest attended camp. These young teens are growing up quickly and are facing all kinds of challenges and peer pressures in their everyday life. Our sacred space is a wonderful relief from all of these stressors. Junior High Camp is a place where these young teens are welcomed and encouraged to be themselves and to grow in their character. There are very few places that embody the acceptance and safety that is cultivated at Junior High Camp.

JUN & JUL
25-1



Senior High Camp:

Whether your camper has been coming to camp for years, or they are a first-timer, Senior High is a magical, love-filled, and welcoming camp experience. At this age, campers are encouraged to share and build on their wisdoms during a judgment-free week of fun and learning. Friendly competition, well-balanced age-appropriate activities, and exploratory spiritual formation make Senior High the perfect experience for any teenager.

Register Today!

<https://coveascensionschool.com/summer-camp/>

Church Leadership

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The Reverend
Jonathan Galles
Senior Warden
Julie Reynolds
Junior Warden
Jill Durrow

Treasurer
Jerry Frazier

Vestry
Alan Alaford
Mike Fowler
AvaSue Kerr
Chris Schanno
Gretchen Kimsey

Sunday Worship

At 8 & 10 Am
Childcare provided
at 10 Am

At 9 Am
Adult Forum

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Letter from the Front Desk

Dear Community of St Pauls.

I hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed this first issue of The Messenger. If there are any topics and or points of interest that I missed please feel free to let me know! In addition if there are any stories or church events you would like to request to be put in please send me an email at Info@stpaulstheDalles.org with the contents of your request! I am so honored and happy to be a part of your church as the Front Office Coordinator. If you have not already feel free to stop by the front office and meet me in person! I have candies and coffees and usually have some sort of music playing in the background (It helps me to focus). I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and look forward to our time together!

Your Front Office Coordinator.
- Luna Lux Molina