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Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

**Oct. 3 - 9, 2021**

**View from the Pew**

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones  
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski  
Announcements: Lynne Graham  
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
Lector: Karen Blye-McAbee  
Coffee Hour: Cathy Hammons & Ellen Ely

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm: 8  
Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

**Bible Study Begins**

One of the things that we mention most often that we miss is Bible Study. Now, under the leadership of Deacon Liz, we will hold Bible Study on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning on October 7. As we have done in the past, we will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

Please join us as we begin to unravel some of the mysteries of the Bible and connect the scriptures to our daily lives. There are Bibles in the Guild Room for anyone not bringing their own. Hope to see you there!  
Lynne

4500 miles to the southeast, hints of fall are beginning to show. For you, this is what, in my opinion, is the best time of year. Every sense becomes engaged. I always feel energized, yet at peace, in the Autumn months. Crisp fall days, that still remain warm in the deep sunshine, make your nose tingle with their own unique scents. The leaves begin to crackle underfoot releasing that smell that says "fall." Chilly nights finally allow for a snuggle way under the blankets instead of a sweaty sprawl on top. The visual displays of glorious color become richer with every day, reminding us that the world really does hold great beauty, if we just look.

Here in the interior of Alaska, we have passed through the fall season. Our first frost arrived a month ago heralding the time for cranberry picking, fall baking, wood splitting, and timing the harvest for maximum growth opportunity before damage from freezing occurs. The cost of procrastination can be heartbreaking!

The chickadees are always my first reminder that fall is soon approaching. I am not sure what exactly is the change, but their song suddenly sings fall, and I know that not much more time is left to do all the things I should have long begun. The waterfowl are next, heading south and east to their winter lands far away. The Sandhill Cranes, Canada Geese, and several species of swans have already left, and though there are a few stragglers, the migration has ended.

As you all enjoy your fall days, mine is coming to a close with the first snow signaling

the long winter to come. Light is rapidly declining, and though we have the same amount at this moment, in two short months we will be down to 3 hours of sunlight hiding behind the trees.

Treasure what you have while you have it. Appreciate every sense that the season provides! Winter has its own joys, but there is nothing like Autumn, especially in northeastern Pennsylvania!

- Sarah Warriner

### **First Wednesday of the Month on Oct. 6th:**

Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.

### **2021 Susquehanna County Coats for Our Community to Start October 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Coats for Our Community begins their 2021 distribution at St. Paul's on October 12 and 13 (10:00am to 1:00pm). Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to get a coat at that time. We are still accepting money donations and warm, gently used winter coats. We need volunteers on those days to help us distribute. Anyone willing to help should contact John or Dan.

**Birthdays for October:** Carol Arnold 10/3, Al Leigh 10/12, Benson Bartron 10/13, Vickie Calby 10/19, Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23 & Carol Marker 10/31.

## **2021 LV Walk to Defeat ALS - Because of Fr. John Wagner and for the Cause**

Fr. John's Soulful Walkers, named after the Rev. John Wagner, will once again take part in [Lehigh Valley's Walk to Defeat ALS](#). You can [make a donation or join the team](#) to help defeat ALS!

Click the links below for more information on the walk, update as to Fr. John's progression of this disease, and donation forms.

[ALS Poster](#)  
[Online-Mail In Directions](#)  
[Donation Form](#)

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Johanna Masters, Jeannine Ball & Sandy Nagy.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Amen.*

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.*

### **Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency**

**Contact:** you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Deacon Liz 212-222-8109.



## Donations

You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.

## 7 Photos this week.

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## 18th Sunday After Pentecost, September 26<sup>th</sup>

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear your voice, O Son of man.*

### THE GOSPEL

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (*Mark 9:38-50*)

### Deacon Liz's Weekly

There is something so calming and restorative about sitting on the beach, watching and listening as the waves lap the shores. Seeing the seagulls flying overhead as they search the water for food. I find it one of the most calming forms of relaxation. Yesterday I went to the National Park at Sandy Hook, NJ just to have a restorative afternoon at the shore.

The shore was dotted with chairs and people were taking in the atmosphere. There were a few young men out on surfboards and couples walking on the beach with their dogs. The birds sought their lunchtime meal in the surf. The sun was shining and a soft breeze blew. Being at the shore

inspired me to consider the great work that God has done in nature. The ecosystems created and allowed to flourish at God's hand are miracles to behold.

The other night I watched a program about a year in the life of the Queen's Garden at Buckingham Palace. The videographer shot the footage in such a way that we were treated to time lapsed photography of plants growing and of baby chicks in their birdhouse leaving the nest for the first time while their mother coaxed them forth. We too were given a glimpse into the darker side, watching a heron snatch a duckling from a pond.

Ecosystems exist across the planet and we humans have been given a place of privilege among our fellow species. We are at the top of the food chain and therefore, we have a responsibility to the other species of plants and animals.

This month was dedicated to creation care. While plants and animals adapt according to their environment, we humans must do what we can to avoid negatively impacting that environment. We are called not only to consider the least of our brethren, but to consider the dignity of all of God's creatures. We share much of our DNA with plants and animals even though it may not seem so to us; we all need clean air to breathe, and water which is potable.

Just as God is One, and yet three persons, explicating the divine picture of diversity in community, giving and receiving each from the other in love; we are called to express the same type of love within the great community which is the earth. Each species is deserving of consideration and respect as they go through their life cycle.

We will continue to make choices that sometimes negatively impact the planet, but let us study and pray in order that we become more conscious of our impact on the planet. The future is in our hands, and each decision made in love leads us towards the divine perfection we have seen evidenced in Jesus Christ. As we do this, we will find a reason for hope of the renewing and reconciling of our relationships with God's abundant creation.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **September 26th Service**

The September 26th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass with communion was led by Deacon Liz., Lynne Graham gave announcements and Tom Undercoffler was the lector. Mary Ann DeWitt played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with four hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube.

### **Happy Birthday Sean**

Sean Eckert celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday. It was a big one – the big “Three-O”. Happy birthday Sean. Hope you have many more.





### Collection Plates, Sign-in Sheets and Bulletins

We are still following some protocols that were established during Covid. Specifically, the offering plate and bread basket will not be passed around but will be on a table in the back of the church. We will continue having a sign-in sheet in case we have to contact folks if someone was sick. Finally, so that we don't have to use the Prayer Book, the bulletins with the complete service will also be on the table.



### October in Susquehanna County

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."* It's been one of our wettest summers. Our fields never turned brown and farmers, like the one below, often got a fourth hay cutting. The Canadian geese are running this year's fledglings through their paces, flying low over the house in small family groups and honking, getting them ready for when they join other flocks for their great migration south. This year's crop of turkey poults are grown and ready for the upcoming winter. They still travel in flocks with their mother. Get ready for fall.



## Fall Predictor

There's a red maple on Dayton Road that is always the first tree to let you know that fall is coming. It turns red well before the others and is for those who live near it, the first sign that fall is coming soon. Well, it has turned red and portends things to come. Get the wood stoves ready cuz it turned red!

