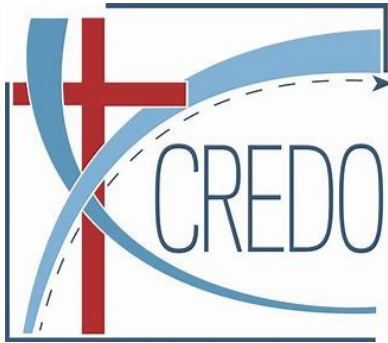


From our Priest

Last week and part of this week, I attended the CREDO clergy conference at ECCO (Episcopal Conference Center, Oakhurst) in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in California. It's a holistic conference that addresses the clergy's financial, emotional, psychological, physical, and spiritual wellness. Honestly, it has been the best clergy conference I have attended.

The word "CREDO" is a Latin word that means "I believe." The first activity is a workshop where clergy discuss and assess their core values by listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through scripture and people, praying, and discerning, which leads to growth. My number one core value is justice for all people because where there is no justice, there is no peace. Other core values are mercy, humility, curiosity, creativity, and hospitality. Through the seven days, we were asked to evaluate our core values through the CREDO lens and our conversations. I discovered that most of my core values were in my doing for others without much renewal time for recreation and refreshment. I had to rethink and reevaluate my core values because the ones I have were not sustainable for health and happiness.

The Friday evening after worship, the clergy and staff got together and danced to lively music. Then and there, I shifted my thinking that self-care is not selfish but essential for your - and my - health and well-being. Even though I still hold to those original core values, I decided that "play" and having fun is essential for effective ministry as we share the good news of God in Christ. I invite you to write down what you think are your core values. Then pray and discern if they need to be expanded or narrowed for your health and well-being. In your listening, praying, and discerning, ask if those values support or hinder your relationship with God or one another. Discover, as I did, that it's okay to evaluate and change because change is the only constant in life.

We are not asked to drink the stagnant waters of the Dead Sea but from the living waters of our faith that lead to life. As I re-read and review the CREDO material, I plan to create a workshop for St. Paul's and friends of St. Paul's so you know what you believe to be true, noble, and good.

In Love & Service Bound, Ælred+

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Parish Life

Commons Area Rug

Please be sure to thank our own Michelle Farnsworth for going above & beyond by cleaning our Commons area rug. It looks AMAZING and just what we needed to complete our newly cleaned church!

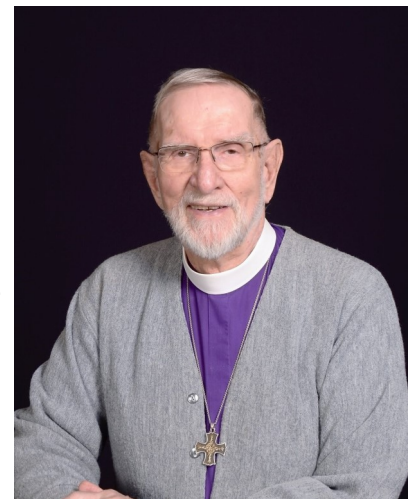
Northside AC Community Service

Barb Parker's grandsons, Aleks & Cash Thompson spent several hours at the church finishing up a few projects that the Schmitt Students couldn't quite finish in their allotted time. Kuddos to the guys for their efforts in washing the higher windows inside and out and for cutting back butterfly bushes in preparation for new Spring Growth.



The Rt. Rev. William Smalley Retiring

During St. Paul's transition between Fr. Peder Berdahl's departure and Fr. Marc Vance's arrival, we welcomed The Rt. Rev. William Smalley as our Interim minister. The Diocese has recently reported that Fr. Bill will be retiring from Trinity Episcopal Church, Anderson. Let us keep him in prayer as he begins this new adventure: *Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Amen*



Men's Lunch

The men of St. Paul's host a lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month at El Nopal Mexican Restaurant (near the new car wash, in the former Sirloin Stockade building). This is a casual gathering with no agenda other than good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Lalith Paranavitana (812-447-8875) or Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588). The next gathering is May 25th — hope to see you there!

Outreach

Love Chapel at the Fair

At the April Ecumenical Board Quarterly Meeting, the members of the Fair Steering Committee presented the plans for this summer's 4-H Fair food booth. (You might recall that there was a unanimous vote in February in which it was decided that Love Chapel would undertake the recently vacated St. Peter's Booth.)

This year's 4-H Fair will be held June 23 - July 1. Volunteers for Love Chapel will sell food and drinks each day from 7am – 9pm.

Check your calendars NOW and plan to join with your St. Paul's family as we take on a shift (or two). The Fair is ALWAYS a good time!!

If you are unable to volunteer, make plans to dine at the Love Chapel Booth!!

Questions? Ask Barb Parker, Laura Wenzler, or Br. Ælred.



Turning Point Opportunity

Turning Point is a local not-for-profit agency that works to eliminate domestic and dating violence. They operate a regional shelter in downtown Columbus, and every spring St. Paul's volunteers help with yard 'Clean Up' there. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday morning May 9th starting at 9:00am. As usual we will be trimming, weeding, and planting spring flowers in the planters and pots, If you would like to participate, donate plants, etc. please contact Andrew Goldsmid 812-390-9588 or the church office.



Turning Point
Domestic Violence Services

Outreach

Schmitt Book Buddies End-of-Year Party

St. Paul's welcomed the Book Buddies participants from Schmitt Elementary School for an End-of-Year pizza party on April 13th. This annual event is always a big hit, and the Schmitt students are the only BSCS Book Buddies that get to go off-site for a celebration — it's a big deal and the kids look forward to it every year. We had a full house and everyone had fun!



Schmitt 6th Grade Community Service

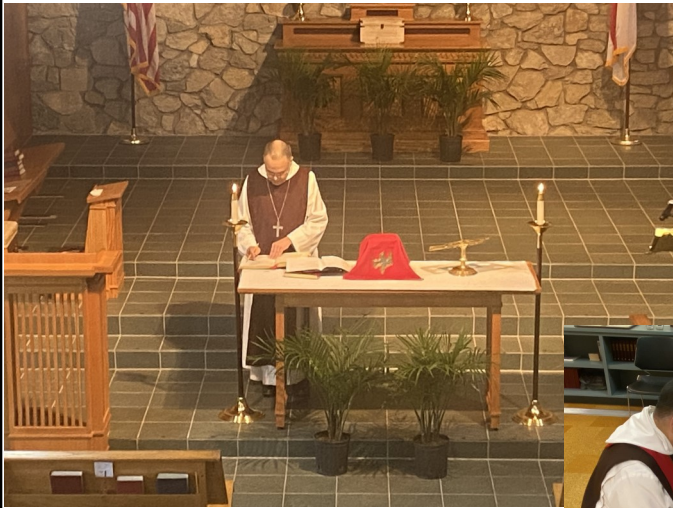
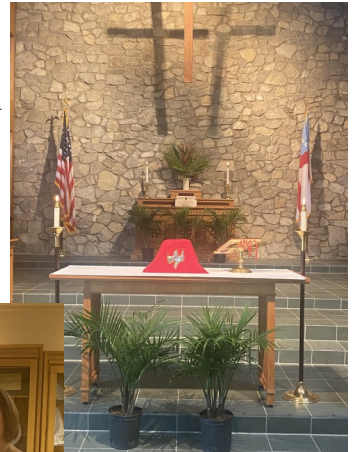
St. Paul's was blessed this month by the many hands of the 6th Grade classes at Schmitt who spent a day cleaning our church and grounds. The students used this opportunity to build community awareness and volunteerism, and we were able to check off many items on our Spring Cleaning To-Do list. A win-win for all!

Under the supervision of their teachers, counselor, and Principal Kaity Day, the students polished the pews, cleaned under the kneelers, washed our many windows, cleaned up the grounds, and tackled the basement (which hadn't been cleaned in years). St. Paul's parishioners Nick Firestone, Andrew Goldsmid, Barb Parker, and Brother Ælred directed groups of 8-10 students throughout the day.



Holy Week 2023

What a glorious Holy Week we had! Palm Sunday found us participating in the Passion Gospel with many of our Lectors helping out. Our Maundy Thursday service brought new elements to our worship with a foot washing service and a shared Seder meal of Mediterranean foods. Good Friday presented two opportunities for worship: a community service organized by Love Chapel at Central Middle School and our own service at 5pm. Easter was a wonderful celebration of Christ's Resurrection and we gathered for a pitch-in afterwards to share fellowship with friends and family. It was a busy, but amazing week!



Buildings and Grounds

HVAC

The fundraising for a new HVAC unit in the sanctuary kicked off in February and to date we have received roughly half of our goal - thank you to those who have made this a priority and pledged to support it financially! If you would like to contribute to this HVAC goal, please let Barb Parker or Cindy Overmyer know!

UPDATE: The Buildings and Grounds team met with a few local providers and collected estimates. There are a couple of options for what type of unit we could install, so the B&G members met with a HVAC consultant to see which is the best for our needs now, and in the future. This is a big expenditure and we want to make sure we are making an informed decision.

If you have any questions, please contact the Buildings and Grounds Commission chair: Don Wools (dmwool23@gmail.com or 812 - 350 - 0583).



Update on the Trees



You might remember that we took down some of the diseased pear trees in the back of the building last fall. They were replaced with Betty Magnolias in December, and those magnolias were showing their beauty for Easter! All five were in bloom and looking beautiful!



Minutes from April 11, 2023

Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships



We were blessed to host the Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships team on Tuesday, April 25th, along with community participants from Columbus organizations who helped us brainstorm possible ways to share our beautiful building with our community. Brenden O'Sullivan Hale, from the Diocese reported:

Since it's located near the geographic center of the Diocese of Indianapolis, diocesan leaders have long known about St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Columbus Indiana's "comfy couch space," as the room formally called the "Commons" is affectionately known. But it turns out a lot of people who live much closer by had no idea about it, or the many other spaces St.

Paul's hopes to share, from its visually and acoustically appealing nave to a huge (and dry) basement space calling out for a big idea. Guests from the Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Regional Health, and the schools that literally surround the church came. A prosperous city that's home to a Fortune 500 company and one of the world's most extraordinary collections of architecture, Columbus nonetheless has challenges including widespread food insecurity and long waiting lists for affordable day care and after school programming. There's also a hunger for cross-cultural engagement where St. Paul's kitchen might have a role to play. And there was plenty of wondering about how St. Paul's can be a shining beacon of Christ's peace to harried parents who sit in epic car lines in front of the church twice every school day. Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships is a joint project of The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, Partners for Sacred Places, and Indiana Landmarks.

Our thanks go out to the following for their invaluable input:
Cindy Frey, Executive Director, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce

Richard McCoy, Executive Director, Columbus Landmarks

Brooke Hawkins, Executive Director, Columbus Area Arts Council

Lisa Crane, Director, Healthy Communities Initiative

Cheryl Buffo, Community Programs Lead, Mental Health Matters

Kaity Day, Vice Principal, Schmitt Elementary School

Kelli Thompson, Director of Health Services, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation

Christine Waters, Chairperson for Early Learning Initiative, on loan from Ivy Tech



VESTRY**Minutes from April 11, 2023**

Present: Barb Parker, Julia Abedian, Steve Talbert, Kelli Thompson, Don Wools, Nancy Ardizone, Br. Ælred Dean, Nancy McKinney, Andrew Goldsmid

EXCUSED ABSENT: Frank Guthrie

GUEST: Nick Firestone

The meeting started at 6 PM with opening prayer by Ælred.

Procedural Business

A quorum was present. Approval of March minutes was not necessary since there was no official meeting as the vestry attended a retreat in lieu of the normal meeting.

Change of Vestry meeting time and dates was discussed. Motion to adopt second Sunday after church made by Don, seconded by Barb, approved. Because of conflict with Mother's Day, the next meeting will be May 7.

Reports:**Financial**

Barb distributed copies of March 31, 2023 report and summarized that all looks good.

Outreach

Barb reported on Clean-Up Day with Schmitt 6th graders April 12. Three groups of 28 kids each will do supervised cleaning inside and outside the church.

She also noted that the Book Buddies Pizza Party will be held at the church April 13.

Communications

Julie did an update on the CBCP site visit to be held April 25. She reported that a group of artists, educators, community leaders, etc., will tour the church lower level for possible rental spaces and that grants are available for any work that needed to be done to make the space suitable.

Marketing

Steve asked for and received ideas on the scope of marketing. The church logo was discussed; he will do research on a possible new logo.

Buildings & Grounds

Don presented an overview of HVAC issues. He noted two quotes to install heating and AC hardware to bring them up to standards to both do the job, do it efficiently and get a quality installer to do it in a quality manner. One quote was for a heat pump system; the other for forced air gas like we have now. He informed that we currently have two AC units and four furnaces, although one is not working. The proposed system would have three AC units and three furnaces. The quote from Loesch was for \$45,700. Duke Energy is offering rebates on finished work. ACTION: A consultant will be here Friday to tour the facility. Following that, Don will meet with the church group to make a recommendation for the vestry.

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Vestry & Finance**Minutes from April 11, 2023**

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Parish Life

Nancy A. said that the Easter Pitch-In was successful. Ælred added that the Maundy Thursday meal, foot washing, and service went well. Coffee Hours will be continued on the second Sundays of each month following the service. A Craft Fair is not being planned.

Worship

Kelli noted that the white altar cloth is in need of repairs and may need to be replaced. That would be a considerable expense

Welcoming

Nancy McK reported giving out six mugs in the past month to newcomers and visitors. There is a need to order new mugs but we will wait to see if a new logo is adopted.

Formation

Andrew talked of possible forums to be planned, and Ælred spoke of a new Advent program.

For the Good of the Order

Don reported that the Center for Congregations (Eli Lilly) can fund a consultant to assess our entire building with suggestions on improvements and vitality. Ælred requested a list of names of former church attendees for follow up.

Ælred discussed the possibility of hosting a summer reading camp.

Motion to accept all monthly reports made by Julie, Steve seconded, accepted.

Barb presented the Diocesan Resolution 2 on Rooting Out Racism and asked that St. Paul's agree to do our part. Julie moved to adopt the resolution, Don seconded, Accept.

Barb moved to close the meeting, Andrew seconded, accepted.

Adjournment and closing prayer were by Ælred.

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**Financial Summary**

**Financial Summary March:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$45,298 as compared to the budget of \$37,650 for a favorable budget difference of \$7,648. YTD Actual Revenue is \$45,298 as compared to the previous year of \$39,074 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$6,224. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$48,457 as compared to the budget of \$52,237 for a favorable budget difference of (\$3,780).

## Employee Schedules

**Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Bro. Ælred Dean**, will be available in the church office Tuesday through Saturday each week. He can be reached by email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com) and plans to be out of the office on pastoral visits twice a week. Bro. Ælred will keep a sabbath on Mondays – taking the day off and stepping away from email/phone.

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator**, has returned to class and will now be in the office Thursday and Friday from 8am—3pm. She can be reached in the office during those hours (812-372-7869 or email: stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com), or on her cell any other time (812-603-5028).

**Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director**, welcomes voices to the choir. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 5:30—6:30pm and the choir will sing on one Sunday each month. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you have questions or need more information.

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Dan Vendugo
- 2 Carol Erickson
- 5 Daylan Mueller
- 9 Jennifer Gust  
Rita Lynch
- 10 Sarah Adams
- 13 Axel zur Loye
- 14 Kim Swope
- 15 Victoria Parker
- 17 Julie Abedian  
Drew Thompson
- 18 Katie DeLap
- 24 Dusty Anderson
- 25 Sian Goldsmid
- 31 Linda Swonder

*May 26 John DeLap & Tracy Hosterman*

*May 27 Stephen & Julie Abedian*

*May 29 Randy & Annettia Doll*



# May 2023 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/<br/>Usher</b>         | <b>Teller</b>                     | <b>LEV</b>     | <b>Live Stream</b>  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>May 7</b><br>10:15 am                         | Nancy Morris                                  | Dorcas Miller<br>Nick Firestone   | Andrew Goldsmid<br>Rita Lynch     | Andrew Goldsmid<br>Nick Firestone | Nancy Morris   | Steve Talbert       |
| <b>May 14</b><br>10:15 am<br><b>Mother's Day</b> | David Thompson                                | Nancy Morris<br>Chuck Boddie      | John DeLap<br>Dick Weaver         | Nancy Morris<br>Dick Weaver       | Cindy Overmyer | Andrew Goldsmid     |
| <b>May 21</b><br>10:15 am                        | Chuck Boddie                                  | Ken Erickson<br>Rita Lynch        | Nick Firestone<br>Rita Lynch      | Ken Erickson<br>Bill Garber       | Roxie Garber   | Steve Talbert       |
| <b>May 28</b><br>10:15 am<br><b>Rite 1</b>       | Sarah DeLap<br><br>(Chalice:<br>Nancy Morris) | Cheryl Paronavitana<br>John DeLap | Lalith Paronavitana<br>John DeLap | Nick Firestone<br>Andrew Goldsmid | Nancy Morris   | Lalith Paronavitana |
| <b>June 4</b><br>10:15 am                        | David Thompson                                | Melis zur Loye<br>Nancy McKinney  | Chuck & Tina Boddie               | Frank Guthrie<br>Dick Weaver      | Cindy Overmyer | Kelli Thompson      |

# May 2023



| Sun                                                                                                           | Mon       | Tue                                                 | Wed                                          | Thu                                                                     | Fri                   | Sat                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>April 30</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Rite II<br>In Person<br>& Livestream                               | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>9am — AA                                | <b>3</b><br>5:30 pm Finance<br>6:30 pm Choir | <b>4</b><br>10am Bible Study<br>1pm—Bridge Group                        | <b>5</b><br>9 am — AA | <b>6</b>                            |
| <b>7</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Rite II<br>In Person<br>& Livestream<br>Vestry Meeting<br>following srvc. | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>9am — AA<br>9 am—Turning Point Clean Up | <b>10</b><br>6:30 pm Choir                   | <b>11</b><br>10am Bible Study<br>1pm Bridge Group<br>6pm IN Action      | <b>12</b><br>9am — AA | <b>13</b>                           |
| <b>14</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Rite II<br>In Person<br>& Livestream<br>11:30 Coffee Hour                | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>9 am — AA                              | <b>17</b><br>6:30 pm Choir                   | <b>18</b><br>10am Bible Study<br>1pm—Bridge Group                       | <b>19</b><br>9am — AA | <b>20</b><br>10 am Diocesan Meeting |
| <b>21</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Rite II<br>In Person<br>& Livestream                                     | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>9am — AA                               | <b>24</b><br>6:30 pm Choir                   | <b>25</b><br>10am Bible Study<br>Noon — Men's Lunch<br>1pm—Bridge Group | <b>26</b><br>9am — AA | <b>27</b>                           |
| <b>28</b><br>Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Rite I<br>In Person<br>& Livestream                                      | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>9 am— AA                               | <b>31</b><br>6:30 pm Choir                   | <b>June 1</b><br>10am Bible Study<br>1pm—Bridge Group                   | <b>2</b><br>9am — AA  | <b>3</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**  
Wednesday, May 4 5:30 pm

**Vestry**  
Sunday, May 7, 11:30 am

**Vestry Officers**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Senior Warden | Barb Parker    |
| Junior Warden | Don Wools      |
| Treasurer     | Cindy Overmyer |

**Vestry Members**

***Commission Liaison***

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Julie Abedian '23   | Communications                      |
| Nancy Ardizzone '25 | Parish Life                         |
| Andrew Goldsmid '24 | Formation                           |
| Frank Guthrie '24   | Finance                             |
| Nancy McKinney '24  | Welcoming                           |
| Barb Parker '23     | Senior Warden, Outreach             |
| Steve Talbert '25   | Marketing                           |
| Kelli Thompson '23  | Worship                             |
| Don Wools '25       | Jr. Warden, and Buildings & Grounds |



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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