
BITTERROOT EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
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September 2011

Dear Friends,

The past year has been a real blessing for Saint Paul's. We have enjoyed the teaching and preaching of the Reverend Steve Oreskovich. When Steve was not able to be present the Reverend Bill Baumgarten came down from Kalispell and served us wonderfully. During Holy Week we were able to enjoy both these priests as they worked together to give us a memorable and spiritual experience. During this summer, these two priests have been joined by the two deacons from Holy Spirit Parish in Missoula, the Reverends Doug and Judy Anderson. All of these wonderful clergy have agreed to continue to serve us as supply during the fall and through Christmas.

They have all served us so well that many of us cannot imagine how it could be any better and question whether or not the Search Committee can find anyone who will compare. This is certainly an understandable emotion but it is not realistic. Steve and Bill are both retired, and while they have curtailed their personal needs and desires to be at our service, they retired for a reason and need the opportunity to get on with their life unburdened by the needs (and sometimes demands) of a parish family. The Bishop graciously authorized our deacons to serve the Eucharist, which is not a normal function for deacons, so we cannot expect them to continue to serve us indefinitely. In short, we are a lively, growing, spiritually oriented congregation that needs a regular priest to assist us in continuing to represent Christ and the Episcopal Church in this valley and hopefully growing our ranks to support a full time priest.

Our Search Committee contains some of our most respected congregational members and they have worked hard to try to find a suitable priest to become our Rector/Priest in Charge. They need your prayers, your support, and occasionally your expression of appreciation in this difficult task. Because we cannot count on Steve and Bill forever, the success of their search will directly affect the future of our congregation.

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Worship Schedule **September – November 2011**

- September 11 – Holy Eucharist and Baptism, Rev Steve Oreskovich
- September 18 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Mark Evans
- September 25 – Holy Eucharist, Deacons Doug and Judy Anderson
- October 2 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Bill Baumgarten
- October 9 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Steve Oreskovich
- October 16 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Bill Baumgarten
- October 23 – Morning Prayer
- October 30 – Holy Eucharist, Deacons Doug and Judy Anderson
- November 6 – Morning Prayer
- November 13 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Steve Oreskovich
- November 20 – Holy Eucharist, Deacons Doug and Judy Anderson
- November 27 – Holy Eucharist, Rev Bill Baumgarten

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EVENT CALENDAR

Saint Paul's

Every Sunday 9:30 AM	Worship Service
Every Wednesday 9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study (See Alana for details)
Every Thursday 8:00 AM	Men's breakfast (at the Coffee Cup)
9/10/11 8:30 AM	General Work Day at the Church
9/16-9/19/11	Rev Mark and Sandy Evans Visitation (Schedule below)
9/19/11 2:30 PM	ECW meeting (in the Guild House)
9/17/11 6:00 PM	Parish Potluck with Rev Mark and Sandy Evans
9/27/11 7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
10/2/11 Afternoon	Blessing of the Animals
10/31/11 Evening	Halloween at Saint Paul's
11/6/11 9:30 AM	All Saint's Day Sunday Celebration
11/27/11	Thanksgiving Dinner at Saint Paul's

Saint Stephen's

Every Sunday 12:00 Noon	Worship Service
9/18/11 1:00 PM	Parish Potluck with Rev Mark and Sandy Evans

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Rev Mark and Sandy Evans Visitation

Our church family has the opportunity to interact with Father Mark and Sandy Evans. Since he is a candidate to serve as our priest, it is important for the Search Committee and Vestry to have feedback from the parishioners. Therefore we will be having an All-Parish Potluck on Saturday, September 17th, at 6PM, at Saint Paul's. Your attendance and participation is vitally important. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th, at which time, Father Evans will be officiating at Saint Paul's 9:30AM and Saint Stephen's Noon services. We appreciate your wholehearted support for the potluck and Sunday service. Remember to give your feedback to the Search Committee or Vestry before the next Search Committee meeting on Sunday, September 25th.

Father Mark Evans' Itinerary

Friday, September 16

Afternoon	Father Mark and Sandy fly into Missoula from Wisconsin. They will spend the afternoon with Don Artley and Mary Beth Henningfeld, touring Missoula and the Bitterroot.
6:00 PM	Dinner will be with the Search Committee in Stevensville.

Saturday, September 17

10:00 AM	Meeting with the Search Committee
12:00 Noon	Lunch at Lake Como for the Search Committee, Vestry and their families.
6:00 PM	Parish Potluck at Saint Paul's, Hamilton

Sunday, September 18

9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Worship at Saint Paul's, Hamilton
12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist Worship at Saint Stephen's, Stevensville
1:00 PM	Parish Potluck at Saint Stephen's, Stevensville

Monday, September 19

Meeting in Helena at the Diocese with Bishop Brookhart

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General Work Day at the Church - Saturday September 10th we will have a general work day for the church. The primary tasks will be to lay weed mat along the north border of the church building and on the south side of the Guild House. Then we will cover the weed mat with rocks. We will need shovels, wheelbarrows, and strong backs. We plan to start around 8:30am that morning. All interested persons are welcome to volunteer. If other individuals know of other things that need to be done, they are welcome to come and work on those tasks at the same time.

Did you know? - This past Spring and Summer have been especially difficult for our parishioners who suffer from allergies, as well as asthma and other lung conditions. In that vein, St Paul's has chosen to omit heavily scented flowers, candles, air fresheners, etc. from our church environment. Remember our Christmas trees? Some years ago, we gave up our fresh trees and opted for artificial ones, considering the comfort of our worshippers. Therefore, we must remind ourselves to kindly avoid the use of potent scents, such as colognes, after shaves, and perfumes, when attending church functions. We want everyone to enjoy worshiping in comfort. Thank you for considering others.

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St Paul's Shawl Ministry - "Shawls ... made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." St Paul's Shawl Ministry offers our shawls in a basket in the Narthex. Whenever someone you know is in need of a shawl, please take one for giving. Thursday, September 29th, from 7-9 PM, at Saint Paul's, we will gather to plan, pray and work on Prayer Shawls. Anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet a shawl is welcome to attend. There will be supplies, prayers and patterns available for using to create shawls. Donations of yarn or money to purchase yarn are needed. Please contact Jocelyn Snider, 375-0416 for any reason concerning this ministry.

Diocesan News

ECW News - The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will be Monday, September 19th, at 2:30 PM in the Guild House at Saint Paul's. All women of the church are encouraged to attend and become members. See Julie or Carol for more information.

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Scholarships for Episcopalians - Applications are now being accepted for more than 60 scholarships available through the Episcopal Church and are due no later than October 15, 2011. Funds will be dispersed for 2011-2012 applications and Spring 2012 requests. Earmarked for education and schooling for Episcopalians, the scholarship money is derived from numerous trust funds that have amassed over the years. For the list of scholarships, guidelines, application form and instructions please visit the following website.

www.episcopalchurch.org/youngAdult/109462_110675_ENG_HTM.htm

For the list of trust funds and scholarship please visit the following website.

www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf

Applications are reviewed by scholarship subcommittees comprised of representatives from throughout the Church. Their recommendations are then reviewed and announced by the Scholarship Committee of the Episcopal Church.

For more information contact Terry Foster, Mission Office Associate, tfoster@episcopalchurch.org .

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Women's AA meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. This closed AA meeting meets in the Parish Hall at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

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PFLAG - For information about PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) contact 363-7656 or visit www.pflag.org PFLAG meets every third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

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Unpacking Islam - Have you wandered about Islam? Join Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg at the Hamilton Assembly of God for an event that strives to "offer a balanced and accurate assessment of Islam through interviews with Muslim experts and the riveting stories of Muslims-turned-Christians that will inspire and give a fresh understanding of how to communicate and reach out to this growing community". Sunday, September 11th, 5PM-7PM, Hamilton Assembly of God, 601 W Main St, Hamilton. For more information call 363-2510.

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