

**Family**  
by Andrew Goldsmid

J.K. Rowling the author of the Harry Potter books is quoted as saying "Family is a lifejacket (life vest) in the stormy sea of life" and this past month several of us have used the St. Paul's lifejacket with the passing of friends and family. There are many threads that nurture and strengthen the St. Paul's family. I believe those threads start with Sunday worship and the conversations of friends and family as we celebrate the life of Jesus and share his lessons with the world. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers deliver the good news to 'shut ins' while our Agape team support our families in need. St. Paul's volunteers give their time to Love Chapel, Book Buddies and other community organizations. The list goes on and on and it's all important! So, people of St. Paul's, thank you for your support of our church and service to the community. Your commitment strengthens our family, binds us together, and provides a lifejacket in the stormy sea of life.

**Labor Day Prayer:**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good: and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

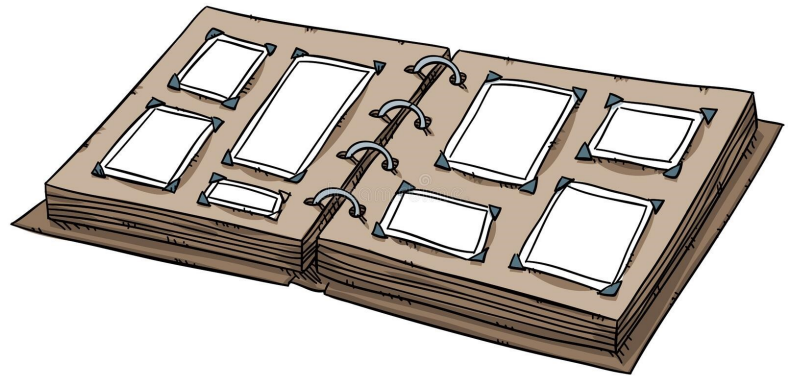
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## Parish Life

### That Which Was Lost is Now Found!

While in the Parish Hall just over a week ago, I spotted a blue album/scrapbook which I thought I recognized. Sure enough, on closer examination I realized it was the Youth Group Album 2002-2005 which I had thought lost, ne'er to be seen again, and there it was sitting on the table by the door for all to see! I was delighted to know that it was safe, and now can be enjoyed by all as it will become an accessible item in the St. Paul's library, after Barb Parker has kindly 'tidied it up' with her scrapbooking skills. It is a fun and fascinating record of youth and parish activities during the last year of Peder Berdahl and the interim ministry of Bishop Bill. If you were around during those years, you are probably in it somewhere!

When Barb has finished with it, we will put it on display, and make sure it has a safe home. I should like to thank the person who found it and placed it on the table, you made my day — please let me know who you are! It was 'lost' for several years . . .  
~Sian Goldsmid



### And now . . . The rest of the story ;)

I have been tidying up some of the Sunday School rooms lately, making ready for new families and activities that I'm sure are coming for St. Paul's. The blue scrapbook was tucked on a shelf under a bunch of papers and craft stuff in one of the rooms. I thought I remembered some members inquiring about it so I set it in the Parish Hall near the current scrapbook, figuring that someone would find it and know where it should go. I'm delighted that this treasure has been unearthed and will be appreciated all over again by St. Paul's members! ~Kathi Whipker

### A Special Prayer

We held the funeral for one of our long-time members, Jane Frede, this past month. Jane loved the newsletter and looked forward to it each month. She enjoyed seeing photos of members and activities going on in the parish, helping her stay connected to the church family that she loved so dearly. It seemed only right to share a prayer that was special to Jane in this month's Venite.

*O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,  
Until the shadows lengthen, and the busy world is hushed,  
And the fever of life is over, and our work is done.*

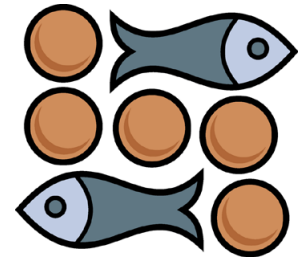
*Then Lord in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging,*

*A holy rest and peace at the last  
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.*



## Outreach

**If your life's mission is to be the hands & feet of Christ,  
we have some opportunities for you!**



**FISH** – In July, we collected money for local Food Pantries in Columbus (Love Chapel) and Seymour. The Outreach committee, under the leadership of Andrew Goldsmid, invited Judy Kiesow from Love Chapel for a brief chat during our Sunday morning service on July 17th.

A check for \$1,120 (*down from \$2,460 in 2021*) was sent to Love Chapel, and \$300 (*up from \$150 in 2021*) to Seymour's Anchor House. Both organizations are experiencing increased numbers as the rise in food prices makes life even more difficult for those living on fixed incomes. Remember: We continue our year-round collection of food. Cans, non-perishable food items, and clean grocery bags can be left in the blue tubs in the office area or Narthex.

**Love Chapel's Christmas Feast Give-away** (formerly known as the Christmas Pantry) will be very different this year. Pantry guests will pick up their Christmas basket at the pantry over a 4-week period (November 28 – December 22). We will be needing volunteers to help gather the donated food items into baskets the first weeks of November. Look for more information to come.

**Hot Meals** - St. Paul's has two Hot Meals dates coming up: September 7 and 14. Wednesdays from 5-6:00 at Columbus Free Methodist at 1511 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. We'll need volunteers to prepare the food and to serve the food. Contact Barb Parker at [parker3208@comcast.net](mailto:parker3208@comcast.net) or text/call her at 812-343-5379.

**Pride Festival** - Another opportunity coming up quickly would be to represent St. Paul's at the local Pride Festival on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This requires a loving heart and a smile. We will have a table and distribute brochures during the Festival. Contact Andrew Goldsmid at [andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Love Chapel's Worship in the Park** – After the first attempt at this community worship event had to be canceled in 2021, Worship in the Park was held on Sunday, August 21, at six different parks with thirteen churches participating and roughly 550 participants in all.

St. Paul's joined with Columbus Free Methodist Church at Donner Park's Shelter House that Sunday evening. The weather was perfect. Columbus Free Methodist provided uplifting music. St. Paul's provided the Readers for the lessons. The service was followed by an ice cream social. It was truly a wonderful service. Our hope is to have more people from St. Paul's attend next year.



## More Outreach

It has become a tradition for St. Paul's to be a part of Schmitt Elementary's Back To School Open House, next door. The weather was perfect this year, and we served over 9 gallons of ice cream and lots of popsicles. The St. Paul's pencils and erasers were a big hit with the students. The parents and school were most appreciative, and we all had a good time. We hope everyone at Schmitt has a terrific school year!!



## Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds has been very busy this summer. The latest project completed was the removal of several trees from the back of our property. Even though they were beautiful, a recent evaluation by an arborist recommended they be taken down and replaced because they were not healthy and could cause significant damage during storms or heavy snowfalls. New trees will be planted to replace these and soon we will have shade and beauty in our back parking lot again! Many thanks to L&L Tree Service for their good work and leaving our property looking very nice.



## News from Vestry/Search Committee

The Vestry and Search Committee will have a joint meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> with Jen Phelps, the Director of Transition Ministry for the Indianapolis Diocese. At this meeting, we will present our updated Parish Website and Parish Profile...both needed as we reenergize the Search Process.

For your part, here is a list of things you can do during this time:

1. **Hold us in prayer**
2. **Stay positive and offer encouragement to others**
3. **Be patient**
4. **Keep your pledge current**
5. **Volunteer with committee(s) of interest/talents**

Building and Grounds - Bill Garber

Parish Life – Shelly Bell

Formation – Melissa zur Loye

Worship and Re-Opening – Vicki Gust

Outreach – Barb Parker

Marketing/Communications – Kelli Thompson and Julia Abedian

Welcoming – Nancy McKinney

Finance – Cindy Overmyer

Stewardship – Volunteers needed!!



## Worship

The Lectern has been moved to the first altar steps to make it easier for lectors to access. To create space and accommodate the change we have also reduced the number of kneelers from 4 to 3 on each side. This is a trial arrangement that will be reviewed at the next vestry meeting.

## Worship and Formation

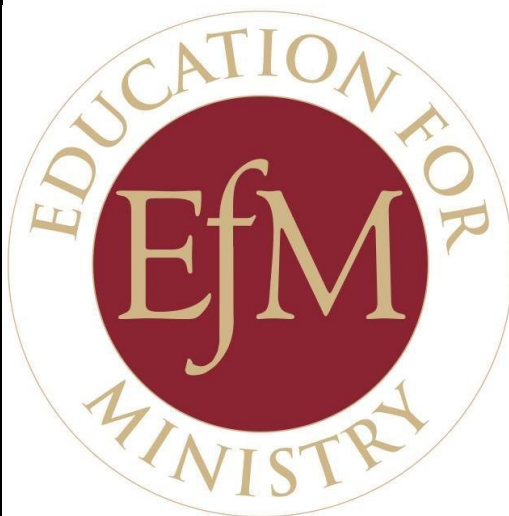
### Live Streaming

Live Streaming the weekly worship service has become the new norm for Church Ministry. With this in mind, we say thank you to John Settle and Steve Talbert who, up to now, have been taking care of this important function. However, stuff happens, everyone needs a vacation, and we need more people capable of setting up the Live Stream.

This past month, we have drafted a procedure and started to train more people. In September we are adding a "Live Stream" category to the monthly service schedule, so we have an assigned person every Sunday to take care of this important function. Only trained people will be scheduled for Live Streaming, and wherever possible it will be scheduled with another assignment, like Usher/Greeter, Lector, etc. but we will see how it goes.

If you would like to learn about Live Streaming, please contact John Settle or Andrew Goldsmid who will be happy to train you.

To those of you who watch our Live Stream, sincere apologies for recent mistakes as new people came on board. Our new website will also require further changes, but we should not be intimidated by technology. Albert Einstein once said: "Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new." And a past rector, Peder Berdahl, used to say, "A mistake is one more opportunity to practice the Christian Virtue of Forgiveness."



### Education for Ministry—EFM

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique adult learning program that covers the basics of a theological education in Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, church history, liturgy and theology, with a strong emphasis on theological reflection. EfM is based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 120,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The EfM group at St. Paul's On The Way in Broad Ripple has openings for students in all four class years, and will be offering both in-person and virtual meeting options. In-person meetings will take place at The Avenue Coffeehouse and Café in Broad Ripple. Class meets on Sundays from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. And will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. To learn more, please email Marann Scott (mariannscott1962@gmail.com).

**VESTRY****Minutes from August 9, 2022**

**Present:** Andrew Goldsmid, Shelly Bell, Frank Guthrie, Nancy McKinney, Kelli Thompson, Julie Abedian  
**Zoom:** Vicki Gust, Bill Garber, Barb Parker **Zoom:** Bill Garber, Vicki Gust, and Kelli Thompson

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with prayer by Kelli and the Check-In : Special Events for Q3 and Q4. Events noted were the church picnic in October, Christmas Concert Dec. 4 at 3 PM with the Schmitt Choir, Christmas baskets.

**Procedural Business**

There was a quorum. Motion made by Shelly, seconded by Frank, to approve the July minutes, approved. The date for the next vestry meeting is Sept. 13.

**Finance Report**

Frank reported favorable revenue above budget, with expenses below budget.

The upcoming Pledge Drive was discussed, with a November deadline. UTO will also be in November.

**Old Business**

Discussion was held on the preliminary results of the congregational survey. Shelly said the results will be emailed to the congregation, and the survey and responses will be published in Parish Hall. Andrew noted that there will be some actions after the results are sent out.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Reports**

Re-Opening Committee: Kelli reported no new changes.

Buildings and Grounds: Andrew reported that a trial relocation of the lectern and pulpit have not been tried yet, but possibly will be done this Sunday following the service.

Andrew noted that the tree removal has not yet happened, as L&L Tree Service has experienced problems with their truck. We have been assured that we are on their schedule with work as soon as possible. Replacement of trees will occur in the fall, and it was suggested that we employ professionals for the job.

Andrew reminded the vestry of the Opportunities List for projects needed both inside and outside the church. Several present suggested that the vesting room be a priority, as it needs painting and general overhaul.

Andrew reported that the diocese will contact us for names to serve on the Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnership (CBCP) committee, and that he and Julie have volunteered, with one additional person needed.

Marketing: Julie and Kelli updated the "Square Space" website by noting that Big Reveal had been held and the website committee had gone through the draft outline (wire frame). Another review has been set up and it is nearly ready. Training is ready to be organized.

Andrew discussed problems with livestreaming, especially that there are not enough people trained to set it up. He said John Settle, Steve Tolbert and himself are trained. Kelli volunteered to be trained. Andrew felt a rotation of who is responsible on any given Sunday be put into the bulletin.

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Outreach: Barb reported that the final amount given on Fish is not yet firm.

Andrew reported on the successful new project of Popsicles for High School Marching Band, saying it was much appreciated. He also noted that the Ice Cream Social for Schmitt School went well, with plenty of ice cream and popsicles on hand. Nancy noted that the giveaway of colored pencils showing "You are welcome at St. Paul's" was a big hit.

Hot Meals for Love Chapel are set for Sept. 7 & 14.

Parish Life: Shelly determined that Coffee Hours would be held monthly, as a result of the survey preferences, and that they would be following the 10:15 service. She set the next one for Sept. 25 when Jim Lemler would be here. (This is a rescheduling from last Sunday when he was unable to attend). This Coffee Hour will be at 9:15 AM.

Barb reported on Worship in the Park scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 21 at 6 PM in Donner Park. We are to supply a reader and ice cream (or popsicles?). Andrew suggested taking the church banner.

Shelly set a tentative date of Saturday, Oct. 22 for the Church Picnic.

Andrew noted that no action has been taken on an upcoming forum on Climate Change with Ben Brabson as speaker, but that we want to make it a community event.

Search Update: Barb reminded of the upcoming Sept. 8 at 7 PM (Thursday) Joint Search and Vestry meeting with Jen Phelps. Discussion followed on items to be considered before that meeting. Shelly suggested revisions to the job posting. The Search committee will meet Aug. 29 to discuss that and other items.

Worship Committee: Kelli had no Altar Guild update.

Andrew discussed concerns with Morning Prayer, which was quickly put in place last Sunday following Jim Lemler's absence for the morning service. Andrew suggested that the Worship Committee review procedures for Morning Prayer and adopt a template.

A full slate of priests is scheduled for August and September worship.

Following the results from the congregational survey, it was determined that two services will be held on Christmas Eve, at 3PM and 7PM. The service on Christmas Day may be Morning Prayer.

The survey suggested additional follow-up was needed in welcoming new persons, in addition to the letter and mug. Shelly noted that in the past, St. Paul's has hosted a pitch-in to honor newcomers. It was suggested that a mentoring program might be helpful. Action: the welcoming committee will explore these and other ideas.

Andrew suggested presenting mugs to our visiting priests, starting this Sunday.

Warden Reports: There were none.

Kelli closed the meeting with prayer, and it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy McKinney, Clerk

## Employee Schedules

In September we will welcome the Rev. Don Jones from Bloomington for the first two Sundays, and the Rev. Mary Taflinger will return on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Jim Lemler will be here on the 25<sup>th</sup> and will lead a forum with us on that day as well – mark your calendar and plan to attend. We are excited that our former Interim Rector, Rev. Kathy Thomas will be joining us to celebrate on Christmas Eve this year for two services!!

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator**, is in the office Tues/Thurs from 7am –10am and Friday from 7am to 3pm. She will work remotely on Monday as well. She can be reached by cell (812-603-5028) or email (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) if needed.

**Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director**, is looking for cantors and song leaders to begin singing on Sunday mornings. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you are interested in volunteering for this.

## Financial Summary

**July 2022:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$92,731 as compared to the budget of \$85,167 for a favorable difference of \$7,564. YTD Actual Revenue is \$92,731 as compared to the previous year of \$87,566 for a favorable difference of \$5,165. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$91,702 as compared to the budget of \$94,209 for a favorable difference of (\$2,507). Budget and actual do not include investment income or rector search, which have not been used so far in 2022, except for \$102 rector search expense.

# September Birthdays & Anniversary



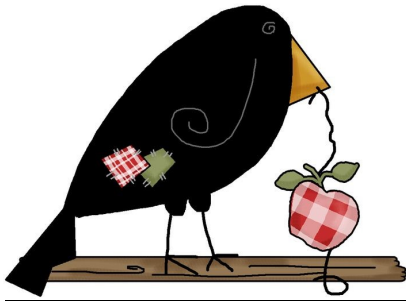
Sept. 24 Lou & Laura Wenzler

1 Bill Ardizone	22 Bill Garber
5 Roxie Garber	27 Mickey Bell
7 Mike Bell	29 Mary Fredrickson
19 Vicki Gust	29 Shelly Bell
19 Michael Gust	30 Judy Smithson

# September 2022 Service Schedule

*If you are unable to serve as assigned, please find a substitute & let Kathi know.*

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	<b>Teller</b>	<b>LEV</b>	<b>Live Stream</b>
<b>Sept. 2</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Nick Firestone Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
<b>Sept. 11</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paronavitana Frank Guthrie	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
<b>Sept. 18</b> 10:15 am	John Settle	Nancy McKinney John Settle	Lalith Paronavitana Frank Guthrie	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	John Settle	Lalith Paronavitana
<b>Sept. 25</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	Chuck Boddie Ken Erickson	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Ken Erickson	Cindy Overmyer	Kelli & David Thompson
<b>Oct. 2</b> 10:15 am	John Settle	Cheryl Paronavitana Nancy McKinney	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	John Settle	John Settle



# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Aug. 28</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15</b> Rite II Rev. Joan Smoke  <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am — AA	<b>31</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b> 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>2</b> 9am — AA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15</b> Rite II Rev. Don Jones  <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>	<b>6</b> 9am — AA	<b>7</b> 4:30—6 pm Hot Meal served @ Col. Free Meth.	<b>8</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 5:30 pm — Finance  <i>7 pm Search / Vestry</i>	<b>9</b> 9 am — AA	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15</b> Rite II Rev. Don Jones  <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>12</b> 5 pm Search Committee	<b>13</b> 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	<b>14</b> 4:30—6 pm Hot Meal served @ Col. Free Meth.	<b>15</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>16</b> 9am — AA  <b>DEADLINE</b> <i>September Venite</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15</b> Rite II Rev. Mary Taflinger  <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9am — AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10am Bible Study Noon—Men's Lunch (location TBA) 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>23</b> 9am — AA	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15 Forum Holy Eucharist <b>10:15</b> Rite II Rev. Jim Lemler <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b> 11:30 Forum	<b>26</b> Search Committee	<b>27</b> 9am — AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	<b>30</b> 9am — AA	<b>Oct. 1</b>

Sunday services can be accessed on our website ([stpaulscolumbus.org](http://stpaulscolumbus.org))—click the Facebook icon.  
 Zoom meetings use Meeting ID 291 212 0372 Password: church

**OUR MISSION:**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**

**WE BELIEVE IN GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL THE WORLD.**

**THAT BELIEF IMPELS US TO MIRROR GOD'S LOVE WITH GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS, ALWAYS RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE AMONG ALL PEOPLE.**

**Meetings**

**Finance Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 pm

**Search Committee**

Mondays, Sept. 12 & 26

**Vestry**

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 pm

**Vestry & Search Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 8

**Vestry Officers**

Senior Warden

Andrew Goldsmid

Junior Warden

Shelly Bell

Treasurer

Cindy Overmyer

**Vestry Members**

Julie Abedian '23

Shelly Bell '22

Bill Garber '22

Andrew Goldsmid '24

Vicki Gust '22

Frank Guthrie '24

Nancy McKinney '24

Barb Parker '23

Kelli Thompson '23

***Commission Liaison***

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Sr. Warden &

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Finance

Clerk & Newcomers

Asst. Treasurer, Out-

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WHATEVER YOU DO

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**HOPE**

THE THINNEST THREAD  
WILL TWIST INTO  
AN UNBREAKABLE CORD

Office Notes: The deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office (812-372-7869), or send an email to: [stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com). Thank you!

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