

THE VENITE

From our Priest

Dear St. Paul's,

Years ago, I was asked how I would save the church. It's a question on everyone's mind as we see church attendance shrink and wonder about the future. My answer was straightforward, "We already have a savior, and I know what people did to him when he didn't live up to their expectations. The real question is, how will we work together to grow the church?" For a moment, the sound of crickets chirping in the background was the soundtrack. Mutual Ministry Reviews helps move our collective silence into positive and healthy expectations and actions for one and all.



What is Mutual Ministry Review (MMR), and why should our parish do it?

1. Mutual Ministry Review is a way for every parish to ask, "How are we doing?"
2. It is a time to celebrate what has been done well and work together to improve our common life in sharing God's good news in Christ by word and deed.

As followers of Jesus, we must always ask: "What is God calling us to do and to accomplish here at St. Paul's?" And then, "How can we best practice this ministry?" Ministry is the work of everyone at St. Paul's, not just of the ordained clergy. Therefore, Mutual Ministry Review is a tool to help the entire parish better accomplish God's mission.

We are reviewing the ministry of laity and clergy working together daily for God's glory in the community. A Mutual Ministry Review intends to nurture environments where we can openly and honestly discuss how to move forward as a faith community of The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis here in Columbus and beyond by:

1. Clarifying any misunderstandings, questions, and concerns from clergy and laity alike so we're all moving forward as a community.
2. Building up the body of Christ here at St. Paul's to equip everyone to love and serve God by loving and serving everyone in both word and deed.

The focus is on how all of us can work together to see the change that we ask and pray for at St. Paul's. St. Paul's mission and ministry happen when everyone works together towards a common goal.

Mutual Ministry Review is not a job performance for clergy or laity. Within the pastoral context of the review process, the emphasis is on celebrating successes and resolving challenges. This process is sound, healthy stewardship. It is also a process that looks at our assets and not deficits. The Vestry and I will work on creating a living document that will help in our next steps to involve the entire parish in this conversation. Such conversations can be at coffee hour, and forum topic discussions, and these talks are both necessary and holy. So stay tuned for updates that will encourage us to be the eyes, feet, hands, and heart of Jesus Christ. We are stronger because we are together in one heart, mind, and spirit in building up the Kin_dom of God right here at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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In Love & Service Bound, Ælred+

Parish Life

Coffee Hour

The parish enjoyed a coffee hour after service on Sunday, July 9th with treats and time for visiting together. Our next coffee hour is scheduled for Sunday, August 13th. Plan to stay after our morning Eucharist for some fellowship.



Ladies' Lunch



St. Paul's ladies will gather at noon on the first Friday of the month — August 4, at Applebee's. 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 Paranavitana (812-447-8875) or Andrew Goldsmid (812-390-9588). The next gathering is August 24th — hope to see you there!



Outreach

Popsicle Break for Marching Band

Once again, St. Paul's enjoyed reaching out to our neighbor—this time the High School Marching Band! We provided popsicles after their full day of practice on Thursday, July 20. The kids loved the sweet treat, but Andrew & Sian Goldsmid's new puppy, Kirby, was a real hit! A little dog therapy at the end of a long day really hit the spot! Good luck Sound and Spirit of Columbus Marching Band as you start the competitive season!!



Outreach

Annual FISH Appeal for Local Food Banks

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."

~anonymous

When we watch the news and hear of so much suffering in the world, it is understandable to become overwhelmed and throw up our hands in despair.

Where do we begin?

Our parish is extremely fortunate to be connected to an organization like Love Chapel which can and does make a difference in the lives of local residents who suffer from food insecurity or struggle to pay their monthly bills. Love Chapel is a major part of our Outreach.

Read that again: OUR Outreach: the Outreach at St. Paul's Church

In June, 5,237 individuals were blessed with food from the Food Pantries of Love Chapel. This entity does not assist so many local residents through magic or mysterious ways. They depend on US to do that work by giving of our Time and Talent. OUR time and talent can currently be given in two ways:

Giving of our Time: St. Paul's has two Hot Meals dates coming up: September 6 and 13. Wednesdays from 5-6:00 at Columbus Free Methodist at 1511 22nd Street. We'll need volunteers to prepare the food and to serve the food. Contact Barb Parker at parker3208@comcast.net or text/call her at 812-343-5379.

Giving of our Talent: So far this month, we have raised \$850 in our FISH drive. Last year we raised \$1,420. If you meant to write that check, please do it ASAP as we will be sending checks to the three organizations soon.

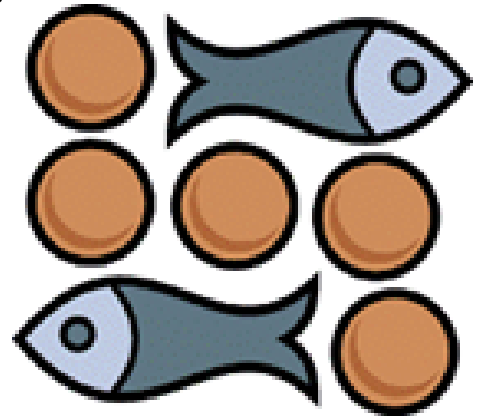
Looking Ahead:

Schmitt's Open House

Once again St Paul's will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for the Students and Parents of Schmitt Elementary School during their Open House on Tuesday, August 1st from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Our booth will be outside, and follow the same fun format we have used the past few years, see the photo below. We will serve ice cream and popsicles along with a small gift for every student.

Unfortunately, this summer several of our veteran volunteers will not be able to join us, or are no longer with us (Debbie Henry was a loyal volunteer). PLEASE join us as we dish out deliciousness to sweet students and their family.

If you would like to help please contact Andrew Goldsmid (andrewgoldsmid@yahoo.com) or the Church Office (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com).



Outreach

4-H Fair

Last month Love Chapel held their first ever fundraiser at Bartholomew County's 4H Fair by taking over the Food Booth once hosted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Love Chapel was blessed with 250 volunteers working that week, but no one from St. Paul's was in that number. Something we need to change in 2024. Love Chapel netted \$11,000 falling short of their \$24,000 goal, but plan to give it another shot next year and pray for better Fair attendance without Tornado Warnings & Severe Thunderstorms and without smoke from the Canadian Wildfires. In 2024 the 4H Fair will be held the week of June 21 – 29. Mark your calendars now. Together we can make a difference

Housing – Love Chapel's Homeless Shelter, Brighter Days, housed 20-25 individuals each night in June.

Brighter Days is limited to adults which causes a hardship on families who are without a permanent place to live. For years, Love Chapel owned a house on Lafayette Avenue which was subdivided into apartments where families could find temporary lodging. For many reasons, the members of Love Chapel's Board voted to sell that house. The proceeds from that sale have been set aside as the dedicated staff at Love Chapel researches Best Practices for families needing transitional housing.

Finances – Donations were down last month, but like incoming pledges here at St. Paul's, that's not uncommon during the summer months. Grant Monies that Love Chapel was awarded will run out June 2024. These monies are used to fund the expanded Mobile Food Pantries (once a week; four different locations throughout the county each month) and to fund the weekly food-filled school bags for area students to take home for the weekend. Love Chapel plans to continue these programs, so plans are underway to find funding to replace the ones which will expire next year.

Did you know that "Love Chapel" and "The Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches" are the SAME THING?

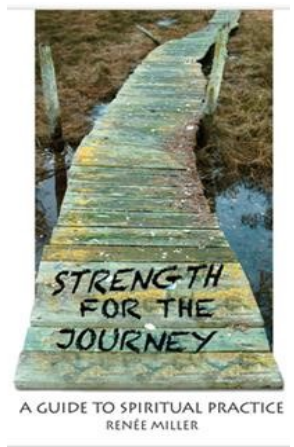
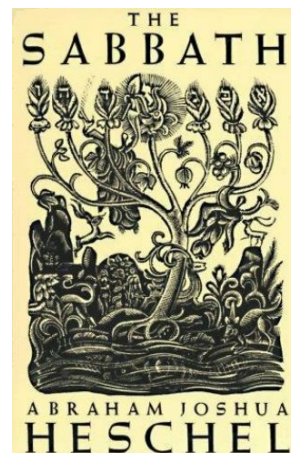


Formation

Adult Forum Series

Our Adult forum over the book *The Sabbath* was postponed due to our presenter having a medical situation arise. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the future date.

Br. Ælred will present a series based on the book *Strength for the Journey* starting in the fall and continuing for several months. If you need a copy of either book we did order an extra set. Contact Kathi in the church office to claim them (812-372-7869).



VESTRY**Minutes from July 11, 2023**

Present: Rev. Br. Ælred Dean, Julie Abedian, Andrew Goldsmid, Frank Guthrie, Barb Parker, Steve Talbert, Don Wools.

Absent, Excused: Kelli Thompson, Nancy Ardizone, Nancy McKinney.

Ælred opened the meeting with prayer.

Procedural Business:

A quorum was present. Frank moved to accept the May minutes, Don seconded, approved.

Reports: (These were included in the agenda and will be available by a website link.)

Clergy, as submitted.

Outreach, as submitted.

Formation, as submitted.

Building and Grounds, as submitted.

Altar Guild, as submitted.

Action Items:

Welcoming Mugs. Marketing (Steve Talbert) recommended that we purchase a new batch of mugs decorated with the Episcopal Logo from our church website. Finance has funds available, with the next step is to find a supplier. Steve will contact Tony London Company a local supplier of marketing products for advice.

Discussion Items:

Finance: Frank reported that monthly revenue was good and expenses under budget.

Installation of new HVAC for the Sanctuary: Don reported that Loesch have our new equipment, but the summer storms and hot weather has resulted in priority work with other customers to maintain their systems. Loesch need ~1 clear week for the St Paul's installation. During this work all existing thermostats will be replaced with Digital Wi Fi units. These units will be online program-able and password protected.

St Paul's WIFI. The Xfinity price for our two Wi-Fi systems is thought to be high, Steve will investigate.

Ongoing Use of St. Paul's campus— Don reported that the clear out the basement continues as a first step in a possible remodel for community use. Britt Brewer, a consultant architect, and Episcopalian will help us as with repurposing of our 1300 sq ft lower level. He and others assure us that grants are available for community use projects. Firm plans should be shared with the local community before work starts. Julie urged vestry to think about a third part contract with an outside entity, so we have some of the 'boilerplate' defined before we start talking to a potential tenant. Julie will contact the CBCP (Church Building Collaborative Partnership) leader to ask for their help with a building use contract.

Summer Reading Camp—Aelred continues to work with BCSC on for a two-week Reading Camp for next summer. Two sites are proposed St Paul's and Donner Center. This may become a Senior Project for a North High School student.

Mutual Ministry Review. Aelred and the wardens are talking about a collaborative MMR process to develop shared mission and ministry goals.

St Paul's will have booth at the Pride Festival on Sept 30th with hand-outs and a raffle gift. Volunteers are needed.

This year's Worship in the park is scheduled for Sunday Oct 1st. This year St Paul's is paired with Hope Moravian.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Frank moved to adjourn, Barb seconded. Approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Ælred.

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 return to classes in August and office hours will update to Thursday & Friday from 9am—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 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 June: YTD Actual Revenue is \$79,726 as compared to the budget of \$75,300 for a favorable budget difference of \$4,426. YTD Actual Revenue is \$79,726 as compared to the previous year of \$79,003 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$723. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$93,372 as compared to the budget of \$101,448 for a favorable budget difference of (\$8,076).

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Cristi Adams
- 2 Braden Miller
- 4 Andrew Smithson
- 15 Chuck Boddie
- 16 Andre Abedian
- 17 Rick Scalf
- 23 Barb Parker
- 25 Lucy Hosterman



August 4 Mike & Shelly Bell

August 6 Chuck & Tina Boddie

August 8 Andrew & Sian Goldsmid

August 11 Tom & Vickie Mueller

August 20 Dick & Carolyn Weaver

August 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
July 30 10:15 am Rite 1	Chuck Boddie	Chuck Boddie Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid Rita Lynch	Andrew Goldsmid <i>Need volunteer please</i>	Nancy Morris	Lalith Paravitana
August 6 10:15 am	David Thompson	Nancy McKinney Melis zur Loye	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	Nancy Morris	Steve Talbert
August 13 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Cheryl Paravitana Ken Erickson	Rita Lynch Ken Erickson	Ken Erickson Barb Parker	Nancy Morris	Andrew Goldsmid
August 20 10:15 am	Sarah DeLap Chalice: Chuck Boddie	John DeLap Dorcas Miller	John DeLap Andrew Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Dick Weaver	Cindy Overmyer	Steve Talbert
August 27 10:15 am Rite 1	Chuck Boddie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	Nick Firestone Lalith Paravitana	Nick Firestone Nancy Morris	Cindy Overmyer	Lalith Paravitana

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 30 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	31	1 9am — AA 5:30 pm Ice Cream Social at Schmitt Elem. School	2 5:30 pm Finance 6pm Choir	3 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	4 9 am — AA Noon — Ladies' Lunch @ Applebee's	5
6 10:15 Rite II Holy Eucharist In Person & Livestream	7	8 9am — AA 5:30pm — Vestry	9 6 pm Choir	10 10am Bible Study 1pm Bridge Group 6pm IN Action	11 9am — AA	12
13 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream 11:30 Coffee Hour	14	15 9 am — AA	16 6 pm Choir	17 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	18 9am — AA	19
20 9:15 Forum Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II In Person & Livestream	21	22 9am — AA	23 6 pm Choir	24 10am Bible Study Noon — Men's Lunch @ El Nopal 1pm—Bridge	25 9am — AA	26
27 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite I In Person & Livestream	28	29 9 am— AA	30 6 pm Choir	Sept. 1 10am Bible Study 1pm—Bridge Group	2 9am — AA	3

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, August 2, 5:30 pm

Vestry

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 pm

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



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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