

THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sacred Architecture



Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

While I was in Scotland this June, I visited many ruined and re-stored churches that were built before the Reformation. The big churches were all shaped in a way that was very similar to St. Paul's—in a cross shape, with a nave (where the people sit), two transepts (the side areas), and a

chancel area (the raised front of the church.) However, there was one key difference—the chancel areas were longer, larger, and more removed from the people. Half the church was the chancel, and the high altar was far, far, away from the people who worshiped in the nave.

In those times, worship was conducted in Latin by only the holiest and most worthy of priests and bishops. In Iona Abbey, the chancel was also full of monks who worshiped almost constantly. In town churches, the nobility might be in a special area closer to the altar, while the common people worshiped in the back. Sometimes an actual wooden screen separated these two areas. I wondered what it would have felt like to be a common person of faith, who attended worship but could not understand the prayers and could not see the Eucharist happening. What did this kind of hierarchy teach them about God and Jesus?

Our church is designed differently. The nave, or the place for the people, is the largest part. We still have places for the choir, the clergy, the acolytes, and other leaders to sit, but now the altar is closer. Now, priests face the people when we celebrate. Now, we pray and read scripture in the language of the people.

The use of the local language was fought over and died for in the Protestant reformation, but central altars are only as recent as 1979. Seeing this history so starkly in these ancient churches made me proud of my ancestors, who discerned how to make a worship service more egalitarian. The architecture of our building, constructed in 1913, reflects this change. Our nave is longer than our chancel, and our chancel is not for just the “extra holy” people. In reality, our chancel is mostly used by the extra *musical* people, who represent the community's common call to sing *together*.

As we prepare to begin a new program year, I am thinking about how worship and church is fundamentally the work of all the people. Jesus continually criticized religious practices that separated God's people from each other, making God more accessible to one group over another. We respond by making church a place where everyone has a way to participate, to see and to understand how God is changing the world. In the pages of the Messenger this week, you will find lots of ways to worship, gather, and participate in the life of your church. I hope you'll join us.

Peace,
Maggie

Wednesday Forums in the Fall

Supper at 6 | Forum at 6:30 pm

Please join us at 5:15 pm for Wednesday Eucharist

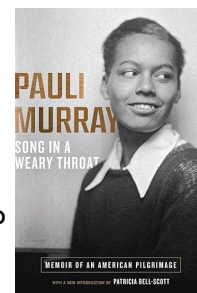
Our Faithful Ancestors: Saints For Our Times

1st & 3rd Wednesdays | Service Projects Hosted by Sophie Spehar on the 5th Wednesday

Wednesday Forums in the Fall of 2025 will focus on saints in the Episcopal Church. In the Episcopal Church, we honor special holy people who served God and others in remarkable ways. We celebrate some of the popular traditional saints, such as Francis, Hildegard, and Ignatius. However, we have also added important faith leaders in modern times to our calendar of observances, like Pauli Murray, Deitrich Bonhoeffer, and Enmegahbowh. This year our Wednesday forums will feature saints that we don't always celebrate on Sundays, while exploring how their example can lead us for our current times. If you have a favorite quirky or unsung saint and would like to participate, please reach out to Maggie at rector@stpaulsduluth.org

September 17: Pauli Murray

Join us for Wednesday Forum kick-off for a discussion of Pauli Murray (1910-1985), a modern Episcopal saint who was a civil rights activist, lawyer, and Episcopal priest. Pauli's remarkable life involved scholarship, a life of faith, and advocacy for civil rights, the rights of women, and the rights of gay and lesbian people. Marta Maddy and Barb Elliott will guide this conversation on Murray, telling us more about this unsung hero of the 20th Century Episcopal Church.



October 1: Francis and Clare

Francis is a well-known saint as both a generous giver and a lover of animals. He had a close companion named Clare who was also a saint in her own right. In their time, the church and national governments were oligarchies known for war, excess, and corruption. They made a transformative impact by living lives of generosity and service.

October 15: St. Luke and the Founding of Duluth's St. Luke's Hospital

The author of the third Gospel has been historically recognized as both a physician and an artist. Luke's history and contribution to Christianity is vast, but he made an enormous impact on the women and men of St. Paul's when they founded a hospital in Duluth. We will explore Luke's contributions and the history of the hospital at this forum.



October 29: 5th Wednesday Service Project

More details to come.

Stay Tuned for These Forums Throughout the Year

Saints of Resistance: Deitrich Bonhoeffer, Oscar Romero, and others who spoke out against tyranny in the name of their faith.

The Saints of Advent & Christmas: St. Nicholas, St. Lucy, the Three Wise Men, and traditions about the Holy Family.

Celtic Saints: St. Columba, St. Brigid, and St. Patrick

Sundays in September & Beyond

Sunday, September 7 | Guest Choir from St. John the Evangelist & Blessing of the Backpacks at 10 am

A warm welcome to St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, whose choir is going on a mini tour here in Duluth. Their choir will be singing on Sunday morning together with our choir. We will also bless the backpacks of children, teens, and all students returning to school.

Sunday, September 14 | Rally Day

Join us for Rally Day, the annual welcome-back picnic held on the lawn! There will be plenty to eat, lawn games for the kids, and a bouncy house! At the 10 am service, we will tell a Godly Play story for kids and adults, so come ready to wonder.

Sunday, September 21 | Children's Chapel Begins

Godly Play returns for kids Pre-K through 5th grade, beginning with the story of Creation.

Sunday, September 28 | Building Our Legacy Campaign Kick Off

St. Paul's has been planning and preparing for a capital campaign for some time. The campaign officially kicks off on Sept 28 with a speaker, and an effort to deliver a gift to every member of the parish.



Sunday, October 5 | St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals at 2 pm

This year we will be celebrating St. Francis Day with a typical church service, and hosting our annual blessing of the animals out on the lawn at 2pm. We hope this will help us reach more people from the surrounding neighborhood, so invite your friends to this shorter (and slightly less overstimulating) service. (In the event of rain we will move indoors.)

Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19 | White Earth Visit

Sophie Gray Spehar and Mark Olson have planned an opportunity for members of St. Paul's to visit and build relationships with fellow Episcopalians and leaders at White Earth. This is the community of Enmegahbowh and other crucial Native faith leaders in Minnesota.

Sunday, November 2 | All Saints Sunday and All-Parish Event for the Building Our Legacy Campaign

You're invited to an event for the whole church on Sunday, November 2 at 6 pm. It will be a night at the Great Lakes Aquarium and an opportunity for kids, teens, and adults to celebrate life at St. Paul's while we look ahead to our future.

Sunday, November 9 | Building Our Legacy Campaign Commitment Sunday

After we have heard the words of our members, shared our own stories, and learned about the needs facing the parish, all are asked to return commitment cards for both the capital campaign and the annual campaign. Lots more details to come; please mark your calendars now.

Deadline to submit items for the September issue of *The Messenger* is
8:00 am, Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Please email items to:

office@stpaulsduluth.org

Notes of a Different Kind

Dear Friends in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I love living in an area of the country where we have clearly delineated seasons which work in tandem with the seasons of the church year. Fall is upon us, and our regular programming will be resuming with Rally Day on September 14. I encourage you to see what's happening and get involved in new ways.

One of the sure signs of fall is that the choirs resume their weekly rehearsal and liturgical leadership roles. The Chancel Choir is for anyone high school age and older. This amazing group of folks sings pretty much every Sunday in addition to festival services. A highlight of the choir season is our annual Lessons and Carols service which is scheduled for Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm. We sing and laugh and pray together. Most of all, the choir members care deeply for each other. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the chancel. If you sing at all, please consider joining us. We definitely take our task seriously, but it's rare that we take ourselves too seriously.

The other group that meets weekly is the St. Paul's Handbell Choir. While it is helpful if you have some music reading ability, it is not required. A couple of orientation sessions, and you'll be up to speed in no time. I can say without reservation that the group at St. Paul's is the finest bell choir I

have ever had the opportunity to lead. We also have a really fun time while learning our parts to prepare for worship leadership. The bell choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:35 pm in the church.

If you plan on joining us, please let me know ahead of time in order for me to be prepared with a spot for you. (You may send an email to music@stpaulsduluth.org)

St. Paul's Brass plays for festival services and other occasions as the need arises. We rehearse a few weeks before we play, often after church on Sunday. Leading hymns (and carols at Christmastime) is one of the greatest joys of making music in the church, and I am always happy to share that with these fine musicians.

If you play another instrument or like to sing but can't work the choir schedule into your life, please let me know. There is a place for you in the music ministry at St. Paul's.

*Tom Hamilton,
Minister of Music*

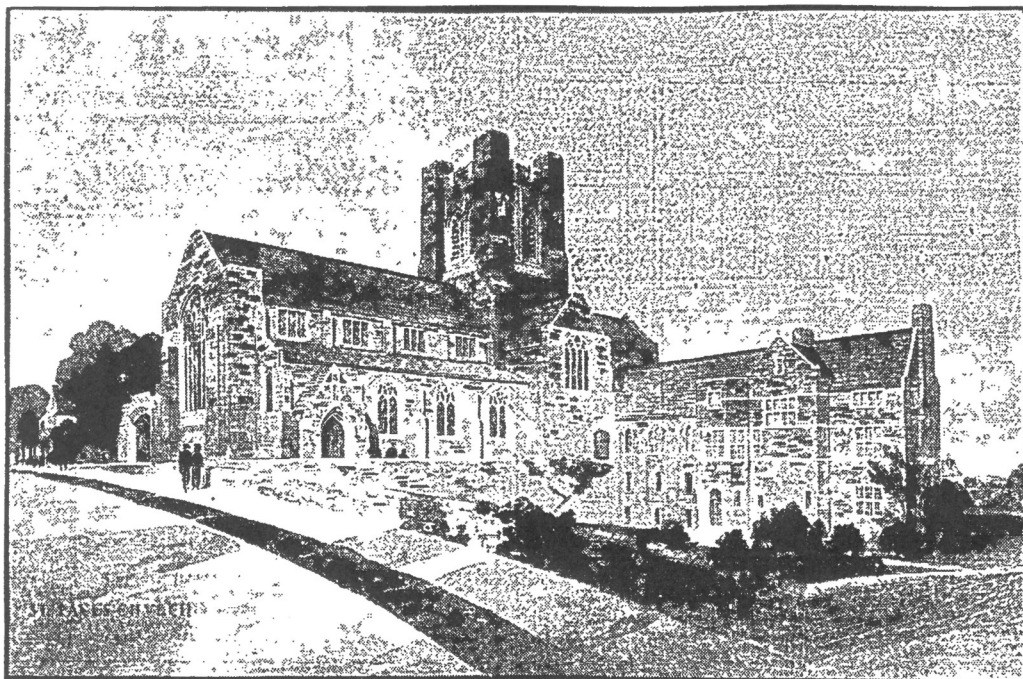


Lost Treasures from the Archives

This item was published in the Duluth News Tribune on April 2, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Silverness, Archivist

St. Paul's Proposed New Episcopal Church



Handsome new edifice to be built at Seventeenth avenue east and Superior Street.

The above is from a sketch of the accepted plan for the handsome new church edifice to be erected at the corner of Seventeenth avenue east and Superior street by St. Paul's Episcopal church of Duluth. It will be about 170 feet long, and the material will

probably be gray trap rock and Bedford sandstone, at a cost of from \$110,000 to \$125,000, exclusive of the rectory, which is shown at the right, but which will not be built at this time. The style of architecture is known as perpendicular Gothic. It

will be one of the finest church buildings in the city.

The church now has property available for sale that with the few practically voluntary subscriptions already made, gives a fund of \$70,000 without any solicitation having been made. It

is the intention to put the total sum that is secured in the building, leaving for the future such features as permanent windows and furnishings. In other words, the church, so far as the structure is concerned, will build for the future and not merely for the present city.

From Deacon Pat

There's a lot going on in the world today, and we are in the midst of significant cultural and social changes that can feel over-whelming. The community Jesus described for us in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew (chapters 5-7) is difficult to find in the news of society we are bombarded with daily. Misinformation, blame and extreme views are presented and refuted everywhere we turn, so it's often difficult to even keep up with the most current version. How do we live as faithful followers of Jesus in this moment?

Wisdom guides us in the Gospel of Matthew 25:35-36 (The Message version)

'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Following Jesus includes spiritual discipleship or apprenticeship: Learning about Jesus, practicing to become like him, and doing as he did. That's the focus of Practicing the Way, and you will find information on how to join the fall cohort in church, or contact me for the course outline. Discipleship, being transformed into followers of Jesus, is rooted in our spiritual relationship with God and the practices that help us grow in faith: praying, gathering to hear the Word, teaching, preaching, and breaking bread together. Join the Wednesday night potluck and forums, or a small group Bible study, or a book study. St. Paul's offers a lot of opportunities to grow in faith!

When Jesus talks about those who are considered blessed, he identifies them by the way their inner spiritual life is exhibited in how they were present with each other in the world. Do you know someone who is hungry? Thirsty? Homeless? Shivering? Sick? In prison? How do you interact with them? If you don't encounter opportunities to engage

with Christ among the poor, or homeless, or hungry, or otherwise suffering or marginalized in our community, here's an invitation for you.

Tonya is a disabled woman who has lived in her van for a year with her three-legged dog, Lilo. I got to know her through volunteering at Safe Bay. Tonya has found housing, had a couch donated, and has some household items. She is looking for the following: an armchair, a full-size bed, a desk and chair, TV trays (no room for a dining table), an area rug (not larger than 8x10), a small throw rug, a nightstand or a small end table, cookie sheets, an air fryer, and a rice cooker. This is the first time Tonya has had her own apartment in 14 years. She was a guest at Olive Branch with our friends at Loaves & Fishes for a time. Email me if you can offer her something she needs, and we can go together to meet her.



Tone Lanzillo has volunteered at Life House for seven years, and shared this invitation on Facebook: The Dorothy Day House at Loaves & Fishes is looking for a few good men who would like to volunteer and lend a helping hand to the homeless men in the house of hospitality. It's just four hours a week, but your presence and support could mean a world of difference to these men who simply want to lead healthier and happier lives. Contact Tone for further information at risson1954@gmail.com.

If you are interested but don't want to go alone, give me a call and I'll join you! Jesus also sent his disciples out two by two. He really gets us!

Deacon Pat
deacon@stpaulsduluth.org

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Turn to page 9 to sign up for our 2025 cohort with Deacon Pat, focused on John Mark Comer's course, "Practicing the Way"

Fall Happenings

Hello!

It's time to get the ball rolling for Fall. Here are important dates related to Faith Formation happening in the coming weeks:

Sunday, September 7: Blessing of the Backpacks. Is someone in your house going back to school? At the 10 am service we will observe the tradition of sending teachers and students off to another year of scholarly endeavors with a blessing. Additionally, at 11:15 am, there will be an Acolyte training and luncheon. Welcome, new Acolytes! We are excited for what this year brings.

Sunday, September 14: Rally Day! Rally Day marks the beginning of the programming year for youth and adults. We will be celebrating with yard games and a lunch for all after the 10 am service. There will be a Godly Play lesson during the service taught by Maggie.

Wednesday, September 17: This will be the first Wednesday program of the fall. We will have dinner at 6 pm, followed by the first Confirmation class of the year beginning at 6:30 pm. Adult Formation will be meeting in the Parish Hall, and Confirmands will be meeting on the fourth floor with Joanne, Sophie, and Brad.

Sunday, September 21: Children's Church begins with the Godly Play lesson of Creation. The Children's Room is on the basement level adjacent to the Parish Hall. Kids are dismissed during the first part of the service, and will come back up at the exchange of the Peace. All children ages 3-5th Grade are welcome to attend.

Mark Olson from White Earth will host an orientation meeting for those interested in attending an MEA weekend visit to White Earth during coffee hour. Please make a point of attending if you'd like to get in on this opportunity/ have a child in confirmation who will be going.

Sunday, September 28: Children's Church during the 10 am service with a Godly Play lesson on the Great Family.

After church, Middle Schoolers are invited to meet in the Parish Hall during coffee hour on the stage with Sophie for an introduction to the year. We will meet most Sundays after Church from 11-11:45 am (with time for acolytes to get downstairs). Lunch will be provided, and topics will range from middle school stuff to Holy Troublemakers, and questions about this Episcopal Life.

Wednesday, October 1: Program night, with 6 pm dinner,

6:30 pm Confirmation Class and Adult Formation

Sunday, October 5: Godly Play Lesson will be the story of Joseph. Middle Schoolers Lunch/Meeting 11-11:45 am on the stage during Coffee hour. Topic: The story of Joseph and bullies. Blessing of the Animals 2:00 pm on the lawn at St. Paul's.

October 17-19: Visit to White Earth. This opportunity is open to Confirmation Students, Families, and Adults who are interested in strengthening ties we have with the ELCA and Episcopal communities on the White Earth Reservation. We will be leaving on Friday and coming back after Sunday morning worship at St. Columba's. Please contact Sophie kids@stpaulsduluth.org for more information on how to be a chaperone or a visitor. Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

Lastly, as you might be noticing, there are a lot of things happening around St. Paul's! Please watch your email for more announcements and events. We are still rebuilding after the quiet Covid years, and we need more volunteers in Youth Ministry and Adult Formation. Areas we could use more help include: Wednesday night meal teams, and 21+ folks who are interested in working with youth. Training and guidance are available if this sounds like you! Please contact Sophie kids@stpaulsduluth.org for more information on scheduling and Safe Church training.

It's been quite a summer. I'm excited to see you and your families again!

Be well,

Sophie Gray Spehar,
Faith Formation Coordinator



**SIGN UP TO HELP SERVE A WEDNESDAY
NIGHT MEAL!
USE THIS LINK:**

<https://stpaulsduluth.org/connect/members/sign-up/>

From Your Bookkeeper

Dear Parishioners,

Your second quarter Giving Statements were emailed to you on July 1, 2025. Please check through your inbox and spam folders carefully to locate your statement.

July 2025 financials were presented to the Finance Committee and Vestry at their August meetings. Below is a summary of the July General Operating Fund results.

MONTHLY FIGURES: July	This Month	Year-to-Date
Total Pledges collected	\$30,830.45	\$242,732.19
Total non-pledged collection	\$4,176.70	\$46,866.40
Investment support	\$7,123.56	\$55,301.03
Total Income	\$42,130.71	\$344,899.62
Total Expenses	\$52,400.33	\$345,571.19
Amount over/(short)	(\$10,269.62)	(\$671.57)

*The pledge collection amount for July was \$1600 under the budgeted amount.

*Expenses were \$145 under budget for the month of July, and \$15,791 under budgeted levels year-to-date.

*Our bottom line, income over expenses, for July, was a deficit of \$10,269.62.

If you have any questions, please call my office or email me at bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org.

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper



Scholarship Fund

Congratulations to the recipients of the St. Paul's Church Scholarship!

Because education is one of the most important elements of a successful society and a key factor in the well-being of a community, the Mars family established a Scholarship Fund in 1989 for members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Graduating seniors from high school or high school graduates, of any age, are eligible to apply. The scholarship recipients are chosen by a committee of people who also are members of St. Paul's Church and/or members of the Mars family.

er and Laurel Sadowski. Students continuing to receive the scholarship are: Agnes Barthel, Grace Butcher, Michael Butler, Audrey Dodge, Evan Erspamer, Emma Fellman, Arden Grim, Arna Rennan, and Alicia Shambour. We wish them all the best as they pursue their education!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Scholarship Committee:

Karen Allison, Nancy Diener, Bill Dinan, Bruce Mars, and Christine Melone

This year's new recipients are Ernest Barthel, Calvin Butch-

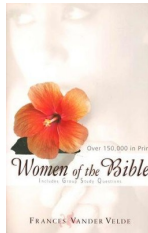
New Additions to the Olcott Library



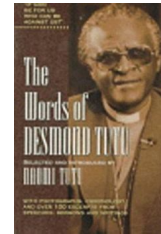
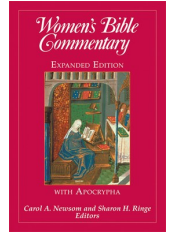
Woman, Church and State:

An Historical Account of the Status of Woman through the Christian Ages by Matilda Joslyn Gage. This book was originally published in 1893. Recently, it has been edited with a revised afterword and bibliography. This book was written because of the author's being "tired of the obtuseness of the Church and State; indignant at injustice of both towards woman, at the wrongs inflicted upon one half of humanity by the other half in the name of religion." This book is considered a feminist classic. One hundred years ago, this book was censored by the religious right and the increasingly conservative woman suffrage movement.

Women of the Bible by Frances Vander Velde. A collection of 31-character sketches of Bible women drawn from the accounts found in the Scriptures.



The Women's Bible Commentary edited by Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe. Each book of the Bible is introduced with a summary of the content and issues surrounding it. Those sections of the book that have a particular relevance to women and the significance of the presence or absence of women are highlighted.



The Words of Desmond Tutu compiled by Naomi Tutu. This book contains over 100 excerpts from Desmond Tutu's most memorable speeches, sermons and writings, many of them never before published.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Witt, Librarian

From Your Senior Warden



Here we are, once again, at the dawn of a new school/church year. It is a time of excitement and new possibilities. Kids and their families are likely already in the routine of the new school year. Grandparents are watching their children as parents and their grandchildren grow and develop new skills and wonder "How did we ever manage to keep a busy schedule like this?"

This summer, Tom and I have spent some great quality time with our four grandchildren – in Houghton/Hancock, MI, the Twin Cities, and right here in Duluth. One of the joys of hanging around young children is getting a chance to view the world through their eyes. The sticky hugs and kisses, or the look of complete trust, or the never-ending "Why?" questions can serve us elders well. We can take a breath, slow down, partake in activities with the grandkids, laugh as we watch their antics, and cherish our time together. When their parents take them home, we can take a long nap!

As we endeavor to follow Jesus and His teachings, we can take a page from a toddler or preschooler's play book. Wel-

come Jesus with an open heart and vulnerable trust; and follow Jesus' teachings as if learning them for the first time.

I will be away for most of September on an archeological dig on Holy Island/Lindisfarne in the UK, which has some remarkable Christian history. Saint Aiden came from Iona in Scotland in 635AD to build a monastery on Lindisfarne. After Aiden was Saint Cuthbert, who continued a ministry in the Celtic tradition, followed by a Viking attack in 793 AD. The dig is searching for evidence of the first monastery which has been lost to time.

I am very grateful that Junior Warden Tom Elliott will step in for me as necessary.

Rally Day is September 14. The next Vestry Meeting will be September 16th at 6:00 in the Parish Hall.

I wish you all a very pleasant end of the summer and to each of you, God's Peace.

Nancy Diener,
Senior Warden

Sign up for our 2025 cohort with Deacon Pat focused on John Mark Comer's course, "Practicing the Way"

Over seven sessions we'll gather around the table for a simple meal and explore intentional spiritual formation. We'll journey together to find Jesus in our busy, distracted, and increasingly secular culture. Each 30-minute online session video includes teachings, guided discussion, tutorials, and voices from experts. The course is designed for small group communities, but if you have to miss a session you can always catch up using the online resources.

Below is the course schedule: sign up for as many as interest you with a checkmark in front of the date, and add your name and email address at the end of the list. NOTE: If no one signs up for a session I will not open the church that evening.

☐ **Thursday, Sept 18, 6-7:30 — Following Jesus:** This is more than going to church or believing the right things; it is practicing a way of life. Praxis: Develop a daily time and place to connect with God.

☐ **Thursday, Oct 2, 6-7:30 — Formation, Part 1:** Whether we realize it or not, all of us are being formed – by our habits, relationships, the stories we believe, and our environment. Praxis: Take a "life audit," an inventory of all the forces that are forming you now and in the past.

☐ **Thursday, Oct 16, 6-7:30 — Formation, Part 2:** Many of us desire to become more like Jesus, but we feel stuck. We need a reliable pathway to transformation. We find this in the Way of Jesus, which shows us how to intentionally engage formation. Praxis: Replace an old habit with a new spiritual discipline.

☐ **Thursday, Oct 30, 6-7:30 — The Practices:** These are classic disciplines that create space for the Spirit to transform us from the inside out. Learn about ancient disciplines that open us up to God to change us at the deepest level. Praxis: Begin the spiritual discipline of Sabbath.

☐ **Thursday, Nov 20, 6-7:30 — Meeting God in Pain and Suffering:** The Practices can expose pain as our soul begins to process and discharge suffering. This session explores the three primary ways people deal with pain (deny, detach, or drug), how unhealed pain sabotages transformation, and how God can meet us in pain to bring lasting change. Praxis: Notice and name your emotions in the presence of God through prayer.

☐ **Thursday, Dec. 4, 6-7:30 — Healing from Sin:** This session covers three dimensions of "sin" – harm done by us, harm done to us, and harm done around us. We examine the brokenness that needs healing, and explore our role in restoration and regeneration. Praxis: Identify a situation in your life where harm was experienced, and reflect on how you might bring about healing.

☐ **Thursday, Dec 18, 6-7:30 — Crafting a Rule of Life:** Transformation comes when we create an intentional plan, what the early Christians called a Rule of Life. This is a schedule and a set of practices and relational rhythms that create space for us to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. Praxis: An online tool is provided to help you craft a Rule of Life, naming the practices and rhythms that you finding meaningful as you continue your spiritual journey. Like any good plan, it gets reviewed and revised as the seasons of your life change.

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please contact Deacon Pat for more information or changes in your planned attendance. The Olcott Room has been reserved for all seven sessions. 218.206.5349 or deacon@stpaulsduluth.org

Racial Justice and Healing Retreat in Duluth

Racial Justice and Healing Retreat

Saturday, September 20, St. Andrew's by the Lake, Duluth

9:00 am—5:30 pm

Please join St Paul's, Trinity, St. Andrew's by the Lake and the Episcopal Church of Minnesota for a Racial Justice and Healing Retreat. We will focus on how systemic racism impacts education, as well as how this ties into our ministries and is an element of our ongoing spiritual formation. The event will have some prayer, lecture, and small group sharing, and we will receive tools for how to respond to what we learn. You don't have to be an Episcopalian to attend; it is open to anyone who is a follower of Jesus. Invite your friends!

To register visit: <https://episcopalmn.org/events/open-all/racial-justice-and-healing-retreat>.

Please consider joining us.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Shambour and Beth Fait

Altar Guild Meeting

Hello Altar Guild! Hope that everyone had a great summer. Our fall meeting will be held Saturday, October 4, at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Carlyle has volunteered to bring treats. It will be great to see everyone again.

Lynnea Hultkrantz, Altar Guild Director



Welcome Back Chum Quilters



A group of quilters meets at St. Paul's to craft a beautiful quilt each year to be raffled off in support of the ministries of Chum. This year's quilt is based on the artwork "Love is Here to Stay" by Jordan Sundberg at Tin Cup Design. With Asher Estrin-Haire's assistance (Stitch Craft Quilt Factory), we will have a pattern and a selection of fabrics to send home for block construction. You can find the print at tincupdesignco.com — enlarge it to identify colors. We are looking for fabrics (including prints) in these color families before we can begin work. Are you an accomplished quilter? Help us plan which fabrics to use with various pattern pieces! Strategizing will begin in August to prepare for a quilting bee after Labor Day, when sewing will begin! If you want to join us or have fabrics (100% cotton) to share, please contact Rev. Patricia Benson at pbenson@chumduluth.org.

Outreach Committee Update

The Outreach Committee encourages parishioners to complete a brief application form requesting funds for such outreach initiatives as Safe Haven, Damiano, Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA), and so on. The committee will accept requests on a rolling basis and consider them at its next quarterly meeting. To obtain a copy of the form, contact Zabelle Stodola on the Outreach Committee at kzstodola@ualr.edu



— Zabelle Stodola, for the Outreach Committee

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2025

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	C Conrad	C Miller	D Kolquist	C Miller
	S Cox	S Hall	L Hultkrantz	S M Anderson	L Hultkrantz
	M Malone	A Sadowski		S Sommer	
		K Timmerman		T Jansen	
		L Kania			
LECTOR 8 am	J Pastor	F Witt	J Pastor	A Mackenzie	F Witt
LECTORS 10 am	R Butler	A Harrington	Z Stodola	K Smith	S Sommer
			M Gustafson	N Diener	A Harrington
PRAYER LEADER	A Peterson	L Brunfelt	S Sommer	P Peterson	J Groth
VERGER	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith
CHALICE	R Butler	Z Stodola, K Smith	M Gustafson	N Diener	S Sommer
BEARERS	M Gustafson	N Constance	Z Stodola	K Smith	M Gustafson
		S Anderson	J Pastor	N Constance	K Baumgarten
ACOLYTES	S Keto	E Erspamer	C Gustafson	A Keto	R Wall
		J Sadowski	J Shambour	S Keto	J Shambour
		T Halverson	M Spehar	S Peterson	Q Wall
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	C Meethan	N French	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	M & C Bauer	M & J French	M & M Gustafson	C Meehan & E Jundt	L & B Brunfelt
USHERS	G Olson	N Schuldt	M Brown	D Morin	G Olson
	P Waite	J Ransom	S Brown	K Swanson	P Waite
	M Gustafson	W Tabor	D Kolquist	J Sontag	M Gustafson
	R Lyle			H Schreck	R Lyle
LOCK UP	J Austin	D Pederson	B Stapp	S G Spehar	M Brown

Other Altar Guild Duties for September

September Linens:

V Groth, L Kania

Bread-Baking:

A Rouse



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Rally Day Celebration

Join us for **Rally Day** on **Sunday, September 14**, immediately following the 10 am church service on the front lawn. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with games and activities for children, including an exciting bouncy obstacle course.



Savor a traditional picnic lunch featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the vibrant members of our church community and share in fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there!