



*From the fullness of his*  
**GRACE**  
*we have all received one*  
**BLESSING**  
*after another*

John 1:16

Dear Friends:

With Michael recently on vacation, during our August vestry meeting we watched a TED talk about being happy and grateful. The speaker encourages us to stop rushing through life, to find opportunities within the gifts we have to find joy, and to live gratefully every day. (The link for this talk is on the Facebook page). This is something that our dear friend Mike Gjerdahl taught us every day. On the day that we took him to the Hospice House, he was able to choose the room he would be in. The room he chose faced a beautiful garden and gave him a beautiful view of daily sunrises. He didn't realize that the room he chose was room G - for Gjerdahl. I said, "Hey Mike! I think this room was made just for you. It has a beautiful view and it even has your initial at the door." He thought that was just great, his smile and twinkle in his eye showed us just how grateful he was for little things like that. I am so grateful that my family was able to spend so much time with Mike, not just during his time at Hospice House, but time living life and enjoying it to the fullest. Whether he and Marty were going out for breakfast or \$5 movies, Mike was driving Emma to dance lessons, or we were on a double date, Mike (and Nan) always saw the good in any situation or person. Mike lived a grateful life filled with love and mischief. He inspires me to do the same. What are you grateful for at St. Paul's? What or who inspires you to be a better person?

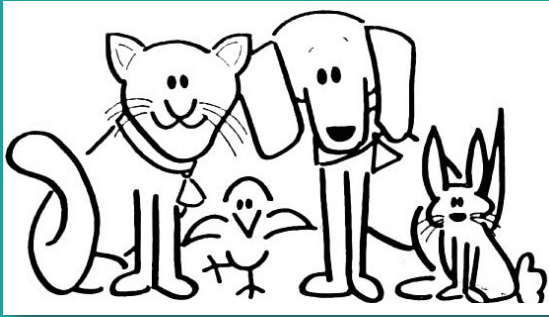
Gretchen  
Senior Warden

## Vestry Notes

The Vestry at St. Paul's has been working diligently throughout this year. One of our goals was to fundraise \$5000 toward the general budget. The parking lot at the fair brought in \$3200 toward our goal. Our next fundraiser is a Cookie Walk on December 15. This is a great way for us to potentially earn a large amount of money in a short period of time. More details, including sign-ups, will be shared soon.

Other items that are currently being worked on include upgrading the sound system and electronic organ integration. We have already seen a great improvement in the microphone system by adding one new channel. The Women of St. Paul's pledged 50% of proceeds from the summer garage sale toward this worthy cause. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Michael or Drew.

Many of you have noticed that our flower bed by the glass doors is eroding badly. Both of the retaining walls have been damaged by the use of salt on the sidewalks during our icy winters. There have been discussions about having this redone, possibly even adding more outdoor patio space for a memorial garden or outdoor meditation/visiting area. Right now, we are just discussing this so if you have any ideas – talk to Julie or Gretchen or Fr. Michael.



# BLESSING OF THE PETS

## OCTOBER 7

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL, ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL,  
ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL: THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL.

### Parish Night Out September 29

Mark your calendars and look for more information on the St. Paul's FB page and at church.

### Wednesday Nights

Theology and a Pint returns to its regular time on Wednesdays at 6:00. Pot luck, the tippie of your choice, and good conversation for 90 mins or so. The starting question is, "What is Holy?"

### Sauerkraut Supper

Christ Episcopal Church in Austin will host their 82nd Sauerkraut and Pork Chop Dinner on October 8 from 4-7 pm. They recently put down 700 pounds of sauerkraut that is rumored to be the best around. Tickets are available at the door. There are also opportunities to help their congregation by serving, cleaning up, or busing tables. Contact Marty or Gretchen if you are interested in attending or helping.

### Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers

If you have ever thought about becoming more involved with worship, now is the perfect time to take the next step. Talk to Fr. Michael or Steve if you have questions.

### Cookie Walk 2018

St. Paul's Owatonna will be hosting a Cookie Walk on December 15. A cookie walk is a bake sale where the buyers are given an empty box and a pair of plastic gloves. They choose the Christmas cookies that they want and buy by the pound. We ask that members of St. Paul's donate Christmas cookies to this worthy cause. There will be opportunities to sign up in the future. Don't be afraid to bake in advance and freeze the cookies! Please contact Gretchen, Rebecca, or Nikki if you have any questions.

# Cleo's MEWsings

Hope you are all enjoying the wonderful weather! Prefect to store up days like this because we all know what's coming!

Lots of people have been traveling all over, enjoying fishing and walking and seeing "Hamilton" and going to concerts, etc. Not even going to attempt to tell you where everyone has been! Some big trips are coming up for Jackie and Pete Ostlund to Africa, Mary Levine to Switzerland, and Pete and Maggie Dixon to Boston and the NE. Check with them in the next month or two to see how much fun they had! Myrtle is back after weeks away for a wedding in Colorado and then months in Oregon with daughter Wendy.

Did you get to the fair? Lots of St. Paulites were busy parking cars as a fund raiser to help balance our budget. A big thanks to Sheryl Keith and Steve Smith for all the organizing. Heard that about \$3200 was raised. And congratulations to Mollie Gfrerer and Janet Dixon for their awards for knitting, to Leanne Alt for her photography awards, and to Joanne Peterson for her red ribbon-winning rose!

Several of our church family members and their friends and loved ones are in the need of our healing prayers. Maggie Dixon has been in the hospital but is better, Mike Weller needs knee surgery but is also having heart issues he has to deal with first; our friend LaDonna Cade came up from Texas for her granddaughter's wedding and is having her stay extended for 8-10 weeks because she fell and broke her collarbone! Also needing prayers is

Maggie Dixon's daughter, Mindy who will be having surgery in a few weeks for breast cancer. The Ottesons have also had several scary things happen. Jim was in an accident out west and reports he is grateful to be alive and not hurt. Jim and Bobbi's daughter Elizabeth also had a health scare: it was not a heart attack but a hydration problem that can be treated. Francy Hall has continued to have health problems that the doctors are having trouble diagnosing. Say some extra prayers for her.

Our prayers are also needed for the Boisen family with the unexpected death of Matt's father, Gary.

And you all know how important our pets are to us. Our sympathy goes to the Zinsli family on the loss of Stanley, to Terri Hottman on the death of Joey and to Pete and Maggie Dixon who lost Tucker. They were all part of their families for many years and will be missed.

And speaking of dogs, ask Joanne Peterson what her Gracie thinks of her new Roomba vacuum!

We are losing one of church families. Ann and Dean Henjum will be moving to Plymouth where Dean has a new job after the HyVee in Waseca where he worked closed. We will miss Ann's voice in the choir! But they are off on a new adventure!

I missed some news in May. Did you see the wonderful article in the paper about Ross Leuning? He retired from the Navy after 30 years and received the Legion of Merit Award. He has had a very impressive

career including volunteering to serve the active duty year in Iraq for a fellow JAG who was recalled. He will continue to serve as a judge for the 3rd Judicial District in MN.

Thanks go to Mary Levine and her helpers who handled the San Jose Obero meal in August. like they all had fun. They served two meals to migrant workers in Montgomery. The SE region of the Episcopal church has been doing church services and meals for years.

Did you know that Pete and Jackie Ostlund now have three grandsons serving in the military? Jackson is in Afghanistan with a private company and the twins, Alex and William, both joined the army this summer and are in basic training. Sheryl Keith's son Rollie is also in basic training in San Antonio. He joined the Air Force and hopes to fly drones. Please keep them in your prayers.

I know the weather is lovely but the Bazaar is coming! Hope all you crafty people are busy making things - or soon will be!



## Steele County Clothesline



*Making a difference one family at a time*

## Winter Coat Drive

**October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>**

We are collecting children's and adult's winter coats, snow pants, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves and boots that are **NEW** or **SLIGHTLY USED** for Steele County families in need.

*Bring your donated items to:*

**Steele County Clothesline**

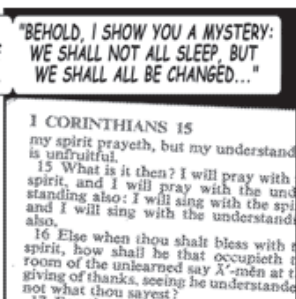
**155-B Oakdale Street**

**Monday-Friday**

**Thank you for your support!**



## Church Mice



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# **ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL BAZAAR & BRUNCH**

**Saturday, November 10th, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Faithful of St. Paul's,

Another year has flown by and I once again have the privilege of writing the annual letter for our Bazaar. This year will mark our 78th Bazaar and for those of you who have faithfully participated in this event year after year, you know what an enjoyable event it is! For those of you who might be new to our Bazaar prepare yourself for a morning filled with wonderful smells, great food, unique gifts & crafts and many happy faces.

Our annual Bazaar is one of the ways that we can be a "visible sign" in the community, but it can only be accomplished with your help. The profits from the Bazaar are used to make our annual pledge to the church as well provide for various gifts at Christmas and to purchase supplies for Sunday morning coffee, kitchen supplies and for cleaning materials throughout the year.

God has richly blessed us with gifts and talents to share. If baking goodies is your thing, our "Bake Shop" is one of the most popular spots at the Bazaar. If your passion is with knitting needles, woodworking, potter's wheel or sewing machine, then our "St. Paul's Boutique" is for you. If you are neither "baker or candlestick maker" there are many areas that need helping hands before, during and after the Bazaar. There will be sign-up sheets in Upper Tanner any Sunday in October.

Please bring all handcrafted items and baked goods to the church Friday, November 9th between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Thank you and God Bless!

Diane Spitzack

2018 Bazaar Chair

# Lay Schedule

Date	Lay Reader	Lector	Chalice	Ushers	Counter
Sept 23	Kristin	Leanne	Diane	Julie and Gayle	Kristin
Sept 30	Mark	Nikki	Francy	Steve and Sheryl	Mark
Oct 7	Julianna	Matt	Maggie	Terri and Mike W	Julie
Oct 14	Scott	Francy	Janet	Gretchen and Marty	Francy
Oct 21	Kristin	Mary	Diane	Pete and Maggie	Kristin
Oct 28	Mark	Marion	Francy	Julie and Gayle	Mark
Nov 4	Julianna	Leanne	Maggie	Gary	Gretchen
Nov 11	Scott	Nikki	Janet	Terri and Mike W	Julie



If you make a schedule change,  
please leave a message on the church phone.

## Coffee Committees

### September

Gail Plathe  
Deb Carlson  
Janet Dixon  
Carol Peterson  
Kristin Warehime  
Terri Hottmann  
Nan Gjerdahl  
Jodie Ruehling  
Julianna Skluzacek

### October

Julie Conlin  
Gayle Kozelka  
Maggie Dixon  
Sheryl Keith  
Jan Robran  
Julia Miller  
Deb Buck  
Carol McKernan  
Bernie Reisenauer  
Sharon Kramer

## Altar Guild

### September

Myrtle Brittain  
Lisa Boutelle

### October

Deb Carlson  
Sharol Tamburro  
Betty Kristo



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