

So in Christ we, though many,
form one body.

Romans. 12:5

Dear Friends,

Welcome to post-COVID church. We made our way through the pandemic and now we're out the other side, and have learned things and now church will be new. Renewed

Or maybe it's not quite like that. The effects of the pandemic continue to work themselves out and although we long for them to be over, they're not. Not quite. I can't travel to see my mother, and we don't feel comfortable drinking from the common cup. We have some way to go.

Nevertheless, there is great pleasure to be had in gathering again, on Wednesdays and Sundays. Joy in sharing worship and stories, and in simply seeing each other's smiling faces again. It has been too long.

Now the challenge is to make it all work again. We're still doing video, but not much music, though I think we'll get it back soon. Services have been shortened to about 40 minutes and will stay that way for the meantime. I'm looking for ways to use our video with wider participation (especially musical?) so that all of St. Paul's people are connected every week, and not just when they are comfortable being together physically. All ideas are welcome. We need readers, and Altar Guilders and greeters and hosts and mowers and cleaners... We need it personally, individually, too. Serving is a necessary component of any faithful life.

And we have some immediate challenges: the Rummage Sale is coming up that is part of the critical effort to raise funds for this year. It looks as though we are \$40k short of our bare minimum budget. If you can help with the Rummage Sale, or in any way, this is the moment to chip in.

Just as we discovered that we cannot be separated, from each other or from God, by a pandemic, so now is the moment for all of us to take some part in making our community work. COVID is not quite finished, and our relationship together with God...? Well, given what we have endured and learned up to this point, and judging by your smiles, my expectation now (and my prayer) is that, we will be better, stronger more mature Church than we have been for a long time.

The Collect for the Mission of St. Paul's: "Gracious God. You led and sustained our forebears in faith, courage, endurance and adventure."

And us too. We're ready for what comes next. Be with us, we pray.



Your friend in Christ,
Michael +

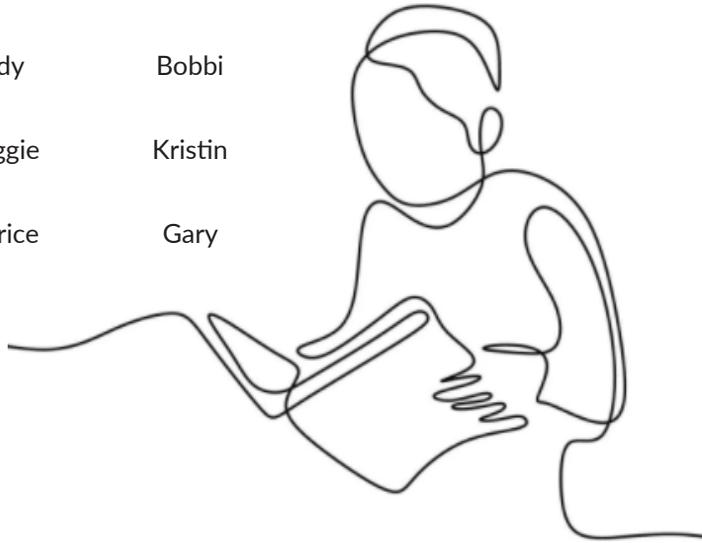
Readers

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
July 18	Bobbi	Mary
July 25	Gary	Maggie
Aug 1	Leanne	Judy
Aug 8	Andy	Terri
Aug 15	Judy	Bobbi
Aug 22	Maggie	Kristin
Aug 29	Laurice	Gary

Going to be absent?

If you cannot read on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement.

If you want to read in the future, please let Kris Warehime know.



Spiritual Adventures

Our regular mid-week bible study and discussion group has resumed meeting in person on Wednesdays at 11:00. Please join us!

St. Paul's Pantry

Thanks to your generosity, we are well stocked at the moment. Now it is time to spread the word that we are open again!

Vintage Leaven

CREAM CHEESE SURPRISE (LEMON LUSH)

(Dessert from the men's Spring Fling dinner, April 1978)

1 cup flour, 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup flaked coconut, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.
Mixed above together like a pie crust and pat into a greased 9x13 pan.
Bake 15 minutes at 350.

1 cup powdered sugar, 8 oz cream cheese, 1 cup whipped cream
Mix the above and pour over baked crust.

6 oz lemon instant pudding, 3 cups milk
Whip until thick and pour over second layer. Top with whipped cream and refrigerate until served.



Rummage Sale

July 23 9:00–5:00

July 24 9:00–12:00

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

(but we don't need your clothes.)

Please sign up to set up, price, sell or clean up. Sign-up sheets in Upper Tanner.

Call Kris Warehime with your questions.

Parish Meeting Report

On Sunday, June 27, we held a parish meeting to discuss who and how we are going to divide the work of caring for St. Paul's now that we are back together in person. The WoSP have long been responsible for fellowship and other duties, but increasingly the number of women who can or who want to participate in this way is becoming smaller. Kristin Warehime asked the WoSP membership if now was the time to reorganize and spread the work over the entire congregation. Although the WoSP has not officially disbanded, our conversation did spur a parish meeting.

The focus of the meeting was taking care of those tasks that were immediately needed to ensure safe and comfortable worship and fellowship on Sunday. Members present signed up for duties that fit their availability and interests. We did not discuss our traditional events, like Bazaar and Lenten Lunches. Those events are definitely important, but not immediate.

Below are the duties and volunteers we have so far. This is a process. In the coming weeks we will clarify the whats and the whos. If you missed the meeting, please contact Kristin or one of the leaders in the areas where you want to help. St. Paul's belongs to all of us, and hopefully we can all participate in some way.

Category	Activity	Leader	Volunteers
Grounds	Yard Work	Scott	Mike, Julie, Scott, Gary
Building	Supplies	Scott	Bobbi, Andy, Laurice
	Cleaning	Drew	Gary, Leanne, Julianna, Drew, Deb, Mary
Fellowship	Coffee	Terri	Terri, Judy, Julie, Gary & Leanne, Kristin
	Transportation		Steve, Gary
Worship	Lay Reading	Kristin	Bobbi, Gary, Leanne, Andy, Judy, Maggie, Terri, Laurice
	Music	Kathy	Bobbi, Kathy
	Altar Guild	Betty	Betty, Judy, Diane, Julie, Myrtle
	Counting (after the service)	Kristin	Jody, Julianna, Kristin

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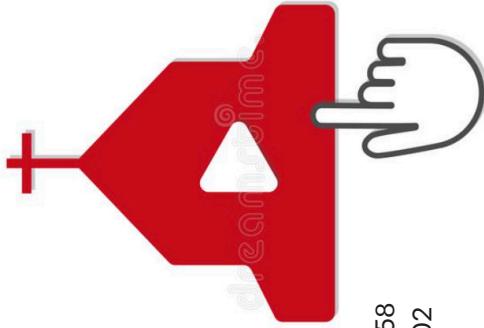
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