



Alana Cruse and Paul Nelson will be ordained as deacons on Saturday March 9th

Monday January 29, 2024

Here are a few updates from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, MT:

Ordination!

Paul Nelson and Alana Cruse will be ordained as deacons here at St. Paul's on Saturday March 9th. What a joy! The service will happen at 11:00 am. We are planning for 130 people for this celebratory event. Can you help? Contact Ruth Anne [here](#) if you can help in any of the following ways.

Set-up and Take Down

We anticipate putting up some tents in the yard (we're hoping the weather will cooperate with this). We'll need to move some tables and chairs too.

Finger Food

The church will provide meat and cheese trays. Could you bring 2-3 dozen cookies? Or appetizers to serve 20-30?

Outdoor Heaters

Do you have an outdoor heater that we could borrow for the event?

Decorations

Can you help with table decorations and other decor to make the day special?

Kitchen

Could you plate the food and set up the serving tables? We'll also need folks to make the drinks (coffee, tea and punch).

Pancake Supper. Mark your calendar for the annual pancake supper hosted by the men of the church Tuesday February 13 from 5:30 -7:30 pm in the church basement. Bring friends, family and neighbors and enjoy pancakes, ham and fruit. Men, if you are willing to help please contact Woody Jones [here](#).

Ash Wednesday Service will happen on Wednesday February 14th at noon here at the church. Reverend Terri Grotzinger (from Holy Spirit) will be here for the imposition of ashes and to celebrate Communion.

Send email

Godly Play has begun and it continues on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Guild House. Children Grades 1-6 are invited to join us for GODLY PLAY; A TIME OF STORYTELLING AND WONDER.

For more information or if you would like to serve in this ministry contact: Alana Cruse 406-381-3534 ashortcruse@gmail.com

Vestry. The next Vestry meeting is Monday February 26th at 2 pm. Welcome to our two new Vestry members, Woody Jones and Kathy Milne.

New Member Class in April. Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and/or becoming a member of St. Paul's? Please let Rev. Gretchen know if you are interested. We haven't yet confirmed the dates, though it looks like we may push this class out to April and meet either on Sunday afternoons or Mondays at noon (for 4 weeks). If you are interested, email Rev. Gretchen [here](#). We will read and discuss the short book (which will be provided) *A People Called Episcopalians* by John Westerhoff. These books are available now at the church office.

Announcements at church. We are changing the way we do announcements at church. If you wish to make an announcement please see the priest or worship leader before the service to discuss your announcement so that we can streamline this process.

Rev. Gretchen will be away February 3rd through February 24th. She will be back at St. Paul's on Monday February 26th. If you have a pastoral emergency while she is away please call Rev. Terri at Holy Spirit in Missoula 406-542-2167. If it is after hours or

on the weekend, call that same number and push 1 for an emergency to get a quicker response. You may also reach out to Senior Warden, Gary Andrews at 208-948-5382.

Holy Eucharist will happen on the following days: Sunday Feb 4, Ash Wednesday Feb 14 (at noon), Sunday Feb 18.

Prayer Ministries:

Healing Prayer is offered in the *Prayer Corner* following Communion and after the last hymn. Take advantage of this wonderful tool that can support you in your faith. Come with a specific need to share or request general healing prayers, either option works.

Centering Prayer in person is held every Monday at 11:00 am in the basement. If you are new to Centering Prayer, contact Kathy Milne (425-466-3934) with questions or for instruction. We would love to have you join us.