

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,
the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

August 31, 2014

Twelfth Sunday After
Pentecost

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From Mary Anthony

Today our lessons from the Lectionary are Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, and the gospel is Matthew 16:21-28.

This will be our last week of Godly Play Story time for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k - 2nd. Today's story is The Story of Samuel. This story focuses on Samuel, the prophet, priest and judge. It connects worship in God's tent and worship in God's temple. God told Samuel to find a King, so he chose Saul and anointed him. Mary Anthony is our Storyteller this week. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

On Saturday, September 6 there will be a teacher training from 9:30 - 11:30 am for those new to teaching Godly Play and for those who wish a refresher. There will also be a teacher training from 11:30 - 1 pm for those teaching our new 4th and 5th grade curriculum Weaving God's Promises. Please plan on attending. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gallery.

On Saturday, September 13 there will be a Safeguarding God's Children training, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, here at St. Paul's for all new to teaching or working with children this year. This is a requirement to work with our children and youth. The training is good for three years. If it has been three years since you took this class you must renew. This can be done on line. All first time participants must take the class. Please see me

if you need to renew or if you are not sure if it has been three years since you took the class.

Collect for Sunday

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



☞ Sunday Schedule ☛

9:00am - Nursery opens
9:45am - Godly Play Choir (during the school year)
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 (during the school year)

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 case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Summer time Primary – (Ages 3 – 7)

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, Melinda Rucinski, Tracy French, and 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.

Summer time Intermediate (Ages 8 – 11)

During the summer months children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is a great way for the older children to learn the different parts of the service.

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

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class are on hiatus during the summer. The youth attend church with their parents.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets are on hiatus during the summer. The youth go on a Mission Trip every year during the summer for a week.

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 Treasure Your Homely, Holy Teen

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ““Treat your teen’s music as the curriculum for a three-hundred-level course in Modern American Song. Ask her to play it softly for you or to download the lyrics so you can read them while you listen. Find the emotion, the social commentary, the irony, the playfulness, and joy in the music. (Aquabats! Even the name is fun.) You don’t have to pretend you love it. Just listen with an open mind, curiosity, and consideration.

What about your teen’s tribal attire? I can guarantee that by the time you read this the styles will have changed, but right now the group called “scene kids” who hang out at the Guitar Center near my house favor choppy, very black hair, often covering one eye; fingerless gloves; white leather belts; T-shirts bearing images of dinosaurs and robots; and, for some, septum piercing (you’ve seen this; toward the bottom of the nose, like a little sow). You have a right as a parent to be appalled by your child’s taste in fashion – or to prohibit permanent disfiguration, as in piercings. But remember that God asks us to treasure even the strangest fruits. Say to yourself: *Isn’t it interesting that teen tribes like the scene kids have strict rules and standards, but that they also make playful, colorful, and original combinations – like fingerless gloves and dinosaurs on your T-shirt? When else in life does a person get to do this?*

Or try looking at teenaged moodiness, so wearying to parents, from a different perspective. Teens are frequently upset because so much is deeply valuable to them. Their idealism reflects ideals. They feel indignation and anger because they hold the values of rights and justice dear; their hysteria over a pimple or a bad-hair day or the need for the exactly, perfectly correct style of jeans reflects their ideal of beauty. They feel almost unendurable anguish over a rejection or break-up or exclusion from their social group because they care so deeply about loyalty and relationships. They appear lazy because they value rest and relaxation; they chafe at rules because they value freedom; they play their music so loudly because they *love their music so much.*”

To be continued next week!!!

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



In Church School this week:

Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, *Seasons of the Spirit*, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

Focus Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

~From the Lectionary Page

What's it all about?

Jesus has been instructing his disciples about the mission they are to carry out on his behalf, about telling the good news. Now his message to them shifts to teaching them that he, the Messiah, must (per God's will and purpose), undergo great suffering – something inconceivable to most Jews. ("Jerusalem" is the city where prophets are put to death.) Peter grasped that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God", (v. 16) but he cannot yet deal with the impending death of the Messiah, rather than his direct ascendance to glory.

Then v. 24: to be Jesus' followers, we must devote the whole thrust of our lives to God ("deny ourselves"), not reserving any part for our personal goals. Be willing to give up physical comfort and safety, accepting martyrdom if necessary. This approach to life will lead to true life with God. V. 26 asks a rhetorical question: nothing that one can get or "gain" now measures up to what God will give to the faithful in the time to come. There will be a reckoning, when Jesus comes in glory at the end of time. Some who hear these words now will still be alive at the Judgement Day (v. 28). People in the early church expected the age to end within their own lifetimes; however some today see the Transfiguration (which follows in Chapter 17) as fulfilment of this prophecy.

*~From Revised Common Lectionary
Chris Haslam 1996-2014*

Questions:

? What must the disciples and we do to lead us to true life with God ?

? What do some see the Transfiguration to mean ?

Prayer:

Faithful God,
you are the hope of all the oppressed,
and the source of freedom for those held captive.
Make us strong to witness to your liberating power, in generosity of life and in humility of spirit, that all the world may delight in your goodness. *Amen.*

~From The Revised Common Lectionary



Meditation

Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
~Psalm 26:1-8

Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



Planning Ahead

Sunday, August 31

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k - 2nd, 10 am
- Children and youth 3rd and up attend church with their parents

Saturday, September 6

- Godly Play Training for those new to teaching this curriculum and for those who feel they need a refresher, 9:30 - 11:30 am.
- Weaving God's Promises Training for those teaching 4th & 5th grades

Sunday, September 7 - Rally Sunday

- Nursery opens at 9:00 am
- Godly Play Back to Sunday School activities, Grades Pre-k - 3rd, 10 am
- Weaving God's Promises Back to School activities, Grades 4th and 5th
- Sunday School Registration today during Coffee Hour
- Visit and learn about organizations at St. Paul's to join this year and make your own sundaes

Wednesday, September 10

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm

Saturday, September 13

- Safeguarding God's Children Training, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Acolyte Reminders!

August 31: Kirsten Lisi

September 7: Nicholas Coyle, Kirstan 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.