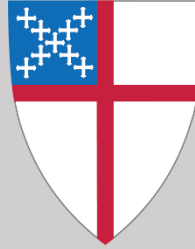


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**The Herald
December Edition**

Generous Community • Enduring Worship • Gracious Welcome

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S – 9:30 A.M.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ONLINE

For streaming: Go to our Facebook page – *St. Paul's Episcopal Church Leavenworth, KS*
Service streams at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings
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THE HERALD

St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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2024 VESTRY

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Brian Hodges

2025, Warden

Beth Fitz Gibbon

2026, Clerk

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Parish Life

Joe Porter

2027, Warden

Gwyneth Hawk

2026

Kathy Meyer

2025

Outreach

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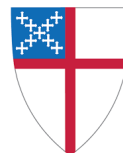
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Jane Belanus

2025

Tristan Simpson

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- Sunday, December 1:
 - * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 - * Confirmation/reception class 4:00 p.m.
 - * High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 2:
 - * Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) 10:00 a.m.
 - * Steadfast Stitchers 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ the Hinson's
- Tuesday, December 3:
 - * Minster Meeting in Atchison 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday December 4:
 - * Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.
 - * 1st Wednesday Potluck & Program – Canon Senuta 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 5:
 - * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 6:
 - * PEO Luncheon 12-2 p.m.
- Saturday, December 7:
 - * Friends In Service to St. Paul's (FIST) 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, December 8:
 - * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 - * Confirmation/reception class 4:00 p.m.
 - * High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 p.m.
 - * Grandparents@Prayer 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 9:
 - * Steadfast Stitchers 10:00 – Noon @ the Hinson's
- Tuesday, December 10:
 - * Eucharist and Healing – Noon and 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 11:
 - * Happy Bookers 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 12:
 - * Parish Life Committee 10:00 a.m.
 - * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 13:
 - * Gen Z Gathering 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14:
 - * Community Meal 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 15:
 - * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 - * Confirmation/reception class 4:00 p.m.
 - * High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 p.m.
 - * Steadfast Stitchers 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ the Hinson's
- Monday, December 16:
 - * Men's Group @ the Depot 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 18:
 - * Eucharist and Healing Noon
 - * Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.
 - * Blue Christmas @ 1st Presbyterian Church 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 19:
 - * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 20:
 - * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.
- Saturday, December 21:
 - * Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 22:
 - * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 - * High School/Young Adults Gathering 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 24:
 - * Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:30 p.m. - Office Closed
- Wednesday, December 25:
 - * Christmas Worship Service 9:30 a.m. – Office Closed
- Thursday, December 26:
 - * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 29:
 - * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 31:
 - * New Year's Eve – Office Closed

From the Priest in Charge

Fr. Jere Hinson

To God's holy people in Northeast Kansas, Northwest Missouri, and elsewhere, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I love the beginnings of Paul's letters. They are full of joyful hope and expectation. Much like our seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Before I move on to Advent however, a huge THANK YOU and shout out to **Candy Dials** who led our Stewardship Campaign this year. She arranged for our guest speakers, keeps track of all the pledges, and does so much follow-up and behind the scenes work. All that is so that I, your priest, have no idea who pledged what. That way there can be no doubt, I hope, in your mind that my fierce love for you is simply because you are in my pastoral charge and for no other reason. It's an administrative burden that Candy carried with grace and care.

Now, on to **Advent!** Advent is a time of preparation, of looking back to in order to look forward, and of acknowledging the shadows of life before the profound joy of the Feast of the Incarnation, which is Christmas, bursts upon us. For **Sunday worship** we will be using Rite I, the Elizabethan language liturgical option. It is a bit more penitential in tone. I will also be asking for five minutes of silence in the nave before the service. Please graciously help me with that. Contemplative silence for Advent can help set the scene for holiness of worship. For a special treat, I've invited Fr. Ray Hartjen to be our celebrant on the Second Sunday of Advent. Another special treat will be a harpist on Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent). Much gratitude to our organist, Dr. Mark Stotler for arranging for that! Please make sure you thank him and all the members of the choir as this is a particularly awesome time to remember those who contribute their musical talents to enriching our worship.

First Wednesday will feature the return of Canon Lisa Senuta who will teach on the presence of grief during the "most wonderful time of the year", titled **Lament and Live Anyway**. We will also hold three **midweek Eucharists** with healing on 11 December at noon and 6pm and 18 December at noon. At 6pm on 18 December we will join our friends at First Presbyterian Church for a **Blue Christmas** liturgy. I've also invited them to join us on First Wednesday, so, please make every effort to take advantage of these opportunities for fellowship and growth in faith.

Christmas Eve, at 6:30pm on 24 December, will feature the return of a Christmas Pageant thanks to Jennifer Turner and crew! Expect children and storytelling and singing and infectious joy to abound! **Christmas Day** and **New Year's Day** will feature Eucharists at 9:30am for the Faithful who want to celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation and the Feast of the Holy Name, respectively.

I am the luckiest priest on earth to be working with a congregation that embraces its call to embody Enduring Worship, Generous Community, and Gracious Welcome! May each and every one of you be surprised by a profound and deep sense of joy and wonder this Holy Day season!

Faithfully,
Jere+

December Birthdays

December 7 – Carol Sharp
December 10 – Mary Jane Gockley
December 11 – Yuriah Cummins
December 20 – Dallas Van Hoose
December 22 – Paul Berg
December 25 – Kaela Berg
December 26 – Maggie Mitchell
December 27 – Rod Pracht
December 28 – Tom Dials

December Anniversaries

December 2 – Dana & Debbie Billings
December 12- Michael & Gwyneth Hawk
December 15 – Matthew & Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman
December 19 – Ken & Pam Jordan
Tom & Candy Dials
December 20 – Steve and Kathy Meyer
December 24 – Chuck & Judy Moorehead
December 29 – Mark Stotler & Carl Edwards



From the Sr. Warden:

This month your Vestry focused again on routine business. American Roofing made the necessary roof repairs. We are waiting on Julius Kaaz Construction to repair the parking lot sinkhole. Budget planning for 2025 continues and is standing by for the final pledge total from the Walk in Love Stewardship Campaign to finalize 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.

Take Note !

Please note this year's Christmas Eve service is at 6:30 p.m. as we are having a children's pageant as part of the service.



MIQRA

A weekend retreat for youth that focuses on the Bible and allows teens to discover what's in it, why we should care, and how to read it.



January 18-20



Grades 6-12 - Grace Cathedral, Topeka
\$60 - register by Jan. 3

<https://edokformation.wordpress.com/miqra/>

Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, December 9 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 “The Gift of Time for Grandparents” 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.



St Paul's Leavenworth Advent Series

Join us at First Wednesday on December 4th, 5:30 p.m. Mother Lisa Senuta, Canon for Spiritual Life and Clergy Care will teach on the presence of grief during the “most wonderful time of the year”, titled Lament and Live Anyway.

Loss and life are unavoidably united. Whether lament is shared and extraverted or quiet and introverted our human responses to loss and sorrow in life are important to God. Let's explore together how faith supports us and forms us into people who lament and live. Expect an interactive space for reflection and conversation that will nurture a resilient relationship with grief.



LADIES OF ST PAUL'S THE HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

Cordially invites you to our annual
December Potluck/Book selection Gala
Dec 11, 2024, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Church Parish House

Please join us as we eat, drink and be merry as we select books for 2025.

This past year we read letters from a grandmother apologizing to people she had wronged; walked with ill mannered ladies; learned how to forge names to save WWII children; found stolen crowns and riches; delivered babies across frozen rivers; became a dying doula; became First Ladies; walked amongst trees and solved murders. While doing all of this, we laughed, cried, drank wine and ate! A perfect evening of liked minded women. Even if you don't like or have the time to read or listen to a good book consider joining us the second Wednesday of every month and escape on a new adventure.



Chili Supper a BIG Success!

Thanks to all who helped!



On A Tradition's Birth

In the Beginning, there was the Land.

And the Land was rich, filled with forests and rolling hills, with vast prairies.

And at its eastern edge a mighty river called Missouri.

And the Land was called Kansas as "Missouri" was already taken.

And in that Land was a Diocese, and in that Diocese, a Bishop.

And the Bishop said: "Let there be Minsters!"

And Lo, Minsters sprang forth, uniting neighboring parishes in bonds of community.

And one of these Minsters took its name from the Mighty River on its eastern edge.

And the representatives of the Minster met to consider options for common observances.

And one of the representatives said: "Let there be a Minster Picnic!"

And so, it was done.

And Minster folk decided to celebrate the Picnic at Harvest

In conjunction with the Feast of Saint Francis,

And so, it was done.

And the People saw that it was good.

And that was the first Missouri River Minster Picnic.

And Lo, the seasons passed away,

And again, returned the Harvest Season, and with it the Feast of St. Francis,

And the People met again to picnic.

And all who attended called it good.

And it came to pass that the innovation became a repetition,

And by the fourth repetition of the Picnic at the Feast of St. Francis,

The repetition became a Tradition.

And the Minster-folks called it good.

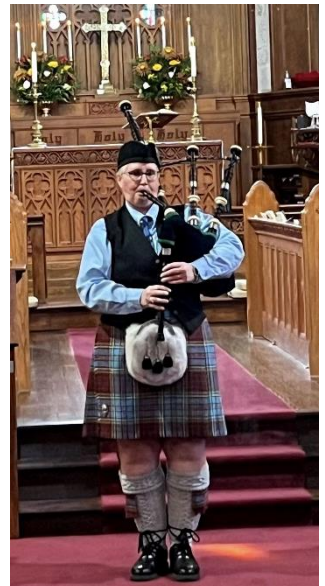
A whimsical recitation by

Gary Hobin

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Thank you Tanya Berg for the beautiful bagpipe music last Sunday!





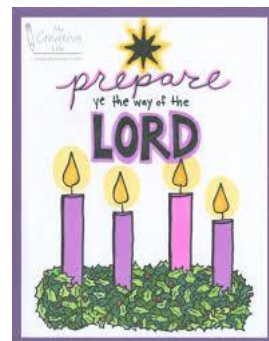
We are very close to matching the pledge amount from last year. The finance committee needs accurate information to build the budget for next year. If we don't meet last year's amount, the finance committee will have to cut something from the budget.

If you haven't turned in a pledge card yet, I would like to encourage you to do it soon. It would be wonderful to have 100% participation! Everyone can give something. No gift is too small.

Candy Dials, Stewardship



Advent Wreath making on Sunday November, 24.





St Paul's Parishioners participate in the 2024 Veteran's Day parade!



THANK YOU to all who are participating in the Angel Tree for **CASA**. Unwrapped items need to be brought in by **December 6th**.



First Wednesday

Last month's First Wednesday Allison from CASA.

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Community Meal for November

Over 300 meals served



Confirmation/ reception Class



We have 12 parishioners aged 11 to 74, who will be confirmed or received into the church on January 19th when the Bishop visits. They have been working hard getting ready.





Christmas Poinsettias

Those wishing to order a poinsettia to decorate the church for the Christmas season may do so by writing a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, indicating on the memo line that it is for poinsettias. Each poinsettia is \$15.00.

Please return this form to the church office or place it in the collection plate not later than Sunday, December 15th.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the service on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

Poinsettias remaining in the church will be used as altar flowers for the service on Sunday, December 29th.

Given by: _____

Given in memory of : _____

Given in thanksgiving for: _____



This is the code to make payment on the Vanco site. Please be aware there is a \$2 processing fee for using the online service and you still need to complete this form and turn it in and indicate that you made payment online.



Digital Resources:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulslvn>

Blog: <https://kansascountryparson.blogspot.com/>

Instagram: www.instagram.com/stpaulslvn

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@St.PaulsEpiscopalChurchLeavenw>



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 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, Pam Dickerson, Sylvia Stevens, Adam Dials, Barbara Regnier, Barbara Gregory, Robert & Harriet McCallum, Theodore & Donna Mahoney, Mario & Milagros Alfonso, and Evie Stigmire. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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