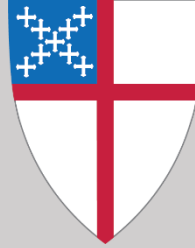


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November Edition**

***Generous Community • Enduring Worship • Gracious Welcome***

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St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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## **2024 VESTRY**

## **TERM EXPIRES**

### **Finance and Admin**

**Brian Hodges**

2025, Warden

**Beth Fitz Gibbon**

2026, Clerk

**Weldon Elrod**

2026

### **Parish Life**

**Joe Porter**

2027, Warden

**Gwyneth Hawk**

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**Kathy Meyer**

2025

### **Outreach**

**Carol Hunt**

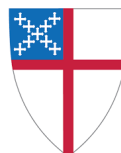
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**Jane Belanus**

2025

**Tristan Simpson**

2025



# November Calendar

**Friday, November 1**

**Saturday, November 2**

**Sunday, November 3**

**Monday, November 4**

**Wednesday, November 6**

**Thursday, November 7**

**Saturday, November 9**

**Sunday, November 10**

**Monday, November 11**

**Tuesday, November 12**

**Wednesday, November 13**

**Thursday, November 14**

**Friday, November 15**

**Saturday, November 16**

**Sunday, November 17**

**Monday, November 18**

**Wednesday, November 20**

**Thursday, November 21**

**Sunday, November 24**

**Tuesday, November 26**

**Thursday, November 28**

\* PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

\* Friends In Service to St. Paul's (FIST) 8:30 a.m.

\* Worship 9:30 a.m. (All Saints Sunday)

\* Confirmation/Reception Class 4:00 p.m.

\* High School/Young Adult gathering 5:00 p.m.

\* Pastoral Care Committee 10:00 a.m.

\* Chili Supper 5-7 p.m.

\* Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.

\* 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday potluck 5:30 – 7 p.m.

\* Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

\* Community Meal 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\* Worship 9:30 a.m. (Veterans Day Service)

\* Confirmation/Reception Class 4:00 p.m.

\* High School/Young Adult gathering 5:00 p.m.

\* Veteran's Day – Office Closed

\* Grandparents@Prayer 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

\* Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 10-Noon

\* Happy Bookers 6:30 p.m.

\* Minster Meeting in Atchison 6:00 p.m.

\* Parish Life Committee 10:00 a.m.

\* Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

\* PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

\* Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

\* Worship 9:30 a.m.

\* Vestry Meeting 11:00 a.m.

\* Confirmation/Reception Class 4:00 p.m.

\* High School/Young Adult gathering 5:00 p.m.

\* Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 6:30–8:30 p.m.

\* Men's Group at the Depot 9:00 a.m.

\* Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.

\* Herald articles due

\* Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

\* Worship 9:30 a.m.

\* Advent Wreath making 11:00 a.m.

\* Herald published

\* Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 10-Noon

\* Worship 9:30 a.m.

\* Thanksgiving – Office closed

# From the Priest in Charge

## Fr. Jere Hinson

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Peace be with you,” our Lord said to his friends when he appeared to them after the Resurrection. And then he said it again: “Peace be with you.” According to the account in John’s gospel (20:19-23), they were afraid of Jerusalem’s religious authorities. Their fear was akin to what many feel about the coming election, especially our vulnerability to events beyond our control. Our faith is that Jesus’s two-fold promise is meant for us as well, even as Nov. 5 looms. And it surely is. Peace be with you. Peace be with you.

Peace is inherently relational. One is at peace with oneself and with others. There are inner and outer aspects of peace. Spiritual practices are hugely beneficial for helping with inner conflict. Taking time for prayer, for reading scriptures and devotional texts, to have conversations with trusted friends and mentors about deep things going on in our lives and inviting the Spirit’s presence promotes healing, health, and hope. The outer aspects of peace often reflect our inner aspects. Mastery of one’s own anxiety and being able to be present to people in conflict is at the heart of what Paul is talking about in 2 nd Corinthians, Chapter 5 where we are all called ‘ambassadors of reconciliation.’ Politics, at its noblest, is the art of reconciling differences without recourse to violence.

Peace is also something that doesn’t ‘just happen’. Jesus says in Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” The Greek word for peacemakers is εἰρηνοποιοί (eirēnopoioi). It shows up only here in the whole Bible (although word for ‘peace’ shows up a lot more). Peace is something that needs to be created. It needs to be fashioned. Augustine says in the City of God that peace is the “order created by just, political, community and mediated through law.” So, peace is not chaos, it’s order. That order is dynamic, however, not static, as it must be constantly created by societies as they experience friction in understandings of what is just; will need to figure out processes that solve problems without violence; and form a culture that is both cohesive and expansive. None of this is easy! I suspect that is why Jesus followed up “Blessed are the peacemakers” with “for they shall be called children of God.” A high calling, indeed!

Here at St. Paul’s, we will do our part in shaping a community life that prays for, promotes and propagates peace. I will have the Church open for prayer from Noon to 6pm on Tuesday, 5 November. On the hour and half hour prayers will be offered. If you can’t come in person, please take a moment during the day to pray for and practice peace and peacemaking. Here is a prayer I share from my friend the Right Reverend John Taylor, Bishop of Los Angeles,

*Almighty and everlasting God, the sweep of human history discloses that only free, fair, and peaceful elections, and our civic covenant to abide by their outcomes, can contain your people’s unruly temperaments, and competing needs, desires, and grievances. We pray for an orderly United States election. We pray that candidates will abide by the results and model acceptance for their followers. Best prepared by your grace for their next campaigns will be winners who resist triumphalism and losers who resolve to learn the right lessons from defeat. Above all, we pray for peace and for liberty and justice for all, and we abide in your promise that you will make all things work together for what is good and righteous for those with faith in your providence. We pray in the Risen One’s name. Amen.*

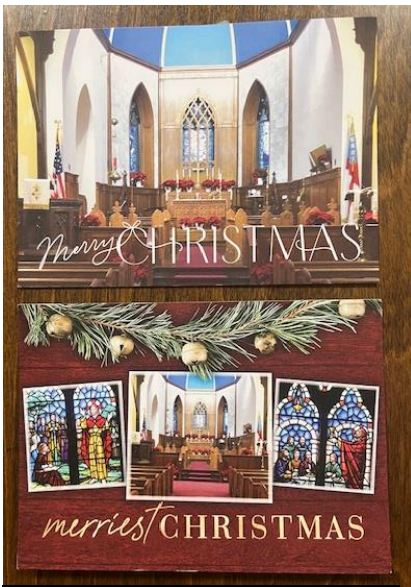
Faithfully,  
Jere+

# BLESSING OF PETS

OCTOBER 9, 2024 / LIFESTYLE



Rev. Jerome Hinson of St. Pauls Episcopal Church blesses Ed, a 14-year-old Cairn terrier with cancer. Don Jesmer brought the animal for the owner, Eileen Jesmer, to the Community Blessing of Pets Sunday at Exchange Bank. Photo Credit: Peggy Bair



This year's choices.

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## Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, November 11 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We are studying “Grandparenting with a Purpose”, by Lillian Penner. We will discuss the topic “God’s Gift of Intercessory Prayer” at this gathering. Please plan to join us the second Monday of each month as we strive to learn more about how to practice intentional grandparenting with focused prayer that God will be ever present in the lives of our grandchildren. We have seen prayers for our grandchildren answered since we have been meeting and would love to be your prayer warriors should you like to share prayer requests for your children and grandchildren with us. Please contact Amy Masters, (913) 240-3823 or Anthea Brosnan, (913) 680-4481 if you have any prayer requests or questions.

### From the Senior Warden:

This month your Vestry focused again on routine business. The month began with a productive Mutual Ministry Review with Canon Patrick Funston, the Canon to the Ordinary, Fr. Hinson, and the entire Vestry. This review was overall very positive but did identify items to work on in the coming months. The Finance Committee purchased two, twelve-month CDs from the Community Bank of Basehor to reinvest the previously matured Exchange Bank CDs (thanks to Doug Bell for his help with this). The Vestry selected American Roofing to make roof repairs and Julius Kaaz Construction to repair the parking lot sinkhole. Michelle Garcia provided a short summary of the emerging church Digital Ministry activities and provided their budget request. That request, along with others, are standing by for the completion of the Walk in Love Stewardship Campaign to prepare next year’s Church budget. The more generous you are with your pledges, the more things the Vestry can fund in the budget. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to make things better, please reach out to myself or the other Vestry members. Thanks - Brian Hodges, brianahodges46@gmail.com, (913) 775-0125.

# Outreach

Thank you to all who have contributed to Outreach during October. Your gifts of money and the sharing of your talents have been a blessing to many. Please know that you are appreciated!

In September many of St Paul's people contributed by supporting the Leavenworth Cancer Walk. It was a delight to see the large turnout from our congregation participating and cheering on each other.



Our September Outreach offering went to support the Community Meal which is served the second Saturday of each month at St Paul's parish house. We donated \$521.00 to our budget that supports this activity.



Thank you to all who donated candy to give out at the Leavenworth Trunk or Treat held on Saturday, October 19th. We also appreciate those who represented our church at this event. Laura Alexander, Nancy Martin and several of our youth group handed out candy and managed to have a pretty good time as they did this!

We are looking forward to our First Wednesday pot luck, November 6th. Heather Jones, a representative from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), will speak about Foster Children and, more especially, how we can help support them through providing gifts for children represented on our angel tree.



Our November Outreach will support the Leavenworth Council on Aging, (Meals on Wheels). The Meals on Wheels program delivers a nutritionally-balanced, hot meal to homebound individuals throughout Leavenworth County. This program ensures family members that their loved ones will have a healthy, nutritious meals delivered to their homes, five days per week. The program also provides an opportunity for daily contact with a staff member or a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Seniors who are over the age of 60, have difficulty preparing meals or have no one available to prepare a noon-day meal, and are homebound are eligible for the program. *By Jane Belanus*



# Trunk or Treat



It has been many, many years since I've been to a church youth group event. And while the City of Leavenworth Trunk or Treat wasn't technically an activity for the youth, I had the immense pleasure of having 3 of our St Paul's youth helping out, as well as #giantbaby and Nancy Mitchell Martin. Christian, Bash, and Aiden

were an incredible help during the 2 hour long event, and were so happy to be there! The congregation had donated about 4,136 pieces of candy and they handed out every last piece of it. I had decided on a Jurassic theme, and we had not one, but 2 dinosaurs on site!! I gave out a lot of hi-5's to tiny humans and even got some dinosaur hugs.

We had 162 full size Hershey bars to hand out as well. And they judiciously (and sneakily, so as not to create a scene) chose who those were going to, usually a kid with a blue bucket or a really amazing costume. And we passed out 159 of them. They judiciously (and sneakily, so as not to create a scene) then each took one home. They had worked so hard and represented so well, and the Mama Dinosaur was well pleased

The youth group at St Paul's is small but mighty and I'm hopeful about it's future and the future of this church that we now call home. **By Laura Alexander**



## November Birthdays

November 2 - Carol Hunt

November 6 – Perse Shipley  
Allen Ohlstein

November 7 – Sylvia Stevens

November 8 – Lewis Hunt

November 12 – Jeff Leser

November 14 – Barbara Gregory  
Dylan Cummins

November 15 – Mark Stotler

November 17 – James Goodin

November 20 – Adam Turner  
John Haberland

November 21 – Sue Porter

## November Anniversaries

November 18 – Joe & Sue Porter

November 23 – Brian & Heung Hodges

November 25 – John & Laura Haberland



## **Sassy Seniors**

Is a new ministry aimed at seniors and singles. Want to share experiences, laughs, and spiritual growth? Join our new Sassy Seniors group. Contact Deacon Allen or Sharon Fitzgerald to join in. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m..



Please turn in your 2025 Pledge cards! They will be dedicated at the November 17, 2024 worship service.

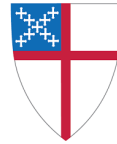
### *Stewardship Prayer*

*Creator God, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbors, walking in love as you have walked with us. Amen.*





The Annual Episcopal Diocesan Convention was held October 17-19 in Wichita. St. Paul's representatives this year were Michelle and Joe Garcia, Fr. Jere and Deacon Allen. Another successful convention is in the books!



Thank you to everyone who donated coats hats and gloves to the Foster Closet and Annie' Closet. These items will keep many warm this winter.





## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annual Chili Supper**

Monday, November 4  
5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$6

Children (under 10) \$3

\*Carry Out Available



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### **From Rev. Ryan**

October 20th marked the beginning of a new experiment—an intergenerational confirmation class. In all my time focusing on intergenerational ministry and its importance to the life of the church and longevity of faithful practice among young people, I have never had the marvelous opportunity to co-facilitate a group of people aged 11-74 as we learn together what it means to follow Jesus for a lifetime. As a facilitator, I was privileged to witness the most profound moments when small groups of people with vastly different life experiences and faith journeys sat around a table and shared what faith has meant to them and why they continue to pursue living a Christian life in a culture that tempts them to do otherwise. Questions were asked, doubts were shared, prayers were lifted, and God's Spirit was palpably in all of it, drawing us closer to the heart of God and deeper into community life with one another. It is a blessing to minister alongside this vibrant faith community willing to step outside the box and embrace a new way of experiencing God in our midst.

### **Advent Bags**

We have eight members of our congregation for whom we're putting together Advent Bags this year. We would like them to have a little something for each day of Advent. Donations of small items such as popcorn, raisins, stamps, notecards, pudding and jello packs, lotions, book marks, candies, Christmas ornaments and other small gifts are most welcome. Please talk with Jan Hubbard, 913 683-8470 or Beth Pracht for details. We plan to put them

together on November 24<sup>th</sup> with delivery later that week.







# Minster Worship Service and Picnic 2024





1<sup>st</sup>  
**Wednesday,  
October  
2nd**



**Our next gathering is November 6th! Our guest speaker, Heather Jones is from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Leavenworth. We will again have the opportunity to demonstrate our Generous Community to children through our parish angel tree project. We start gathering at 5:30pm, eat at 6pm, and enjoy our guest speaker at 6:30 pm. Bring a friend!!!**



**Please join the Sunday School during Coffee Hour on November 24th. We will be providing supplies for making an Advent Wreath--wreaths, candle holders, decorations, and candles. Many thanks to Jennifer Turner for her outstanding leadership of our Sunday School and the team of volunteers that enable faith formation for our youngest members.**

Fr. Jere had the wonderful pleasure and honor of providing the blessing to the horses, hounds, and riders during the opening hunt of the Fort Leavenworth Hunt Club. The Club includes military personnel (active, retired, and reserve) and their families as well as civilians from all walks of life. They are a registered foxhunt, and proudly follow the traditions of foxhunting. However, the quarry is typically coyote rather than fox, and the goal of the hunt is to chase rather than kill.



### **Digital Resources:**

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### **Prayer List:**

Norman Arnold, Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Barry Rimmey, James Henry, Marge Scheele, Phyllis Downing, Randy Kamm, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary Masterson Stitt, Haroldine Nisbet, Wendy Fredland, Dick and Midge Bigler, Mary Madison, Don Andersen, Bernice Biehn, Deacon Allen Ohlstein, MaryKaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Tom Darnley, Beverly Rogness, Ralph Bodenner, Bill and Boni Lages, Martha Bochette, Erik, Donna, and Ty Benson, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Susan Jennaway, Byron LeClerc, Reid Kelly, Don Breckon, Jerry Blair, Kellie Broom, Pam Dickerson, Sylvia Stevens, Adam Dials, Barbara Regnier, and Barbara Gregory. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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