

September 1, 2021  
(#460)



*The newsletter of  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

**EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY,  
AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL;  
BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD  
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.  
ISAIAH 40:30**

## VESTRY NOTES

It has been a busy and productive summer at St. Paul's! In July we held our annual rummage sale, earning about \$1,000. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, price, work, and haul away the unsold items. It was a group effort, and fun to be back doing some of our traditional events. Then, shortly after the sale, the AC unit mounted in the loft area at the back of Upper Tanner began leaking. Thankfully Jody noticed it one night while when she stopped in briefly and was able to turn off the air and place a bucket underneath the leak. Roger Warehime discovered the hose was plugged up and the drip pan under the unit was corroded through. He contacted Owatonna Heating and Cooling and Jr. Warden Nikki met with them. The new pan needs to be custom made because the unit is older and the pan is a non-standard size. So, the AC is not yet fixed, but it will be soon. This is an unforeseen expense during a time when we are eeking by and hoping to not have to make another PIF withdrawal.

Thankfully, we hosted a very successful parking lot during the fair. In the end, we earned roughly \$3,700. Many, many thanks to Steve and Sheryl for organizing and setting the parking lot up. The project was offered to us last minute, and Sheryl ran with it. We had 21 volunteers this year, down from 36 in 2018. Thanks to all of you who pitched in! We could not have done it without you.

Some of our other "regular" events have returned, too. Wednesday's Spiritual Adventures has been happening all summer until Fr. Michael went on vacation. It will resume next week, September 8. We are hosting a meal for San Jose Obrero on September 12, and on September 26 we will have a "Renewal Sunday" potluck at Gainey park. Wednesday evening programming will resume after that on September 29.

The vestry is monitoring the Covid situation. For now we have decided to continue with indoor worship. Masks are not required, but are encouraged if you are not vaccinated or for other reasons are vulnerable.

# READERS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Reader</i> |
|-------------|---------------|
| Sept 5      | Judy          |
| Sept 12     | Mary          |
| Sept 19     | Leanne        |
| Sept 26     | Andy          |
| Oct 3       | Judy          |
| Oct 10      | Maggie        |
| Oct 17      | Terri         |
| Oct 24      | Gary          |
| Oct 31      | Laurice       |

### ***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 Kristin Warehime know.

# COFFEE COMMITTEES

### ***Enjoy treats after the service?***

Then please consider helping on a Sunday! Sign-up sheets are in Upper Tanner or talk to Judy Erck or Terri Hottmann.



# CLEANING HELP NEEDED!

You don't have to do it all, and you don't have to do it every week. Below is a description of what needs to be done. When you sign up, Drew will contact you about dates. We have broken up the church into segments that would require only forty-five minutes to one hour of your time. These areas are:

### **Vacuum the narthex, nave and chancel.**

Normally, this can be done at any time during the week.

### **Vacuum the upper and lower hallway, arrange tables and vacuum in upper Tanner.**

It would be best if this was done before Weds, but it can happen at any time

### **Sweep and wipe down the bathrooms.**

You may also need to mop as well. These need to be done sometime between Wednesday and Sunday.

### **Sweep and mop the tile and vacuum the carpets in the entrances and stairwells.**

Once a month in summer, almost weekly in winter between Wednesday and Sunday.

**Other:** Dust mopping under the pews; dust mopping after a gathering in Brown Hall; Intensive dusting and polishing.

Please talk to Drew if you would like to help with these tasks or sign up on the sheets in Upper Tanner.

# RENEWAL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 26

## RENEW YOUR CONNECTIONS.

We have missed you! If it has been a long time since you last saw your St. Paul's family face-to-face, we invite you to reconnect. To increase safety, we will worship outdoors at Gainey Park. The short service will be followed by a potluck lunch.

## RENEWAL YOUR COMMITMENT.

Our regular habits and ministries have been disrupted over the past 18 months. Slowly but surely we are returning to "normal," but we can't do it without your help.

- Commit to helping with the care and maintenance of our community and building by signing up for a volunteer duty. See the information in this Leaven or the sign-up sheets at church.
- Commit to your spiritual life by attending a Wednesday Bible study or discussion group. "Spiritual Adventures" happens Wednesdays at 11:00. Starting September 29, we will resume a Wednesday evening study group at 7:00.

## RENEWAL SUNDAY.

September 26

Service at 11:00 at Gainey Park

Potluck lunch immediately after.

Please bring a dish to share.



# SAN JOSE OBRERO

SEPTEMBER 12

This year we will be partnering with St. Mark's in Lake City to sponsor the worship services and meals for the migrant workers in Montgomery on September 12.. We are providing the food. Maria has a contact who will make pupusas, rice, and beans for \$2.50 a plate. We will also provide salad, fresh fruit, and beverages. We have ordered 100 meals and are hoping to raise \$500. Extra money will be used to buy fruit the workers can take home with them after the service, as we have seen from past years that this is appreciated. We will be taking donations in our "Second Sunday" baskets on both September 5 and 12.

We are also looking for people to help purchase and prepare the food for the rest of the meal and serve the food after the service. Please talk to Maria, Kristin, or Jody if you are able to help or would like to know more. The first service starts at 3:30 with a meal afterwards. There will be about a 45 minute break and then the second meal will be served before the second service. Helpers need not stay for the second service.

# VINTAGE LEAVEN

Today's vintage news is on the lighter side. Couldn't we all use a laugh after this tough year? I (Jenni) was just thinking how nothing has really gone as planned in 2020 or 2021. This is an article from the Leaven about an outing where nothing went as planned. About once a year Fr. Tom Winkler would take the youth group canoeing to places in MN. They even took some trips canoeing to the Boundary Waters. This 1977 trip down the Root River didn't go as planned.

## ***YOUTH GROUP NEWSLINE: (Sept. 1977)***

From most people's standards of judgment, the canoe outing on May 21st could have been termed a disaster, or at least hoaxed, for canoes were delivered late, 2 canoes of St. Paulites overshot the stopping point by 12 miles, it rained buckets for a few minutes soaking all the youth who were waiting for the drivers some 20 miles away - and the drivers were sawing a tree which had fallen blocking the only exit for the cars! However, for our group, it was a really great day! Some of our more brave even swung via rope Tarzan-like into the muddy Root River.

*Leaven* is published monthly to keep the people of St. Paul's informed and united in thought.

**Leaven Staff:**

Fr. Michael Tippett    stpaulsowatonna@gmail.com  
Kristin Warehime    kristin.warehime@charter.net



220 S. Cedar Avenue  
Owatonna, MN 55060

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**Vestry Members 2021**

Kristin Warehime, Sr. Warden:

507-363-2462

Nikki Erickson, Jr. Warden:

507-363-9370

Jody Boisen: Fin Pro Tem

507-475-4000

Kari Gigstead, Clerk:

507-456-8065

Andy Simon: 612-239-5776

Judy Erck: 507-390-0685

Maria Dodd: 626-419-4076

Julianna Skluzacek: 507-390-1531

Jenni Brittain: 507-213-6421

Deacon Steve Judd: 507-456-8058

Fr. Michael Tippett: 507-456-7302

