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Sowing the Seeds of God's Love



In June, a group of adults and young people traveled from St. Paul's to South Dakota for our second annual mission trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation and the Black Horse Ranch ministry of Fr. Kurt and Mtr. Ellen Huber. They spent the week working with the Lakota children teaching them about Jesus and God's love for them. The week was filled with challenges, heartache, love, joy, worship, fulfillment.

It is perhaps awe-inspiring to some of us who were not able to go on the trip to see the photos and hear the stories of the mission trip. When we give so unselfishly to others, when we truly give of ourselves, we sow seeds of God's love which truly grows God's kingdom in ways perhaps unseen or even unrealized. God is the master gardener, after all.

The truth is, you don't have to go all the way to South Dakota to accomplish this. All around us we can witness this love in action. For example, we are collecting donations for snack bags for the campers at Common Ground. Parishioners have been donating snacks and our teenagers and young people have been meeting at Common Ground to pack these bags for distribution each week. We also have summer camp here at St. Paul's through the Day School and there are many teenaged volunteers helping facilitate this each day, giving of themselves to enrich the little ones.

In September, rather than our traditional Rally Day, we will offer a Discovery Zone which will enable us to explore ways to serve and grow in our church and our community. It promises to be a more in-depth and personal way to explore all the ministries we have to offer. More information will come soon about Discovery Zone, but save the date, September 5 at 5:30 pm, for this event.

Step out of your comfort zone and sow seeds of divine love. The seeds you scatter might be kind words to a neighbor, praying with your children or grandchildren, volunteering to help others, or reaching out to those who are alone. Seeds of God's love might look like starting a study group around [Sacred Ground](#), leading King's Club, or giving your time in a ministry you perhaps never fully considered.

And maybe you'd even like to travel to South Dakota in 2026!

Pat Becker

Coming Soon to a Country Store Near You



Where can you get one of these stunning 75th Anniversary ornaments? See page 3!

A Message from Fr. Michael



Watering the Garden

As Pat so eloquently wrote, we are called to sow seeds of love and hope. And these seeds need to be watered. It takes dedication to grow a garden – they need tending to. In practical terms, this means sustaining our ministers and ministries, growing the gardeners as well as the garden.

The key to maintaining and sustaining the garden is found in belonging to small groups. In small groups we find the focus to discern what needs watering, the encouragement and support (spiritual friendship!) to do the work, and the discipline and energy to keep at it. This work (not the best word for it) comes in a kaleidoscope of forms at St. Paul's.

In these sultry summer days, I marvel at the resolve of Paul Moore and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as they restore vintage folding wooden chairs that were used in worship some 75 years ago and which will be sold at the country store event to raise funds for the organ restoration. They are crafting a handsome miniature community library and preparing the set for our next production of St. Paul's Players, "Tom Sawyer the Musical." The will to sustain the work *and even the joy* in doing so is found in community – in doing it together!

I see the Tuesday Matthew 25 ministry that has for decades prepared meals for the young people of Cedar Grove. This group's membership composition has changed over time (making room for new gardeners to join in and other gardeners to take a rest), but it has always been a wonderful demonstration of how the garden also sustains the gardeners. Their gatherings are as much about prayer and concern for each other as they are for the work itself. And the work itself sustains more than biological life – it gives hope.

In August we will have our annual liturgical ministry training and fellowship that we call Ministry Mash. Altar guild, acolytes, ushers, choir, musicians, oblation coordination, worship leaders, lay Eucharistic visitors, all of these are small groups that serve the worship portion of the garden.

The list of small groups at St. Paul's goes on and on: Prayer groups, children and youth ministries, study groups, guilds, gardeners, mission and outreach, vestry, property management, pastoral care, finance, and on and on. These are like patches of the garden or rows of plantings. There may be as many small groups as doors in our buildings (it's a lot!). And that's good because everyone needs a patch (and a way in) in which to water the garden.

Our service to Him through our participation in His garden unites us as a church family. I believe it's in small groups where the garden is watered best. On Sept. 5th at the Discovery Zone event, under the leadership of Michelle Boyd, we will be presenting a more comprehensive view of the garden of our Lord here is St. Paul's and discerning our place in it. If you have felt some distance from the garden and want to reconnect, or if you are relatively new to St. Paul's and haven't found the patch in the garden that best suits you, please register and come to this event.

The Lord Jesus is the master gardener who sets the tone and leads the way – and he is calling us to join him in his garden and to be renewed in his service.

Blessings,
Michael+

Parishioner Spotlight: Jerry Bagwell



Jerry Bagwell has been a member at St. Paul's since 2023 and has easily meshed into the fabric of our parish life. He is the current president of our chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and is enthusiastically engaged in raising visibility and accessibility to that group. Jerry also serves on our liturgy team, assisting with preparing the readings for the worship leaders for Sunday and Wednesday services. He regularly attends the Thursday Men's Bible Study and recently went to South Dakota on the mission trip. He has shared his AV skills with the St. Paul's Players and can often be found in the workshop helping Paul Moore with one of his many projects. Jerry is the proud father of Avery and Kaden and a devoted dog-dad. He is known for his good humor, positive attitude, and love of a good joke. Next on his agenda is Cursillo 156!

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

An Old Time Country Store

In our continuing celebration of St. Paul's 75th Anniversary, there will be a walk down memory lane from decades ago.

On November 16 join us for fun, food, and an old time country store filled with a wonderful array of handmade items. This is not a rummage sale; all items are handmade by our parishioners! We ask your participation to fill our booths with your creative endeavors. There is a place for whatever you can cook, bake, make, draw, paint, or create! Some of our booths will include:

Sweet Shop

Jellies, Pickles, Salsas, and more

Knitting and Crochet Galore (blankets, washrags, crochet baskets, coasters, etc.)

Crafts and Art showcase (hand painted oyster shells, artwork)

Woodwork Specialties (birdhouses, yard art, etc.)

Kid's Loot Box (a treasure chest filled with kid-friendly items)

Greenhouse with Hand Painted Pots (and live plants)

Blessed Boutique (assorted Christian items such as Anglican prayer beads, notepads, etc.)

Creative Lagniappe (handmade, candles, etc.)



If you have something you enjoy making we need your donations, however large or small, to fill our booths. You may bring them to the office any time between now and November for our Country Store. All proceeds from this event will go toward to Organ Restoration Fund.

This is the perfect time to get your Christmas shopping done with fun and unique items and help benefit the restoration of our very special organ so important in our worship.

Beverly Casso is your contact person if you have questions. More details coming soon, but in the meantime, get busy creating!



Guild of Queen Esther is making Anglican Prayer Beads.



Gail Whitener and Louise Broadwell making crochet rags and cloths.



Paul Moore working on his yard art.

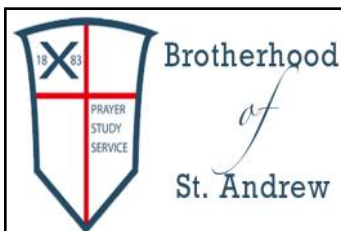


Paul making birdhouses.



Original 1950s chairs will be sold.

Ministry Spotlight: Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is the principle men's group of the church and is the Episcopal Church's oldest ministry. The group is dedicated to the disciplines of prayer, study, and service. They meet each month in the Parish Hall on the third Saturday for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer, but recently have added a Friday evening meeting to their agenda in an attempt to meet the needs of those men and boys who can't make Saturday meetings. The Friday evening meeting in June was comprised of a brief meeting, a cookout, and a friendly cornhole challenge. Members have been active in service projects in our community and around our church, volunteering their time to various projects around our facility. In recent elections, Jerry Bagwell was elected President of the chapter, Kerry Kirspel, Vice-President; Matt Abrams, Secretary; Bruce Shear, Treasurer; and Levi Brendle, Chaplain. All men and boys of the church are invited to attend meetings!

Worship

Liturgical Ministry Mash



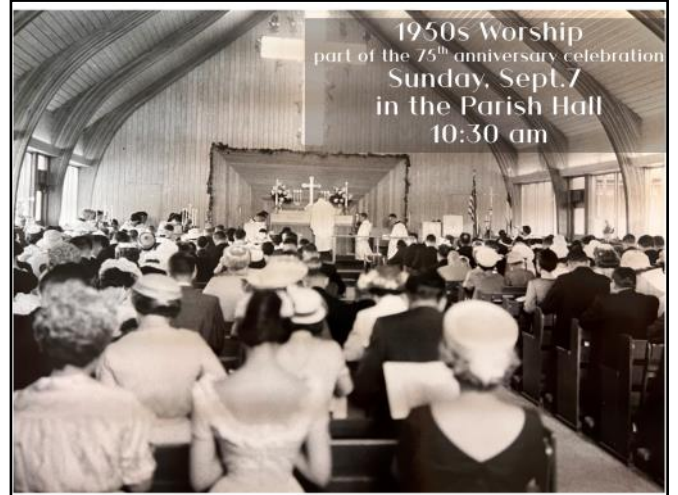
There are so many working parts in creating a beautiful and meaningful worship service that from time to time it is helpful for all ministry participants to get together to practice and discuss our various roles.

On **Saturday, August 23**, at 9 am, we will hold our fourth Liturgical Ministry Mash. If you are involved, or wish to be involved, in any part of the

service, you are invited. This includes acolytes, altar guild, worship leaders, ushers, and vergers.

We will meet in the church for practice and discussion followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful event to get to know fellow liturgical ministers, ask questions, enjoy fellowship, and talk about how we can best create beautiful and meaningful worship for everyone.

Save the Date: 1950s Worship Service



Healing Service Returns September 3



Daughters of the King Induction



Our newest members of the Daughters of the King will be inducted on August 17 during the 10:30 service.

The DOK is composed of a group of women who have made a commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism. After a period of learning and discernment, members are fully inducted into our Mary Gertrude Querbes chapter of the DOK.

If you'd like more information or are interested in joining, reach out to Amanda Martin, or call the office.

Altar Flowers

July 6: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Warren Knox and Bennie Rolph. Given by Sally Knox, Leslie, and Charles. The lone sunflower represents prayers for the Ukraine.

July 13: To the Glory of God and in memory of our son Aaron Paul Savoie. Given by Gerald and Lisa Savoie.

July 20: To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family and our St. Paul's family. Given by David and Pam Langley.

July 27: To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. Given by Gail and Gary Whitener.

Sunday Lectionary

July 6: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66: 1-8; 2nd Lesson: Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-9; 2nd Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14; Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 20: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; 2nd Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 27: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; 2nd Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Families, Children, Youth

Snacks for Common Ground Summer Camp



We are collecting healthy snacks for the campers at Common Ground again this summer. Items needed include peanut butter crackers, trail mix, fruit ups, fig bars, pretzels, granola, and

bagged nuts. Donations may be left in the church office or the cubbies in the Holding Hall by the Narthex.

During the summer months, Common Ground has two different summer camps with educational, recreational and spiritual activities. Up to 90 children from the community attend. Each summer St. Paul's supports this effort to provide each camper with a healthy snack bag each week.



If you'd like to help pack the snack bags contact Emily Maier or Mandy Metrejean. They meet at

Common Ground at 3 pm each Wednesday. The teenagers set up an efficient assembly line to pack the bags each week!

The camps run through the summer so the need is great and your donations are truly appreciated!



(Photos courtesy of Lois Fraser).

St. Paul's Day School Summer Camp



School may be out for summer but St. Paul's Day School is still filled with the squeals, songs, and laughter of children as summer camp has filled the month of June.

Summer Celebration: Imagination Island

was comprised of four weeks of themed activities. Kids could be Island Explorers in which they embarked on a Tropical Expedition in week one, filled with outdoor challenges, treasure hunts, and nature discoveries; week two was Magical Creatures Cove filled with dragons, mermaids, fairies, and mythical creatures. The week was filled with story-telling, art, and drama. Week three brought Tinker Town Bay which was a week of engineering, problem-solving, and creative thinking as campers became inventors, architects, and builders. And finally, week four, Celebration Shores, which was comprised of music-making, dancing, and a luau!



Each morning the kids began the day with a "Hip, Hip, Hooray!", songs and spirit stick competitions as each class enthusiastically shouted their chant, or cheer, in hopes of snagging the coveted and colorful spirit stick.

The camp is always an extremely popular event each summer with slots filling up almost as soon as it is opened for registration. JoAnn Rose, her teachers, and her volunteers do such a wonderful job with the children and what a blessing they all are!

Backpack Sunday is Coming



Even though it seems we are in the heart of summer, backpack Sunday is just around the corner!

On Sunday, **August 10**, students of all ages are invited to bring their bags or backpacks for a special blessing at the 10:30 service and you'll receive a beautiful tag for your backpack.

July 2

Sun

Mon

Tue

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1
1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)
Birthday: Chris Rose

2
10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6
8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) and Psalm Studies (Bride's Room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2, with Scouts and Patriotic music
12 pm Patriotic Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12 pm EYC:
Birthday: Betsy Dunkle, Ritchard Maynard

7
6 pm Outreach Committee
Birthday: Sarah Jackson

8
1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)
Birthday: Becky Evans, Erin Harold, Pam Monsour

9
10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: Jessica Mila

13
8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) and Psalm Studies (Bride's Room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
3 pm Holy Eucharist at The Glen
Birthday: Michael Collette

14
12 pm Finance Committee
Birthday: Lois Fraser, Clint Lee

15
1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)
Birthday: Abe Abrams
Anniversary: Blair Bryson and Jay Hood

16
10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: John Fergus

20
8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) and Psalm Studies (Bride's Room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
Birthday: Hilton Ferguson II, Kerry Kirspel

21
6 pm Vestry Meeting

22 St. Mary Magdalene
1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)
Birthday: Arnold Cannon, Val Upchurch

23
10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Birthday: JoAnn Rose

27
8 am Holy Eucharist 1
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) and Psalm Studies (Bride's Room)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2
3 pm *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Parish Hall)
5 pm: EYC: Game Night
Birthday: Elizabeth Broadwell

28
Birthday: Jennifer Rusling, Sarah Kate Taliaferro

29
1 pm Knitting Group (Wardens' Room)
1:30 pm Matthew 25: Common Ground (Parish Hall)
7 pm Centering Prayer (Wardens' Rm)
Birthday: JJ Fortiz, Anna Watts

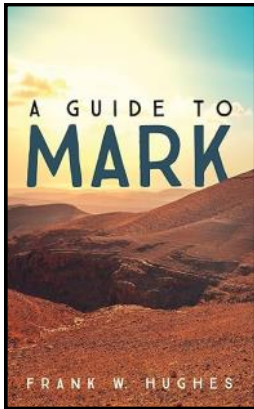
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10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm *The Adventures* (St. Jude, Benton LA)
Birthday: Sally Knox

2025

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Discipleship & Christian Education

A Guide to Mark by Rev. Frank W. Hughes



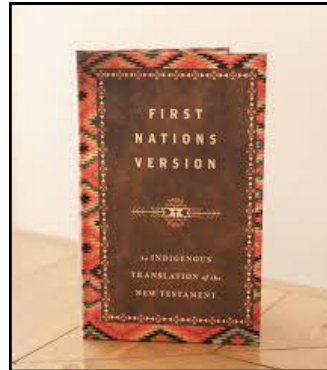
Our friend, the Rev. Dr. Frank Hughes was with us in 2023 to discuss his work on Paul's letters to the Corinthians and his book, [*The Corinthian Correspondence: Redaction, Rhetoric, and History*](#).

Now, Fr. Hughes has a new book, just published in June. [*A Guide to Mark*](#) "will introduce you to the oldest gospel in the New Testament, the Gospel according to Mark. In addition to a look at the ways in

which we currently study the Gospels, this book will comment on each of the passages in the Gospel of Mark. The final chapter of this book considers the Gospel of Mark as a whole, namely, its characteristic ways of presenting Jesus and the apostles; the meaning of miracles; echoes of the Old Testament prophets Elijah and Elisha; the relationships among the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke; and Mark's strong criticism of the early church.

The book is available on [Amazon](#) and via the publisher, [Cascade Books](#). We have a copy for the Parlor lending bookshelf as well.

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament



New to our Parlor bookshelf this month is a copy of [*First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament*](#).

Conceived out of "a desire to provide an English Bible that connects, in a culturally relevant way, to the traditional heart languages of the over six million English-speaking First Nations people of North

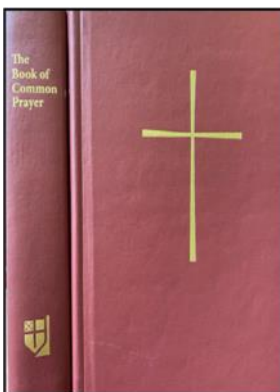
America," this Bible translation takes into consideration contextual word choices, idiomatic expressions, and modifications in paragraph and sentence structure that clarify and facilitate understanding of the Scriptures.

For example, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." becomes "'The Great Spirit loves all creation so deeply that he gave his Son—the only Son who represents him fully. All who trust in him and his way will not come to a bad end but will share in the life of the world to come that never fades away, filled with beauty and harmony."

It is a lovely and lyrical translation that remains faithful to scripture, and has been described as "like listening to a wise elder pass down ancient teachings. Its oral cadences give the Scriptures new room to breathe."

A copy has been placed on the Parlor bookshelf for your perusal.

Catechism Class Begins in September



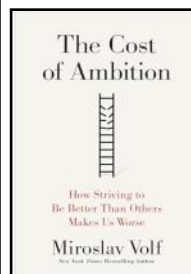
Beginning on September 14, Fr. Michael will be teaching a 10-part series to prepare attendees for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows by Bishop Owensby in December.

The weekly classes will meet in the Bride's Room. These classes are appropriate for baptized persons who wish "to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism" or to be officially received into The Episcopal Church from another tradition.

We will explore Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, creeds, prayer and worship, Sacraments, church history and governance, and faithful living. Please call or email the office to register.

Classes will be at noon with lunch provided.

What is Fr. Michael Reading?



Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand; what is he reading right now?

His current read is [*The Cost of Ambition: How Striving to be Better than Others Makes Us Worse*](#), by Miroslav Volf.

Volf argues that striving for superiority has negative consequences in all domains of life. Instead, we should strive for excellence. He also examines what the teachings of Jesus and the stories in Genesis say on the matter. Volf explains how striving to be better than others devalues our achievements, surroundings, an relationships by turning them into mere means to an empty goal. Not exactly light summer reading but intriguing nonetheless!

Mission and Outreach

South Dakota Mission Trip to Cheyenne River Reservation

Our South Dakota Missioners left Shreveport on June 7, headed once again to the Black Horse Ranch on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. The group reached Conception, Missouri, the halfway point, where they spent the night and then continued their journey the next morning.

Horse and Pony camp, with Fr. Kurt and Mtr. Ellen Huber, began the next day, but not before our group had time for breakfast and Morning Prayer.



The Hubers host this camp throughout the summer for the Lakota children with a focus toward reuniting them with



the equine heritage, but along the way they learn about Jesus and about God's love. The camp is a joyful and safe place for the children, many of whom live in very challenging and difficult situations.

This year, we brought Godly Play to the

children. They enjoyed learning about Jesus through stories and crafts with Angie and Andrea. They learned about Moses parting the Red Sea and many of the other familiar stories and parables. The children learned about the family of God and made people out of clay, all different, imperfect, and beautiful.



The days also included snacks! Pickles and popsicles are especially popular, and of course, a lot of hugs.

Storytime in the barn was a part of each day and included the story of Sitting Bull, the bird, and the bear which Liz West narrated while Steve Becker and Lottie Abrams helped by acting out parts.

There is great poverty and challenging living conditions for many of the people on the reservation. The life expectancy of men is only 52 years; 30 percent of their families live in poverty, and families are more likely than any other ethnic group to be affected by addiction. In a bit of good news, the reservation is currently breaking ground on a new addiction and recovery center.

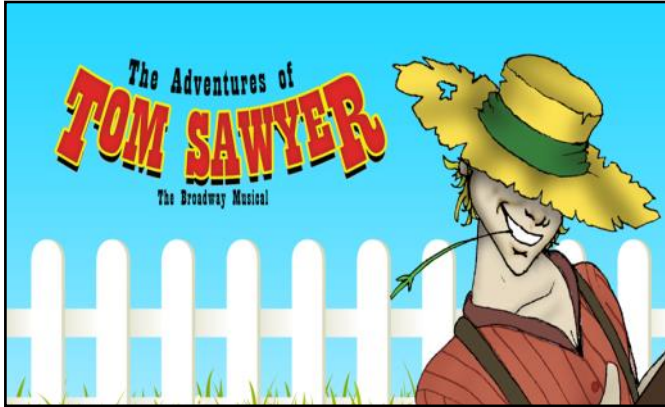
Camp ended on Thursday so on Friday a few of our missioners were able to visit the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and Wall Drug which is a popular tourist spot in Wall, South Dakota. Some of our missioners opted to stay at Black Horse Ranch to spend more time with the horses.

We are already planning our return to South Dakota for 2026! If you or your family would like to take part, please reach out to Fr. Michael!



Parish Life

St. Paul's Players Presents: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*



New from the St. Paul's Players this summer, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, is the irresistible story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America, based on Mark Twain's classic novel. Filled with foot-stomping, toe-tapping songs by Don Schlitz and with a book by Ken Ludwig, this musical adventure is a tale of thrilling escapes, comedy, and inspiration for the whole family.

Set in 1840 Missouri, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is the tale of young Tom Sawyer, played by Joshua Jackson in our production, and the never-ending mischief of which he so often finds himself a part; whether it's matching wits with Aunt Polly, tricking his friends into whitewashing a fence for him or narrowly escaping the clutches of a murderous villain. Along with his best friend, Huckleberry Finn, and his love interest, Becky Thatcher, the greatest Tom Sawyer exploits are plucked from the book and plopped onto the stage.

You will find several members of our St. Paul's family in the show, including David Langley, Bob Maynard, Anne Garner, and Kerry Kirspe. This fun, family-friendly show runs July 24-27 in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's at 7 pm. The show on July 27 is a 3 pm matinee. There is also a show at St. Jude Catholic Church in Benton on July 30 at 7 pm in cooperation with their music ministry.

Tickets are available online through Cur8.com, or by calling the box office at 318-553-2173. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for students.

Wonderful Wednesday Returns September 10 and King's Club Too!

All Hands on Deck!
Wonderful Wednesdays returns
Sept. 10



Brotherhood of St. Andrew
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



August
Breakfast, 9 a.m.

Vestry Highlights for May

- The Vestry discussed progress of an ADA compliant ramp for the church.
- The arch on the outside of the back of the church needs painting and a few leaks in the flat part of the roof need to be sealed. Property committee is handling this.
- Plans are underway for our Country Store in November. All proceeds will benefit the organ restoration fund.
- The need for better exterior and interior directional signage was discussed; to be taken up by the property committee.

Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Ava Boyd, Shelly and Jaxsen Nielsen, Julie Rose, Isabella and Natalie Castro, Kenny Vasquez, Heather Garraway, Richie Self, Ward, Barbie Cannon, Corey Gabler, Alan Prater, Marlyn Monette, Ivy, John Pat Frost, Billie, Rob, Laura Kirspe, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Judy Boogearts, Bill and Chris Ostendorff, Mary Virginia Hill, Ron Snelling, Gary Whitener, Nan Colgin, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Tom Ostendorff, Bob Kopp, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Steven Pell, Mary Helen Byrum.

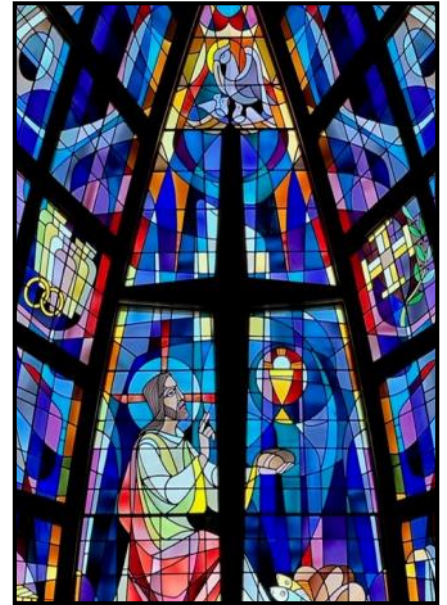
We pray for our military: Aaron, Amanda, Chris, Clark, Cody, Cole, JanRay, Jason, Levi, Michael, Shaun, Steven

We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

We pray for the faithfully departed: Scott Nielsen, Simon Pinzon, Emmie Sue Ellisor

We pray for our expectant mothers: Kimvy Calpito, Brittanie Carpenter

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.



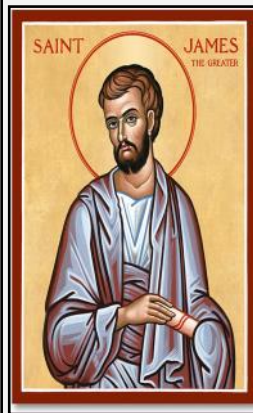
Collect for July 22: St. Mary Magdalene



Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and

for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for July 25: James the Apostle



O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for July 4: Independence Day



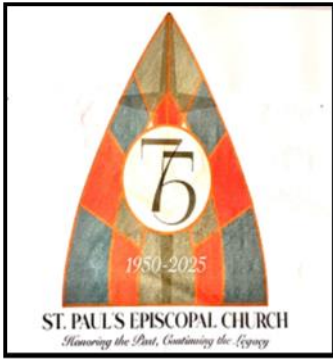
Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have

grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

A Prayer for Travelers



O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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