

September 2023

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

A place of Rest, Peace and Love

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Mother Suzanne's Corner,

It is now official, summer school vacation has ended, students are back in school. It is time for all of us to return to "ordinary time" and our regular fall church activities. We began this Sunday, August 27th, with a very special Surprise at our morning worship service followed by a traditional parish meal with wonderful food and great fellowship.

There will be a lot happening here at St. Paul's this fall with many opportunities to grow spiritually and gather for fellowship. So that you might plan ahead and mark your calendars here is a list of "happenings" with dates and times.

Beginning Wednesday, August 30th, there will be weekly Evening Prayer in the Chapel beginning at 5:30 pm and ending no later than 6:30 pm. This mid-week offering is an opportunity to simply take a few minutes to refresh oneself during the week with corporate prayer, scripture, and learning more about the Saints of the Church.

On Sunday, September 3rd, immediately after services there will be a meeting of the Confirmation Class for young persons. Materials will be passed out and future meetings will be discussed and decided.

On September 11th I will be having surgery in Lawton. On Sunday, September 17th, you will have a special guest and Celebrant of Holy Eucharist. It will be the Rev. Canon Betsy Randall, who will also be preaching. She has graciously offered to be with you in my absence. She is new to our Diocese and looks forward to "getting to know" the people of the diocese. There will be an opportunity for visiting and fellowship after the service. I know you will warmly welcome her to our church and our part of the state. Let's show her our famous hospitality. Please be sure to attend. She will also join us on for an "official" visit on October 29th, at which there will be a meal following the service.

On October 6-7 the Annual Diocesan Convention will take place at St. Crispin's. Your delegates, John Womack and Andy Bowers, your alternate delegates, Cassy Howard and Perry Robison, and I will all be in attendance. Yours prayers for the convention and conducting of business are both requested and appreciated.

On Sunday, October 15th we will celebrate a "late" feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with our annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul's. Following the tradition of St. Francis, all kinds and sorts of animals and pets are invited to come and receive an individual blessing with their family. Each will receive a special blessing as well as a special medal and Certificate of Blessing. Come, bring your friends and neighbors, and join the fun as we honor and bless our beloved pets. Blessings have also been known to be given to beloved stuffed animals and Teddy Bears. All are welcome, with and without pets. Plan do come and join the fun. (Time to be determined)

I will attend the Diocesan Clergy Conference at St. Crispin's, October 24-26.

There will be a Bible Study Class during the month of November. Topic, day, and time to be determined. Let me know your preferences. During the month of November we will also have our annual Stewardship Campaign and Ingathering of Pledges. On the Sunday of Ingathering there will be a pot luck meal in the parish hall.

The season of Advent will begin the first Sunday in December. There will be an Advent Study as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour.

On December 10th, The Right Rev. Poulson Reed, Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma will be our Celebrant and Preacher. We will celebrate the Confirmation of several young people and maybe others. There will be a meal immediately following the worship service. This will be our Bishop's second visit to our parish. (Mark this date in Red and be sure to attend.)

I am looking forward to a great fall season and thank you for your faithfulness.

Blessings always,
Suzanne

Food for Thought

Let me fall in love again with the love that first loved me, the love that found me out, searched me out, and enveloped me in a healing I could not have imagined. Let me feel again what I felt before when all my feelings were made new by the author of compassion. Let me abide in this house of many rooms. Let me dwell in this place without walls.

Steven Charleston

September Anniversaries

Sept. 7 Stephen and Helenarine Dowlen -- Sept. 7 John and Paula Womack

Sept. 12 Rick and Doris Stebbens -- Sept. 15 Eddie and Sarah Perryman

Sept. 23 Joe and Romanita Alcorta

September Birthdays

Sept. 4 Emilie Dugan -- Sept. 9 John Womack

Sept. 11 Andy Bowers -- Sept. 16 Marty Howeth -- Sept. 26 Perry Robison
& The Rev. Thomas Keith -- Sept. 30 Jeremy Hunn & The Rev. Kathleen F. Murray

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DATE	READING	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS Crucifer	ALTAR	FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY LOCK-UP
September 3rd 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12: 9- 21 Matthew 16:21-28	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Braddock Sermon Rev Mollison	First Reading Braddock Epistle Bowers V	Templer and Howard Bowers F	Templer	OPEN	OPEN LOCK-UP: Howard
September 10th 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8- 14 Matthew 18:15-20	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Bowers A Sermon Rev Mollison	First Reading Bowers A Epistle McAskill	Sharp and Bowers V Womack	Howard	OPEN	OPEN LOCK-UP: Kidwell
September 17th 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Exodus 14:19- 31 Psalm 114 Romans 14: 1- 12 Matthew 18:21-35	Celebrant The Rev. Canon Betsy Randall LEM Womack Sermon The Rev. Canon Betsy Randall	First Reading Womack Epistle Craighead J	Kidwell and Craighead D Bowers A	Templer Kidwell	OPEN	OPEN LOCK-UP: Perryman
September 24th 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20: 1- 16	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Bowers A Sermon Rev. Mollison	First Reading Bowers A Epistle Kidwell B	Robison And Kidwell Womack	Kidwell	OPEN	OPEN LOCK-UP: Womack

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O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week,
you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all
our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to
do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great

Day: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.