

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

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Easter Sunday

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From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Jeremiah 31:1-6, Colossians 3:1-4, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, and the Gospel is Matthew 28:1-10.

There is no Sunday School today. Families will attend the Festival Choral Easter Eucharist together.

Since families attend the Easter Eucharist together our curriculum of Making It Real and Relevant for the youth, has no scheduled lesson. The youth will work on preparing for the Homeless Awareness Sleep-out coming up next weekend. We return to our regular schedule of meeting 6 - 9 pm starting with dinner. Melinda Rucinski is providing dinner this week. We are still in need of several large boxes to create our village, firewood, portable fire pits, and one or two male chaperones from our parish. Please let me know if you are willing to help out with any of this. Thank you.

The last Children's Service of this school year will be on Mother's Day, May 11, at 10 am. The children have been busy preparing the offertory anthem for that Sunday along with working on a special project for their Moms. Please make every effort to have your children here every Sunday so they can practice their song and participate in the project.

The Easter Egg Hunt is May 18. I am looking for donations of Easter candy to stuff the eggs. Please leave candy donations in the box outside my office. Thank you.

Collect for Sunday

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



☯ Sunday Schedule ☯

9:00am - Nursery opens
9:45am - Godly Play Choir
10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)
6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*
11:45am - Youth Choir

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary - (Pre-k - 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd - 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul's on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS The Blessing Of Strange Fruit: Big Dreams, But Whose

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; "Parents who transfer their disappointments onto their teenagers are falling into what is probably an age old trap. It's always been easy for parents to see teens as their last shot at realizing all their old, un-lived dreams. But I think it's more common now because teens have few other obvious functions in the family. It was once standard practice for a community to harness the natural energy and bravado of teenagers, putting them to work as farmhands or domestic help or tribal guardsmen. Today most of our teens are protected from anything that looks like rough or dangerous labor. We put them to work in a different way: studying until midnight and spending all weekend at travel hockey tournaments. Their job? To bring glory and reassurance to the family. Parents rarely acknowledge these goals for their teen out loud, but if they did, they would sound something like this:

If Marnie boosts her SAT's by just a hundred points, we'll have it made. Together with the rest of her profile this will make her the star of the class. Score one for the stay-at-home-moms!

Now that Tyler is playing varsity soccer and is captain of the swim team, my father might finally appreciate that what I've done with my life measures up. Compared to his other grandchildren, there's no contest.

But living out their parent's (or parents' parents') dreams is a terrible burden for teenagers to shoulder, one as oppressive as long, hard days tilling the fields.

Some parents don't understand how clearly their disappointment is transmitted to their teenagers or how deeply it affects them. The administrator of a girls' school asked her students, "What do you want your parent to know? What do you want me to say to them at back-to-school night?" The girls replied:

"Tell them I'm trying as hard as I can and I'm not as smart as they think I am."

"I can't be good at everything."

"Don't panic if I eat one Cheeto or get one B."

One elite high school conducted a survey that included a question asking the students to name their greatest fear. The school counselor told me she expected the students to say they worried about someone in their family getting sick, or getting bad grades, or losing their friends or terrorism, or not getting into college, but the answer they gave more often than any other single answer was "My greatest fear is disappointing my parents."

To be continued next week !!!

From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

Meditation

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

~Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



Planning Ahead

Sunday, April 20 - Happy Easter!!!

- Nursery opens at 9 am
- NO Sunday School, Family Easter Celebration Eucharist, 10 am

Wednesday, April 23

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm, Dinner provided by Melinda Rucinski

Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27

- The Youth's Annual Homeless Awareness Sleep-out, 7 pm Friday to 12 Noon Sunday

Thursday, May 1

- Mission Trip Deposit and Registration extended to this date. Absolute DEADLINE for commitment!

Sunday, May 11

- Children's Service, 10 am, NO Sunday School

Saturday, May 17

- Scrapbooking CROP Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser here at St. Paul's 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday, May 18

- Easter Egg Hunt

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Acolyte Reminders!

April 20: Dylan Ruesch (c), Hannah Rucinski,
Jessica Syme, Julia Syme,
Dylan Powell

April 27: Nicholas Coyle, Andrew Laub,
Juliana Powell, Kirsten Lisi

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.