

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

August 7- August 13



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### Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

# View from the Pulpit: Mother Liz

There are two entries for This week's View from the Pulpit. First, I would like to take a moment to share with you that we had a wonderful visit with folks from Meadowview last Wednesday. For the first time in two years, we were able to offer Morning Prayer with them indoors. Lynne, Karen, and I took turns reading and Joyce playing the piano. We sang several old hymns that were familiar to most. Ironically, I was the one who didn't know some of the hymns. We raised a joyful noise to the lord in song and worship and visited with them for a few minutes at the completion of the service.

We have established that going forward we will be providing Morning Prayer on the Third Wednesday of the month as has been our practice in the past. Please join us if you are able.  
The more the merrier.

Second, is a follow up to last week's message from Bp. Kevin. This week Presiding Bp. Michael Curry released a statement from the Lambeth conference of Anglican Bishops. He spoke about the same-sex marriage issue which has been a point of controversy at this year's conference; however, I don't want anyone to be put off because of the issue at hand in the statement from Bp. Curry. I pray that you see that overall, what he focuses on is hope. Hope that we will continue to come together in our worship of the Lord and in love for one another as God's beloved children despite our differences, acknowledging that those differences are born out of a reflective and thoughtful place. And hope that we will continue to recognize the human dignity of all of God's children.

Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Lambeth Call on human dignity  
I'm in Canterbury, England, at the Lambeth Conference of bishops. It's August the second. I don't have a script in front of me, but I did want to talk with you—just briefly, especially for our LGBTQ family. I know that there is legitimately some anxiety and concern about the conversations and the direction that might emerge from this Lambeth Conference, specifically regarding same-sex marriage.

I want you to know, though, that at the end of this day, when we did discuss same-sex marriage and marriage in general, in the context of talking about human dignity, and the ministry of reconciliation in Christ, I left that conversation hopeful. I left it hopeful, not because we all came to agreement across all of our differences. No, no, we didn't even try to do that. I left hopeful not because I convinced anybody of where I stand, or that they convinced me of where they stand. I left hopeful because this group of bishops today seem to be able to recognize and affirm our love and respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in the body of Jesus Christ. And that we could find a way to honor and respect our differences. If we love each other, and love our Lord. That, my friends, is a sign of hope. That is a sign of hope.  
That makes room and space for all of us to be in the course of our conversations.

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There was a document that we reflected on—we didn't take any votes; we didn't try to do that—it was called a call on human dignity. And in this call on human dignity, the premise that was behind the document was that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God. And that that image of God confers a dignity and a worth on every human being. My daddy used to say nobody got any more of that image than anybody else. We all got it equally which means we are equal before God, and we should be equal before the law.

We began our discussions around human sexuality and around marriage. With that in mind, and in the document that we were reflecting on, that document said that we in the Anglican Communion live with a plurality of views on marriage. That there is what might be called a traditional view of marriage between a man and a woman, and that view is held probably by the majority, certainly, of Anglican churches around the world and probably Anglicans—but that there is another view equally to be respected: a view that includes and embraces same-sex couples who seek the blessing of God on their loving relationships, their commitments and their families.

My friends, I've been a bishop 22 years. I've been a priest over 40 years. And I have to tell you that as far as I know that is the first time a document in the Anglican Communion has recognized that there is a plurality of view on marriage. And that these are perspectives that reflect deep theological and biblical work and reflection. That they reflect and respect the context in which we live and seek to address the pastoral needs of our people, of all the children of God—that's why I say today is a hopeful day.

There is work to do, but hope can help us run the race that is set before us. As the prophet Isaiah said, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint." This group of bishops today are finding a way to walk together as a church. And the words that have echoed in our ears over and over again have been the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." Not that you agree. But that you love one another. And so we are still walking together. And in our church, we are making "plenty good room" for all of God's children.

God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

View video here: [https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/message-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-lambeth-call-on-human-dignity/?wvideo=8aamf3jilm&wkey=c2hhcm9uc29sbGFtaUBnbWFpbC5jb20%3D&foreign\\_data=mailchimp\\_campaign\\_id%3Af74068a0eb&fbclid=IwAR1NeJ77ZjjLBOcJgFCyEvmZ9KGDStuC\\_s6lAnBIDP3RerAdKcqlguRJ5ng](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/message-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-lambeth-call-on-human-dignity/?wvideo=8aamf3jilm&wkey=c2hhcm9uc29sbGFtaUBnbWFpbC5jb20%3D&foreign_data=mailchimp_campaign_id%3Af74068a0eb&fbclid=IwAR1NeJ77ZjjLBOcJgFCyEvmZ9KGDStuC_s6lAnBIDP3RerAdKcqlguRJ5ng)

# View from the Pew:

This past Sunday afternoon a storm swept through the Montrose area, and along with it, took some trees, one of which was a fairly large one in front of Saint Paul's. There is the cliché "When God closes a door, He opens a window". The door was closed on this poor tree, but at the same time it opened up a view to this beautiful historic church. The tree will be missed on such occasions that it provided shade for spectators along the Fourth of July parade route celebrating our nation's independence, but maybe this will help expose the wonderful potential of the institution that lies beyond it.

Just the simple camaraderie of all the warm and friendly parishioners that takes place weekly at a minimum, not to mention the numerous ministries that allow the opportunity for us to get together. This results not only in benefits within, but helps support our local community at large. We really do have fun together in working on these various projects. Some examples are the sleeping bag ministry, the once monthly soup night (salad during the summer), and support to stop the stigma. I believe there can be a niche for all of us if we allow ourselves to be a part of something greater and meaningful.

Here's to another century and a half of being an integral part of this Northeast Pennsylvania community.

- John Warriner

## **We would love for you to be included!**

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at [stpaulsmontrose@epix.net](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net); post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.

# Sundays Service

JULY  
31ST



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms: 33:12-22

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Karen Blye McAbee

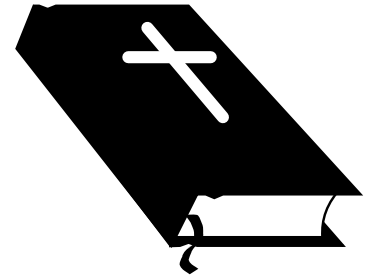
Announcements: Lynne Graham & Bob Kimmell

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

## This week's Hymns:

There are no hymns this week.

St. Matthews Church does not have an organ/piano.



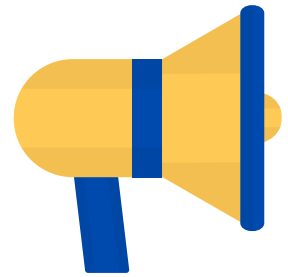
## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

# Happenings and Announcements



## FYI

Our Parish Administrator, Kate, will be out for two weeks starting Thursday August 4th. Mother Liz will be in her office Wednesday-Friday but there will be no Parrish Office Hours.



## **the Stigma Meeting**

There will be a planning meeting here at the church Wednesday August 10th at 5:30 PM about the event on August 26th. All are welcome!



### **For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:**

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Jeannine Ball, Sandy Nagy, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Joey Monaghan & Nicole Bechtel.

### **Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:**

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



### **This Months Birthdays:**

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Else Brunner 8/20, Bob Aiken 8/23, Tom Syle 8/25, Margaret Burgh 8/28, James Earley 8/29, Patty Aiken 8/30



### **This Months Anniversaries:**

Jack and Carol Lasher: 8/6/1960

Our Parish Administrator, Kate, is also getting married this month on 8/6.

### **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.

# Last Week's Service and Events

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 31ST

Christ is the world's true light  
Its captain of salvation  
The daystar clear and bright  
And joy of every nation  
New life new hope awakes  
Where'er we own His sway  
Freedom her bondage breaks  
And night is turned to day

The July 31th 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham gave the announcements and Vickie Calby was the lector. Rudy Sumpter played the organ. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. There was a great coffee hour compliments of Patty Aiken and a delicious cake made by Carol Lasher. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.





## Salad Distribution, August 3rd

As we all know by now, the first Wednesday of the month during the summer is Salad Night at St. Paul's. This month the choices were a chicken salad or tuna salad dinner and included roll, applesauce and a cookie. A special thank you to the volunteers who donated salads: Cathy, Gaby, Patty, Lynne, Karen, Barb, Evie and Nancy. The next distribution will be September 7th. We can always use volunteers.  
(Pictured: Mother Liz)

## St Mathew's Church

Don't forget, we will have our annual Sunday service at St. Matthew's Church in Stevensville Sunday on August 7th at 10:00. It's directly west of St. Paul's on Rt. 706.  
**10741 State Route 706, Stevensville, PA 18845**  
There will be an Ice Cream Social immediately following the service.



## IT'S WHAT WE WAIT FOR ALL WINTER



## AUGUST IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“August – the dog days of summer.” We finally got some rain but it came in torrents with wind. The wetness on the hot ground created fog. Blackberries are ripe and picking them brings back memories of hot summer days, grandma and buckets for picking. You would eat as many as you picked. It's going to be a good grape year. The old standard concord grape seems to do the best in this county and, in spite of the Japanese beetles, they are thick this year. Swallowtails love cone flowers and the garden is at its height. Finally, cone flowers and daisys are blooming.

