

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE VENITE
From our Priest

It's June, and I'm still wondering how May came and went in a blink of an eye. As the adage says, "Time flies when you're having fun," which is true. I'm having the time of my life and want to know you and the people in Columbus. Since arriving on December 27, 2023, I've hit the road running in attending the MLK Community Breakfast, the Arc of Bartholomew County's "Always Ready for Chocolate" fundraiser, stood in solitary with APPAA (The Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association) when an Asian student at IU was attacked, attending Board Meetings of the Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County (aka Love Chapel), a board member of Columbus IN Pride, inducted into the Kiwanis Club, becoming a book buddy, inducted into the Different Pastors Association, board member of Interfaith Columbus, and received my PREA Training through the county jail so I can have a pastoral presence for both inmates and staff. All that means one thing, I am settling in and building roots in Columbus as my new home.

I have been visiting parishioners and want to open it up to meet with everyone. Many consider pastoral visitation antiquated and impractical as we're all busier than ever. As a result, personal visits are often reserved only for the gravest of situations. I believe that pastoral visits are essential to the pastoral role. In Scripture, God visits his people to show his personal interest and concern, which is seen most clearly in the incarnation. Christ's ministry is one of presence. But Jesus is not only an example of visitation ministry; he embodies it. And in visitation, pastors and laypeople continue Jesus's ministry by bringing Christ to the individual in their very place of need.

Kathi and I will try to use Sign-Up Genius for you to look at dates and times when I plan to visit you in your homes. I invite you to sign-up, and if you are having difficulty, please call the office at 812-372-7869, and Kathi or I can manually enter your request for a visit. A pastoral visit is when we can get to know each other better and discuss what is on your heart and mind. Since you know your calendar better than me, I want to try Sign-Up Genius to schedule pastoral visits. If there is an inadequate response, I'll schedule pastoral visits the old-fashioned way by calling. The only expectation during a visit is to be yourself.

Soon you will receive an email from the parish office inviting you to sign up for a pastoral visit. I'm looking forward to visiting you and getting to know you better. Until then, may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In Love & Service Bound, Ælfred+

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Parish Life

Baptisms on Pentecost Sunday

We celebrated Pentecost with the baptism of three siblings: Carolyn, Dorothy, and Leroy. Carter and Martha (Brown) Jones are the parents of these lively children. Proud grandparents are John & Kate Brown. Aunt Margaret (Brown) and husband Ulises stood as Godparents. It was a GLORIOUS day!



Updated Directories are Ready for Pick-Up

Thank you to everyone who responded with edits for the parish directory. They have been printed and are at the back of the church for pick up. If you need your copy mailed out, please let Kathi know (812-372-7869 or stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) and she will get that right out to you. If there are any corrections you notice that need made, please alert Kathi as well!

Ladies' Lunch is Back!

After a hiatus, due to COVID, our Ladies' Lunch is returning! The first lunch will be Friday, June 2nd at noon, at Mancino's (in the Best Buy/Hobby Lobby shopping center). Please RSVP to Kathi in the church office (812-372-7869) so we can save you a seat. If there is a better day/time for you or you have a different restaurant suggestion, please let Kathi know as well. We want to find the date and time that will allow the most ladies to attend this fun, casual get-together!

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 Parnavitana (812-447-8875) or Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588). The next gathering is June 22nd — hope to see you there!

Outreach

Love Chapel at the Fair

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. Volunteers are needed as cooks, cashiers, runners, packagers, cleanup, and Love Chapel ambassadors. Please contact Love Chapel to sign-up for a shift (812-372-9421). If you are planning to attend the fair, make plans to dine at the Love Chapel Booth!! All proceeds will go towards the continuing mission to help Bartholomew County neighbors when they need assistance with food and emergency shelter.

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



LOVE CHAPEL AT BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The first fair took place in 1958 and today it is a tradition for many families. This year will be the first time that Love Chapel will be part of it, and we are so excited to do so!

We are going to host a food booth and offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All profits will be allocated to help our community through Love Chapel's work fronts.

The event runs from June 23rd to July 1st, and in the upcoming days you'll see more information about how to get involved!

OUR VISION

Everyone in Bartholomew County has access to the support necessary to meet their basic needs.



Outreach

Turning Point Yardwork

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 our crew had a beautiful day for their annual taming of the shrubs. Flowers were potted, weeds were pulled, and shrubs were trimmed back. Many thanks to Andrew Goldsmid for organizing and assisting along with Dorcus Miller, Win Morris, Barb Parker, and Melis zur Loye.



Buildings & Grounds

Memorial Gardens

Once again, the Memorial Garden is in full bloom. Blessings go out to Linda Swonder, Laura Wenzler, and Melis zur Loye for stepping up to water! If you can assist in the watering, please let Barb Parker know.



Cleaning in the Building

Br. Ælred contacted CinLee Cleaning Services because he was made aware and personally saw a significant decline in their cleaning. Wayne DeFreitas, Vice-President of CinLee, participated in a walk-through of St. Paul's campus with Br. Ælred, Barb Parker, Don Wools, and Andrew Goldsmid. We highlighted the areas that have been neglected and are to be cleaned every week. CinLee came in for deep cleaning at their expense on Friday, May 26. Please email Br. Ælred with any concerns or issues you may have with CinLee.

Formation

Daughters of the King

The faithful ladies of our Epiphany Chapter of Daughters of the King have prayed for parishioners, our community and our world for so many years. The membership had dwindled over time as members passed away or moved and the remaining members felt that the time was right to move on and devote time to personal outreach. During the service on Sunday, May 7th, our Daughters of the King, Epiphany chapter officially disbanded. St. Paul's thanks them for their faithful ministry and the blessing they have been to our parish and our lives.



Adult Forum Series

The Formation Commission is happy to announce the return of the Adult Forum series beginning Sunday, June 4th at 9:15 am before our Holy Eucharist service. Br. Ælred will kick off the series with a conversation about unity, community, and invitation based on the icon of the Trinity by Andrei Rublev. The Formation Team is working on future Forum discussion, such as the importance of keeping a sabbath for rest, recreation, and renewal; Spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps, Create Care, and much more for our spiritual growth in our love practice. For further information, please get in touch with Br. Ælred at 812-372-7869 or by email at: stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com

Discerning God's Call—Diocesan Retreat

On June 24th from 10:30-4:30 at St. Francis in the Fields in Zionsville, the Diocese is hosting a retreat on Discernment. Whether discerning a call to lay or ordained ministry, the retreat has two aims. The first is to practice skills for listening to God's call through centering prayer/lectio divina, journaling, and/or walking labyrinths. The second is to provide more information on how to answer God's call - both lay and ordained.

If you have parishioners who are in discernment, or who may be playing with the idea, or who would like to practice their skills in discernment, please encourage them to come. We hope you will come too!

Information on registration may be found here: <https://indydio.org/event/discerning-your-call/>. We hope to see you and your parishioners at St. Francis in the Fields on June 24th. We plan to host a second similar event south of Indy on December 2 (tentative).



VESTRY**Minutes from May 7, 2023**

Present: Kelli Thompson, Nancy Ardizzone, Nancy McKinney, Barb Parker, Don Wools, Steve Talbert, Julie Abedian, Andrew Goldsmid, Aelred Dean.

Apologies for absence: Frank Guthrie

The meeting opened with prayer by Aelred.

Procedural Business:

There was a quorum. Motion to approve April meeting minutes made by Barb, seconded by Steve, accepted.

Reports:

Reports will be attached at end of minutes.

Action Items:

HVAC—Don reported that the committee had proposed recommending the \$45,700 bid from Loesch for fan-driven gas furnaces and split off AC. Following discussion, motion made to accept by Barb, Julie seconded, accepted.

Altar Stairs—Andrew proposed a temporary solution to the stair problem be applying luminous tape. He will order it and apply it.

Discussion followed on more permanent solutions. Motion made by Kelli to contact architect Britt Brewer of IU School of Architecture to find a solution, seconded by Julie, accepted. After explanation by Don, motion made by Julie to apply for an Eli Lilly grant to get a full building assessment and authorize the church to spend up to \$1500, seconded by Andrew, accepted.

Discussion Items:

Reception of Communion—Aelred reported on Easter-time method of receiving communion by standing in front of the altar (with kneelers available).

Childcare: Don reported that he had been approached by an outside agency wanting to use the church for childcare, beginning in a month. He declined their offer. Julie suggested waiting for the CBCP report to determine our next steps.

Vestry Meeting Times—After discussion of the new meeting time of after church on the second Sunday, it was agreed to meet next on Wednesday, June 14 at noon.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion made by Don to adjourn, seconded by Barb, accepted.

The meeting closed with prayer by Aelred.

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Marketing: Report to Vestry, Stephen Talbert, 7 May 2023

Columbus Pride -Pride festival will be September 30, 1:00-7:00 PM at Mill Race Park. Stephen will submit the application after getting a copy of the required 501(c)3 form. Booth coordinator and volunteers will be needed, as well as items to hand-out.

Logo -Stephen is researching contemporary church logos, and will research St. Paul's parish archives for seals or artwork which have been used. The better logos will inform a descriptive statement to be used to guide ideas from experts and stakeholders. Will share a suggested description, with examples from other churches on next report and ask for feedback. While we work that process I'm suggesting that the logo used on the website is still acceptable. It's clear and easily communicates location and the denominational brand.



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Documentation for Social Media Accounts – Ken Erickson and Stephen discussed documenting logins for social media. Will collect the logins and report at next meeting. Plans for Facebook and the website will be reviewed.

Video Streaming – Several parishioners prefer streaming worship service from the website instead of through Facebook. The Mevo camera can stream to YouTube but it can't be guaranteed to be a live stream. We'll discuss options when addressing website maintenance and hosting service.

Priest in Charge: Report to Vestry, Ælred Dean

First, I want to thank the Vestry, Altar Guild members, and all servers who made Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter possible. Everyone who serves God at and through St. Paul's is a blessing to our community. This year for Maundy Thursday, we started the service in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship, followed by foot washing. Maundy Thursday concluded with the stripping of the chancel in preparation for Good Friday. I've only heard positive feedback regarding the whole Maundy Thursday experience, and I was asked to repeat it for Holy Week 2024.

As a member of the Worship Committee for the EABC (Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew), I helped plan the Good Friday Service for Love Chapel at Central High. This year I had the honor and privilege to open and participate in that service. Later that day, I presided at Good Friday Services at St. Paul's. Easter was a glorious day for worship, followed by Easter Brunch.

After Easter, I attended CREDO at ECCO (Episcopal Conference Center, Oakhurst) in California. CREDO is the best conference I have ever attended, followed by some personal time off to recover from Holy Week and CREDO. I have the supporting material and want to plan a CREDO workshop for St. Paul's.

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VESTRY REPORTS

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Priest In Charge report, continued

As I'm out and about in the community, I have met Stephanie Zhang, chairperson of Indiana Action, an advocacy group supporting renter rights. I convinced her to hold their quarterly meeting here at St. Paul's. I attended that meeting, met many people, and took several visitors on a tour of our property. I am also a board member of Columbus Pride and convinced them to come to St. Paul's for their bi-monthly meetings. This committee is planning Columbus Pride, which will occur on September 30, 2023. St. Paul's must sign up for a "booth" at no cost. I asked the board if they would entertain a Pride Eucharist, where the proceeds go directly to Columbus Pride. We're in the early stages of discussing what that service would look like.

Britt Brewer asked me to sit as a juror for senior projects at the I. Miller Architecture Program. I thoroughly enjoyed that time with students, faculty members, staff, and guests. Everyone was shocked that a "priest" showed up to give constructive feedback to the students. I sat through and provided input to four student projects collaborating with ABC Stewart Montessori School.

I also attended PREA (Prison, Rape, Elimination Act) training at Bartholomew County Jail. This training allows me to be a pastoral presence for inmates and staff. I aim to give three hours every other week for pastoral work in the jail.

Last but not least, I've been working with the Parish Life and Formation Committees to plan future learning and fellowship opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ælred Bernard Dean

Senior Warden Report – Barb Parker

No report necessary

Junior Warden Report – Don Wools

No report necessary

Formation Report — Andrew Goldsmid

Goal is Forum once a month on Sunday morning before or after the service with a tentative calendar as follows:

June 4: Trinity Forum lead by Brother Aelred starting with Rublev's icon of the Trinity.

June 25: Introduction to AA

July 23: The traditions of the Sabbath. (Possibly led by a member of the Jewish faith.)

Aug./Sept./Oct: Three Book Study Forums based on the book *Strength for the Journey* by Renee Miller. A guide to spiritual practice.

Nov./Dec.: Our Love Chapel. A local retired priest, Ed Booth will lead this event.

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Formation report continued

Sanctuary HVAC, date is TBD, but once the plan is finalized and agreed to by Vestry, we will share it at a Forum.

We also talked about Create Care as a possible mid-week community event led by Ben Brabson an IU Climate scientist from Trinity, Bloomington. We would invite the general public and local environmental groups to participate and schedule it for the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024.

Please let me know if corrections or additions are needed. Thanks, Andrew.

Worship Report—Kelli Thompson

No report necessary

Parish Life—Nancy Ardizone

Shelly gave a rundown of past events. Such as Progressive dinners, Pancake Suppers, and Mardi Gras celebrations. Picnics. Rummage Sales. Craft Fairs. Christmas Baskets for our shut-ins.

New ideas include Summer Outdoor Movies, with a rented screen in front of the church and inviting the neighborhood. Having a booth at Pride Event. Celebrating St. Paul's Feast Day in January. Many ideas we can pick from.

It was a very informative meeting. Thank you for your time.

Welcoming Committee — Nancy McKinney

No Report Necessary.

Communications—Julie Abedian

No report necessary.

Employee Schedules

Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Br. 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, will be in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9am—1pm during the summer. 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 6pm—7pm 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.

Financial Summary

Financial Summary April: YTD Actual Revenue is \$58,982 as compared to the budget of \$50,200 for a favorable budget difference of \$8,782. YTD Actual Revenue is \$58,982 as compared to the previous year of \$53,963 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$5,019. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$63,634 as compared to the budget of \$67,632 for a favorable budget difference of (\$3,998).

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Ann Ellis
- 2 Carolyn Weaver
- 7 Marilyn Wools
- 11 Betsy Larson
- 16 John DeLap
- 17 McClain Clotfelter
- 18 Mitch Schumacher
- 27 Matt Swope
- 29 Melis zur Loye

June 4 Axel & Melis zur Loye

June 18 Bob & Wendy Manley

June 24 Ken & Carol Erickson

June 27 Nick & Marilyn Firestone

June 2023 Service Schedule

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

Date & Time	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter/ Usher	Teller	LEV	Live Stream
June 4 10:15 am	David Thompson	Melis zur Loye Nancy McKinney	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	<i>Need a volunteer</i>
June 11 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Rita Lynch Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Andrew Goldsmid Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
June 18 10:15 am Father's Day	Chuck Boddie	Cheryl Paranavitana Ken Erickson	John DeLap Rita Lynch	Ken Erickson Nancy Morris	Cindy Overmyer	Andrew Goldsmid
June 25 10:15 am <i>Rite 1</i>	David Thompson	Melis zur Loye Dorcas Miller	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Nancy Morris	<i>Need a volunteer</i>
July 2 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap (Chalice: Chuck Boddie)	John DeLap Nancy McKinney	John DeLap Rita Lynch	Ken Erickson Nick Firestone	Cindy Overmyer	<i>Need a volunteer</i>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	29	30 9am — AA	31 <i>No choir practice tonight</i>	1 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	2 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' Lunch @ Mancino's	3
4 9:15 Forum 10:15 Rite II Holy Eucharist In Person & Livestream	5	6 9am — AA	7 10:30 am Mtg. room reserved 5:30 pm Finance 6pm Choir 6pm Tri-Kappa Bridge-O-Rama	8 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	9 9am — AA	10
11 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 11:30 Coffee Hour	12	13 9 am — AA	14 Noon— Vestry 6 pm Choir	15 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	16 9am — AA	17
18 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	19	20 9am — AA	21 6 pm Choir	22 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge	23 9am — AA	24
25 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I In Person & Livestream	26	27 9 am— AA	28 6 pm Choir	29 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	30 9am — AA	July 1

Sunday services can be accessed on our website (stpaulscolumbus.org)

If you have something for the calendar, please contact the church office (812-372-7869)

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, June 7, 5:30 pm

Vestry

Wednesday, June 14, noon

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, Asst. Treasurer, and Outreach
Steve Talbert '25	Marketing
Kelli Thompson '23	Worship
Don Wools '25	Jr. Warden, and Buildings & Grounds

GOD'S NAME IS
"I AM"
 NOT "I WAS" OR
 "I MIGHT BE" OR
 "I MAY GET TO IT"
 HE IS IN CONTROL
 ALWAYS HAS BEEN
 ALWAYS WILL BE

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. Thank you!

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