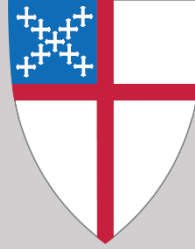


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**The Herald
March Edition**

Generous Community • Enduring Worship • Gracious Welcome

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Service streams at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings
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Finance and Admin

Brian Hodges

2026, Warden

Beth Fitz Gibbon

2026, Clerk

Weldon Elrod

2026

Parish Life

Joe Porter

2027, Warden

Gwyneth Hawk

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Bruce Simpson

2027

Outreach

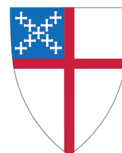
Carol Hunt

2027

Sarah Berry

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Anna "Bash" Bousfield 2026





March Calendar



- Saturday, March 1: * 8:30 am Friends In Service To St. Paul's (FIST)
- Sunday, March 2: * 9:30 am Worship
 - * 11:00 am Social Outreach Committee Meeting
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering
- Monday, March 3: * 10:00 am Pastoral Care Committee
- Tuesday, March 4: * 5-7:00 pm Pancake Supper
- Wednesday, March 5: * 1:00 Sassy Seniors
 - * Noon and 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday, March 6: * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Friday, March 7: * 1:00 – 3:00 pm PEO Bridge
- Saturday, March 8: * 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Community Meal
- Sunday, March 9: **Daylight Savings Time – Spring forward!**
 - * 9:30 am Worship
 - * 11:00 am Organ Restoration Committee Meeting
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering
- Monday, March 10: * Grandparents@Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday, March 11: * 6:30 pm Happy Bookers
- Wednesday, March 12: * Noon Lenten Program
- Thursday, March 13: * 10:00 am Parish Life Meeting
 - * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Saturday, March 14: * 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday, March 16: * 9:30 am Worship
 - * 11:00 am Vestry Meeting
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering
- Monday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday, March 18: * 9:00 am Men's Group @ the Depot
 - * 1:00 Sassy Seniors
 - * Noon and 6:00 pm Lenten Program
- Thursday, March 19: * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Friday, March 21: * 1:00 – 3:00 pm PEO Bridge
- Sunday, March 23: * 9:30 am Worship
 - * 5:00 p5:00 m High School/Young Adult Gathering
- Wednesday, March 26: * Noon
 - * 6:00 pm Lenten Minster Supper in Atchison
- Thursday, March 27: * 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sunday, March 30: * 9:30 am Worship
 - * 5:00 pm High School/Young Adult Gathering

From the Priest in Charge

Fr. Jere Hinson

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Lord Jesus! We stand on the threshold of Lent. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been called Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday or in French, Mardi Gras. “Shrove” comes from being shriven which means receiving absolution for forgiveness of sins. The priest would shrive or pass judgement on the sins that were confessed, and the penitent would be released from the power of bondage to sin. The “fat” portion would come about because people would clear out the lard, butter and flour in anticipation of the forty days of fasting before Easter. What better way to do that than to have a pancake supper?!!!! I hope you can join us and invite your friends—it’s just pancakes!!

Lent itself is a time of “self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.” We often give up something for Lent. During Lent we sometimes take the money saved from the thing we gave up and give it away as alms, so that we can practice being more generous. Sometimes we take up something for Lent that is intended to help us in our spiritual practice. Take a careful look at the church calendar and pray about it—God is calling you to moments of re-orientation during this holy season.

Re-orienting on God is particularly important this year we may find ourselves in disorientation or transition. We have had two members of our parish so far caught up in the reduction of the federal work force. This is painful. We have seen language from leaders that is disparaging toward members of our community. This causes fear. Hope degrading anxiousness abounds particularly in today’s 24/7 news cycle demanding ever more titillating coverage.

We must remember that troubling times also provide an opportunity for a faithful response. We have a discretionary fund to help with material needs should they arise. We have our community of prayer. We need to internalize the words of our patron, St. Paul, who wrote in the magnificent eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

As ever, it is my privilege to pray with and for you. We will demonstrate how a people of faith, grounded in enduring worship, gracious welcome, and generous community, are, together and led by the Spirit, indeed, more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

Fr. Jere

New! Junior High Retreat

Fun things happen at a Junior High retreat, March 21-22! Games, activities, music, and worship will expand on the theme “Who do you say that I am?” and there’ll be plenty of time to be with old *and* new friends. View a [sample weekend schedule](#) here and sign-up now!

When: Friday, March 21, 7 pm – Saturday, March 22, 9 am, 2025.

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, 4947 NE Chouteau Dr, Kansas City, MO 64119, USA

Who: Youth in grades 5-9

Fee: \$25, scholarships available

More info: <https://wemoyouth.diowestmo.org/jr-high-retreat/>

Registration form: [register online here](#)

Questions? Contact West Missouri’s Interim Missioner for Youth, Kim Snodgrass, wemoyouth@westmo.org or Kansas Diocesan Youth Missioner, Karen Schlabach, kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org.



From the Senior Warden:

February 2025

This month began with a Vestry retreat conducted in the Parish House and facilitated by the Very Rev. Gar Demo (of St. Thomas the Apostle in Overland Park). The retreat helped to identify and/or reinforce the Vestry’s priorities for the upcoming year. During the regular Vestry meeting, the Vestry organized itself for another year. The Wardens (Joe Porter and myself) didn’t change nor did the Vestry clerk (Beth Fitz Gibbons). However two of the three primary committees did. The Outreach Committee now consists of Carol Hunt, Sarah Berry, and Anna (Bash) Bousfield. The Parish Life Committee now consists of Gwyneth Hawk, Joe Porter, and Bruce Simpson. The Finance Committee remains unchanged with Beth Fitz Gibbon, Weldon Elrod, and myself. As a reminder the Vestry meetings are open to everybody and the generated documents are also available - please ask me or another Vestry member and we will provide a copy to you. 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.

March Birthdays

March 10 – Terry Belanus
Barry Rimmey

March 25 – Ann Snodgrass

March 28 – Gary Hubbard

March 29 – Marianne Grodberg
Gary Hobin

March Anniversaries

March 6 – Joe & Michelle Garcia



GOOD GRIEF!! Once again, **HAPPY BOOKERS** had to reschedule their monthly meeting. Both Jan & Feb were cancelled due to the weather. Now, March and April fall during Lent and we need to reschedule yet again! During March and April, we will meet the Second **TUESDAY** (not Wed) 6:30pm. – 8:00p.m. On March 11th we will discuss the Jan & Feb books (The Midnight Library & The Colony Club). On April 8 we will discuss the Mar & April books (The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo and The Grey Wolf). Then we are back to our original Wednesday meeting night

on May 14th when we will discuss The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Martha Molinar. We will choose books for the rest of the year so bring your suggestions!

Until then Dear Readers, stay warm, stay safe, have a glass of wine and enjoy the weather with a good book or two!



Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4th 5-7 PM

See You There!



Camp registration is open!

Join us June 1-7, 2025 for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp!

Mega Camp is a 1-week overnight summer camp experience for young people who have finished grades 3-12. There's boating, horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, hiking, arts & crafts, plus Episcopal worship and formation. The camp community is like

nothing else: campers will feel accepted and loved for who they are and be able to build their faith with others their age.

Check out our [Parent Handbook](#) for everything you need to know about being a camper at Episcopal Summer Mega Camp! (plus lots of photos!)

When: June 1-7, 2025

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Students in grades 3-12 for 2024-25 school year (you must have *finished* third grade to attend); Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Cost: \$525 through May 1, 2025; \$575 after May 1. There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit due at registration.

Registration: [online via UltraCamp](#) starting January 1; priority deadline is May 1. [Register by clicking here.](#)

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

8am, 15 March the men of the parish will breakfast together and continue their exploration of the Book of Job. When bad things happen to good people what does one do? This month, Job's friends show up to provide comfort...or do they?!!!! Join us to see how events unfold!



Organ Restoration Kick Off

Organ committee members include:

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



Mother Ryan Celebrates Worship

We celebrated Mother Ryan's first Eucharist here at St. Paul's with a festive reception. In addition, thanks to a memorial gift in honor of Norman McCloud, Mother Ryan received a beautiful green stole. Congratulations to Mother Ryan!!!



FIST Workers

Thank you for everyone that has helped with our revitalization of the downstairs youth space. We are nearing the finish line but could still use your help on Saturday, March 1st at 8:30 am.



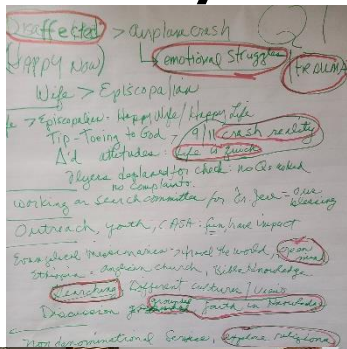
Community Meal for February over 450 served!!



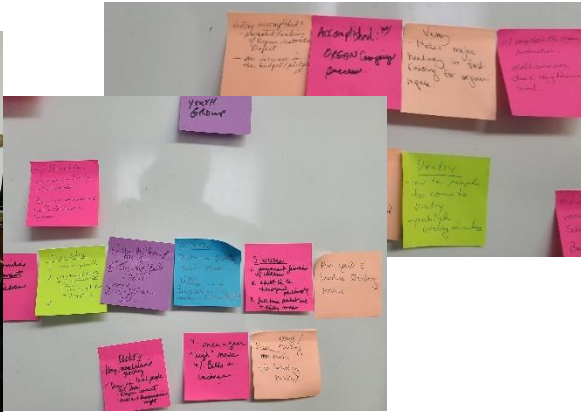
GEN Z Advisory Group

Join the 21- 32 year olds of the parish as they give Fr. Jere valuable insights into life, the universe and everything! Past gatherings have included events at Ten Penny, Bailey's Irish Pub, and a game night in the parish hall. Their March gathering is TBD but may include a pub crawl or Planet Comic Con, so see Fr. Jere for details and to get added to the group chat or Discord!!

Vestry Retreat 2025



Be curious!!! Stop by the conference room in the Parish Hall to see what your vestry was pondering! We'll leave the notes and stickies up for a while for you to look at. Then, grab a vestry member and talk with them! Perhaps you, too, have hopes and dreams for St. Paul's! Maybe you can contribute to the Holy Currencies that Bishop Cathleen talked about in her visit?!!!!



Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, March 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 “Seedtime and Harvest 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.



SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD...AND BE PROUD OUT LOUD ABOUT IT!

Why is it important to restore our organ? Because a hymn is a praise of God; the word comes from the Latin “song of praise,” and the Greek ‘hymnos’ meaning “festive songs in praise of God.” Hymn # 420 in our Episcopal Hymnal says it all as we sing, “When in our music God is glorified...”

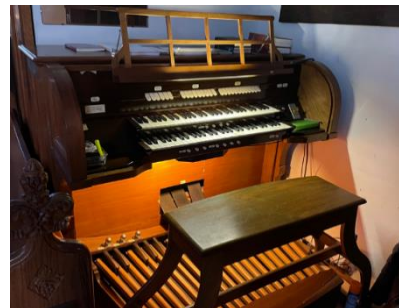
As of February, our capital campaign to restore the organ had already raised \$20,000 in donor commitments. We will soon post campaign progress thermometers in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall so you can see how we’re doing...how you are helping us raise the \$175,000 needed to bring our 142-year-old pipe organ back to life.

Did you know our historic organ has keys made of ivory? It also has pipes as small as a slender drinking straw. Pipe organs have a range of nine octaves – larger than any other instrument. They are much harder to play than a piano and require a high level of coordination between the organist’s hands and feet.

The organ is challenging because it requires pedal coordination, reading complex musical scores, selecting appropriate stops, and maintaining “legato”, the smooth connected sound that distinguishes an organ from a piano. Our Dr. Mark Stotler has the ability to read and interpret complex music with three pedal parts, while he manages the added complexity of different “stops” (sounds) by pulling out various registers while he plays...all while maintaining a smooth musical flow. The beautiful music Dr. Mark plays demands a high degree of dexterity and simultaneous control over multiple elements that most other instruments don’t require.

But with all his talent and skill, Dr. Mark cannot make the organ continue to sound beautiful if it fails mechanically. Please support the capital campaign to restore our historic organ.

Your St. Paul’s Organ Restoration Committee is creating custom t-shirts to raise awareness of our capital campaign in our neighboring communities. When you proudly wear your St. Paul’s cap, add an Organ Restoration t-shirt to complete your look...and share our message! T-shirts will be for sale in the Parish Hall as soon as they are available.



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

We'll be starting a faith community oriented small group leader training course! Our bishop during her last visit talked with us about developing a variety of currencies. One of those currencies is that of Gracious Leadership. How is leadership in the church different? How do we combine calling and mission as a community? What knowledge, skills, and abilities does the modern follower of Jesus need? Join Mother Ryan for an introduction to this exciting opportunity to grow in faith!

You're Invited

to Join the

Companions in

Christ

Small Group

Information Meeting | March 16th

Immediately Following the
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In the Fellowship Hall

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APRIL 25-26, 2025

EPISCOPAL GRASSLANDS GATHERING

Join us for the Inaugural Grasslands Gathering
April 25-26, 2025

Bethany House and Garden
835 SW Polk Street, Topeka, KS

The Grasslands Network is made up of every day folks we call Creation Trustees. They are Nature-Food-Faith leaders who seek to live out Jesus' Way of Love through their varied local efforts to care for God's creation and people across the U.S. grasslands.

You are invited to join this network!

Find out more and register online.

(https://edok.formstack.com/forms/grasslands_gathering_2025)

Contact the Rev. Caroline Howard with questions. choward@episcopal-ks.org



Thank you to Judy Moorehead for putting together beautiful centerpieces for our Parish House tables. They look so lovely and spring like!

Lent at St. Paul's

Ash Wednesday Services, March 5th

Noon

7pm

Additionally, Fr. Jere will deliver ashes or provide 'Ashes to Go' throughout the day.

Our Lenten program this year will be a reflection on the Lord's Prayer delivered by Fr. Jere. He will be basing his weekly talk (the same at both lunch and supper) on the book To Dare the Our Father by John Shea. Purchasing or reading the book is not required for attendance, but may be beneficial :) There will be a couple of times when we have special speakers come or a Minster event in the evening.

Wednesday, March 12th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, Lenten supper hosted by _____

Wednesday, March 19th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, Lenten supper hosted by _____

Wednesday March 26th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, Minster Lenten supper at Trinity Church, Atchison

Wednesday April 2th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, First Wednesday Lenten supper hosted by _____ and Shelly Swartz, Spiritual Growth and Affirmative Prayer

Wednesday April 9th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, Lenten supper hosted by _____

Sunday, April 13th

9:30am Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion (readers needed!!)

Wednesday April 16th

Noon, BYO or potluck lunch

6pm, Lenten supper hosted by _____

Thursday April 17th

7pm Maundy Thursday Service, foot-washing and the stripping of the Altar

8pm-noon Friday, Prayer Vigil (Sign up will be posted)

Friday April 18

Noon Good Friday Service

7pm Good Friday Service





Super Bowl Sunday Spirit!



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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 & Jerry Scheele, Phyliss Downing, 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, Deacon Allen Ohlstein, MaryKaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Beverly Rogness, Bill and Boni Lages, Ralph Bodenner, Martha Bochette, 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 Stiglmire, Jeanette Allison, John & Fernanda Biehn, and Deanna Vanlerberge. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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