

July 2024

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Come and worship with us. A place of rest, peace and love

Priest-in-Charge

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Dear Parish Family,

If Saint Paul's were to close, who would notice?

We would, the members of Saint Paul's. It is so very important to us, the members, but who else in our community of Altus would notice we were gone? Which of our Outreach programs would be missed the most?

We are called to be servants within our community. How are we fulfilling our service to the community of Altus?

I have asked the congregation and Vestry to consider ways in which Saint Paul's could serve our community of Altus.

In the May meeting, the Vestry discussed various ways Saint Paul's could provide an outreach service to the community of Altus. Two possible projects were selected for further consideration. 1. Blessing Box and 2. Water Station.

Blessing Box. Is a mission to spread god's love by providing emergency hunger relief with non-perishable food to bridge the gap for people with food insecurity in Oklahoma. In addition to food, it can provide oral care products and items for infants.

Water Station. When the heat stress index gets into the danger zone an ice chest filled with ice and bottled water is put out during the afternoon and people are invited to take a bottle of water to hydrate themselves.

Currently there are two active Blessing Boxes in Altus, First United Methodist Church (Corner of W Cypress St & N Hudson) and Grace Methodist Church (South end of parking front lot on South Park Lane). We are not aware of any water stations in Altus.

For either or both of these ministries to work, it will take a buy-in by the entire congregation. As an older congregation, not all of our member can do some of the physical parts, but they can help with prayer, talking to friends about it and helping to obtain supplies for the Blessing Box and bottles of water for the water station.

What are you willing to do?

A sign-up sheet will be developed for you indicate what you are willing to do, it will be posted in the Parish Hall.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Blessings always,

Mother Suzanne

Birthdays

July 1st Susan Kenner July --July 2nd Paula Womack
July 4th America – July 13th Joyce Alcorta
July 17th Sarah Perryman July 21st Joe Alcorta Jr.

Anniversaries

July 6th The Rev. Keith Thomas and Steve Hennessee
July 12th John and Bonnie McAskill

Vestry Meeting

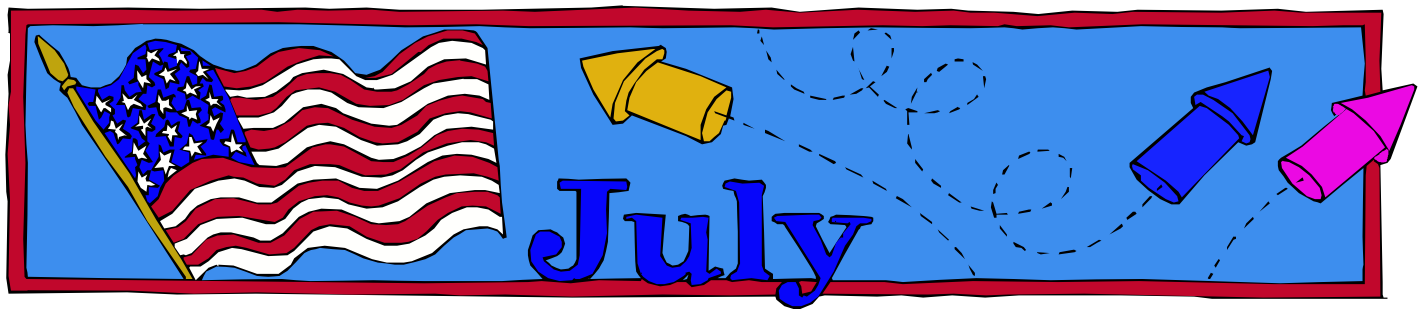
6:30 pm Tuesday July 16th

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26 at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th presiding bishop. His nine-year term as presiding bishop, the face and voice of The Episcopal Church and its chief pastor, begins Nov. 1.

The House of Bishops elected Rowe on their first ballot in a closed session at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Louisville. The result later was announced publicly in the afternoon session of the House of Deputies, which greeted the news with cheers. The deputies proceeded to confirm him with a nearly unanimous majority, 95% in favor, and the standing-room-only crowd erupted in applause across the hall at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Rowe was elected from a slate of five nominees chosen through a process led by the [Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop](#), which is made up of 20 bishops, clergy and lay leaders. The other presiding bishop nominees were Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez and Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright.

After the confirmation vote in the House of Deputies, bishops began filing into the hall to join the deputies, and soon Rowe arrived to address the 81st General Convention. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry introduced his successor, and Rowe began by expressing humble gratitude to the four other bishops who had discerned candidacies for presiding bishop.



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DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD	ALTAR FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY/ LOCK-UP DUTY
July 7th The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Bowers A Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Bowers A Epistle Kidwell J	Kidwell And Robison Crucifer Womack	Kidwell J	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Howard
July 14th The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Kidwell B Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Kidwell B Epistle Craighead J	Craighead And Sharp Crucifer Howard	Womack	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Kidwell J
July 21th The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Cole G	Robison And Womack Crucifer Davidson	Howard	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up: Womack
July 28th The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Womack Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Womack Epistle McAskill	Bowers A And Kidwell J Crucifer Howard	Bowers A	***** OPEN *****	Hospitality: Lock-Up Bowers A

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Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.