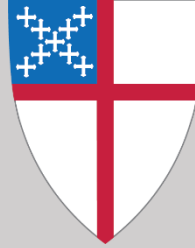


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February Edition**

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Service streams at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings
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St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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2025 VESTRY

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Finance and Admin

Brian Hodges

2026, Warden

Beth Fitz Gibbon

2026, Clerk

Weldon Elrod

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Parish Life

Joe Porter

2027, Warden

Gwyneth Hawk

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Bruce Simpson

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Outreach

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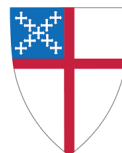
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Sarah Berry

2027

Anna "Bash" Bousfield

2026





February Calendar



Saturday, February 1:

Sunday, February 2:

Tuesday, February 4:

Wednesday, February 5:

Thursday, February 6:

Friday, February 7:

Saturday, February 8:

Sunday, February 9:

Monday, February 10:

Wednesday, February 12:

Thursday, February 13:

Saturday, February 15:

Sunday, February 16: :

Monday, February 17:

Wednesday, February 19:

Thursday, February 20:

Friday, February 21:

Sunday, February 23:

Wednesday, February 26:

Thursday, February 27:

Friday, February 28:

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

* Worship Service 9:30 am

* Minster in Atchison 6:30 pm

* Sassy Seniors 1:00 pm

* First Wednesday Potluck and Program 5:30 -7 pm

* Choir Practice 7:00 pm

* PEO Bridge 1-3 pm

* Community Meal 11am – 1pm

* Worship Service 9:30 am

* AED Training following worship in the Parish Hall

* High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 pm

* Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) 10:00 am

* Grandparents@Prayer 5:30 -6:30 pm

* Happy Bookers 6:30 pm

* Parish Life Committee 10:00 am

* Choir Practice 7:00 pm

* Men's Payer Breakfast 8:00 am

* Vestry Retreat 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

* Worship Service 9:30 am

* Vestry 11:00 am

* High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 pm

* Presidents Day – Office Closed

* Men's Group at the Depot 9:00 am

* Sassy Seniors 1:00 pm

* Choir Practice 7:00 pm

* PEO Bridge 1-3:00 pm

* Worship Service 9:30 am

* High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 pm

* Organ Restoration Committee 6:30 pm

* Choir Practice 7:00 pm

* Gen Z Game Night 6:00 pm

From the Priest in Charge

Fr. Jere Hinson

Prayers and best wishes to you as we begin the month of February deep into the Epiphany season! What a January we had! Nine St. Paul's people were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed their faith during Bishop Cathleen's visit with us. In addition, she gave us her blessing on all that we are doing here which is growing our church while serving as a model of local implementation of the diocesan strategic plan. At our annual meeting we elected new members to the vestry and our church's foundation, celebrated those who have served faithfully over the past year, and gave thanks for the remarkable generosity that has created a balanced budget. I am so grateful to be able to focus on the pastoral, preaching, and teaching offices of priestcraft because your contributions to our team-effort. Someone once called me the Ted Lasso of priests, but that television show's depth came from the ensemble cast and crew. Indefatigable enthusiasm is what I bring—you all bring the rest!!

This month marks the kickoff for 'the next big thing' at St. Paul's—our generational opportunity to contribute the lasting legacy of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement here in Northeast Kansas/Northwest Missouri—which is the restoration of our historic organ. The great composer J.S. Bach, whose sacred music and fugues can move me to tears, once observed, "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." As you may know, Hook & Hastings, Boston, MA, built our organ in 1883. In the 1940s the Kilgen Organ Co., St. Louis, electrified the organ. With the exception of minor repairs in the 1990s, it hasn't been formally maintained since. Because of the anticipated expense, and higher priorities at the time, the Church deferred the necessary maintenance. I don't want to steal any of the thunder from our Organ Restoration Committee—come and engage with them on Sunday, 2 February, to learn more about the campaign and how our music contributes to transforming the lives of the saints here at St. Paul's! Many thanks to the members of the committee and all who are supporting them:

Beth Fitz Gibbon, Chair/organizer, Marketing, Grants, Vestry Liaison
Frank Masterson, Marketing, Events
Laura Alexander, Video and Parish intro, Events
Marje Leser, Marketing, Grants
Gary and Liddell Hobin, Finance/accounting, Events
Mark Stotler, Organist
Perse Shipley, Events
Terry Belanus, Marketing, Grants

These awesome volunteers are being helped by people like you, dear reader, who are giving of their own talents to help! I'm very excited by this team and look forward to working with them!

Finally, friends, in this time when so many people seem on edge or anxious or overwhelmed, remember the words of our patron, St. Paul, who wrote, in Philippians 4:8, "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." By focusing on thinking about such things, we resist being overwhelmed or anxious and put ourselves in the position for the peace of God that passes all understanding to allow us to act out of our best, authentic selves—selves created in God's own image!

Fr. Jere

February Birthdays *February Anniversaries*

February 5 - Javier Alfonso

February 8 - Catherine Streb

February 13 - Tony Hoffman

February 15 - Dana Billings

February 22 - Maggie Streb

February 24 - Ken Jordan

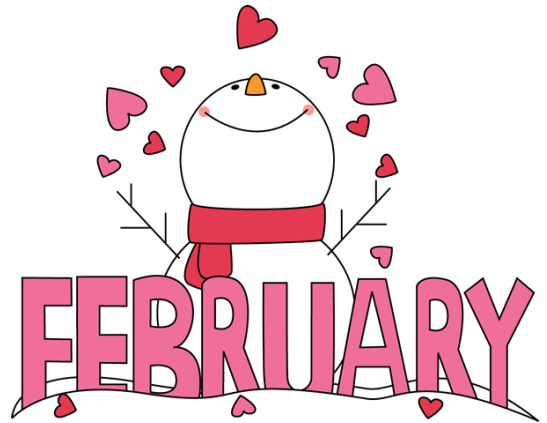
Jennifer Turner

February 26 - Pam Jordan

February 27 - Julia Dalton

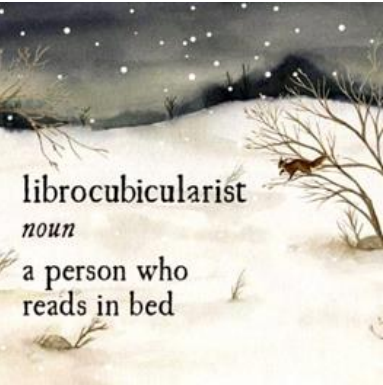
Ernie Jevbaugh

February 21 - Arvel & Amy Masters



From the Senior Warden:

This month began with adventure as I traveled through the snow to conduct Morning Prayer for all to see on our different digital streaming venues. Members of the Vestry traveled to Topeka to represent the congregation and witness the ordination of Rev. Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman. Later in the month, the Bishop visited St. Paul's to confirm and receive members of the congregation. Afterwards the Bishop met with the Vestry to present the diocesan strategic plan. Fortunately for us, many of the items in her plan are currently being conducted at St. Paul's so we are further ahead than most in the diocese. The month concluded with a successful Annual Meeting where I presented the 2025 budget and the congregation selected Sarah Berry, Anna (Bash) Bousfield, and Bruce Simpson as new Vestry members to replace Jane Belanus, Kathy Meyer, and Tristan Simson. Jane, Kathy, and Tristan all did a fantastic job as Vestry members and their service is appreciated. 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.



HAPPY BOOKERS found themselves “snowed in” in January so we were unable to meet. Our next meeting, weather permitting, will be Feb 12th at 6:30 p.m. when we will discuss 2 books, The Midnight Library and The Colony Club. We will also have to decide on a different evening to meet for March and April as that is during Lent. With that being said, and with no end in sight for the frigid weather, I think we should become LibroCubicularists where will stay nice and warm!

Copies of the Parish Annual Report are available in the parish office should you like a copy.



Men's Bible Study

Next time we meet we are looking at the Book of Job, Saturday, 15 Feb 8am.



FIST

Friends in Service to St. Paul's, or FIST worked hard last month to remove old baseboard heaters and paint the basement in the Parish Hall. This renovation will make the space that much more enjoyable and functionable for the Parish youth. Thanks for all the hard work! There's more to do! Join us Saturday, February 1st !!!!



Did you know?

Did you know that this beautiful tapestry/banner in our sanctuary was given as a memorial for Marianne Grodberg's father, Tim Damon, by friends and family? The banner portrays Saul's conversion to Paul.

On 19 January we will welcomed our Bishop to Leavenworth as she made her visitation with us. Please pray for those who made 'mature, public, affirmations of their faith.

- Confirmed: Isobel Haberland, Eleanor Haberland, Lilla Bouchette, Anna "Bash" Bousefield, Christian Skaggs, and Yuriah Cummins
- Received: Adam Turner and Javier Alfonso
- Making a re-affirmation of faith: Nancy Mitchell Martin



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Wednesday, 19 February, 9 am at the Depot. Fellowship, tall tales, sea stories abound!



Wargamers meet at St. Paul's for competitive fun and fellowship.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annual Pancake Supper



Tuesday, March 4
5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal
Parish House
7th & Seneca Street

Adults \$6

Children 5 and under eat Free

Carry out available



Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, February 10 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 Timetable vs. My Timetable” 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.

Sassy Seniors meets for a bring your own lunch and conversation on Wednesday, 5, 19, February at 1pm in the parish hall. Join us for conversation, fellowship, and prayer! See Deacon Allen or Sharon Fitzgerald for more information!



St. Paul's people starting 2025 right! Prayer and communion on New Year's Day.



Mother Ryan's Ordination to Priesthood!

Join us on February 16 as she presides over Eucharist here at St. Paul's for the first time!



Parish Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was held on January 26th. We thanked the outgoing Vestry members of Kathy Meyer, Jane Belanus and Tristan Simpson, for their service and voted in the new Vestry members of Sarah Berry, Bruce Simpson and Anna "Bash" Bousfield. Sr. Warden, Brian Hodges went over the 2025 Church Budget and the various organizations summarized last year's activities and progress. We look forward to a GREAT 2025!



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SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG



Help restore St. Paul's historic organ

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. - Psalm 98:1 (New International Version)

Dear Friends,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Leavenworth, Kansas was built in 1864. Our organ was built and installed in 1883 by the Hooks & Hastings company of Weston, Massachusetts. For over 140 years our organ has helped us celebrate weekly services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, Christmas pageants, Easter celebrations, confirmations and Holy Days.

In the 1940s the organ was updated to use electricity, but that technology includes cloth-covered wires, which are a safety hazard. For the past 85 years, few improvements have been made beyond the occasional tuning. The organ's console's electro-pneumatic parts and preset buttons are worn out; many of the original features no longer work; and the blower does not produce enough wind for the pipes. Many of the pipes need tuning to enable them to reach their full potential.

Discussions were held over the past 30 years about whether to make repairs to the organ, but the expense was always in competition with higher priorities. With the recently completed renovations to the Parish House and the growth of our Church family, now is the time to act. We have a generational opportunity to make our contribution to the lasting legacy that is St. Paul's.

The Organ Restoration Campaign goal is to raise \$175,000 to make the needed repairs. We intend to contract with an organ repair company in January 2026. That gives us almost a year to raise the funds. In addition to the funds we raise, the Committee will apply for grants to help offset the cost.

Would you prayerfully consider helping? Please complete a pledge card. Give what you can, and stretch to give a little more. The organ's music has been a critical part of our spiritual lives for almost a century and a half, and we need to ensure it is there, and fully operational, for us and for those who come after us.

Thank you,

Beth Fitz Gibbon
Campaign Chair
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From Mother Ryan:

One of the most important tasks of the priest is to equip members of the church to do the good works of Christ within the church body and out in the world. I am excited to inform all of you about a small group I will be hosting that focuses on developing the skills to lead small groups. By participating in this group, you will learn to lead groups like it for others to participate in and encounter Christ in community during the process. This initial group will meet for 5 weeks beginning in Lent. If you have ever thought to yourself: "We need more Bible studies" or "I wish there was a way to connect with others in the church on a deeper level," then this group might just be what you need to learn the skills to create even more groups that share life, scripture, and a journey of faithfulness together. We are better when we use our gifts together. If you are interested in joining this group please let Father Jere know, and be prepared for him to come calling if he thinks you would be a great fit for this new ministry we are launching at Saint Paul's!



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, Phyliss Downing, Randy Kamm, Charles Gravidahl, 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, Beverly Rogness, Ralph Bodenner, Bill and Boni Lages, Martha Bochette, Erik, Donna, and Ty Benson, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Susan Jennaway, Byron LeClerc, Don Breckon, Jerry Blair, Pam Dickerson, Sylvia Stevens, Barbara Regnier, Barbara Gregory, Robert & Harriet McCallum, Theodore & Donna Mahoney, Milagros Alfonso, Evie Stigmire, Jeanette Allison, and Delores LaVerne Smith. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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