



Join us for Halloween festivities from 5:00 - 8:00 pm October 31st.

Wednesday October 16, 2024

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

Pelagius & Augustine Play. We have special guests from Holy Spirit visiting us this Sunday October 20th to share an original play written by Glenn Hladek. The play will happen within the context of worship. It portrays a coffee cup conversation between Augustine and Pelagius about the forced choice the Church made between their two ways of seeing God in the world. Curious? Ask one of the participants in the Celtic Spirituality Class. They will tell you about the impact this choice made on the Church. Come see the play this Sunday Oct. 20th during worship.

Book Study: *The Gospel of Inclusion: A Christian Case for LGBT+ Inclusion in the Church*, by Brandan J. Robertson.

Join facilitators, Reverend Gretchen and Terry Moran, for this two session book study starting this Monday October 21 and finishing on October 28. Learn a contextualized understanding of the Scriptures that have caused undue pain and harm to our gay brothers and sisters. Consider the larger messages of the Bible that challenge us to break down oppressive systems and live into God's love for all people. Know that this will be a safe place for honest discussion of our life experiences. Purchase a book at Chapter One and start reading. The group will meet in the basement at St. Paul's from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. To register or if you have questions please contact, Rev. Gretchen at 406-529-5581 or Terry at 406-360-2930.

Community Meals. Join Jamie Gronlund and our crew of Community Meals volunteers on Thursday October 24th at St. Francis Church for our next opportunity to prepare and serve a hot meal to members of the Hamilton community. Contact Jamie 406-360-3884 about helping. There are a variety of jobs to fill.

Halloween. Be a part of the Halloween fun here at St. Paul's. Welcome neighborhood children and their families. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex or contact one of the coordinators if you can help. There are a variety of jobs: donate candy, help set-up, serve hot drinks, help with roasting marshmallows, hand out candy or help clean up. Contact either: Allie Tossberg 601-770-4686 or Sharon Powers 406-381-7827.

All Saints Day is Sunday November 3rd. It is a time to honor and remember all those who have died. We will use our banners from last year in our All Saints procession. If you were not able to get your loved one's name on those banners or you have new names to add, please check out the All

Saints table in the narthex. There are ribbons there on which you can write your loved one's name and those ribbons will help decorate the sanctuary on All Saints Day. Also, if you would like to have any specific names read in the service that day, please add those name(s) to the clipboard in the narthex.

Office help this week. Can you help address, fold and stuff a mailing to our St. Paul's community? That's about 50 letters. We could use help doing that the early part of this week. Please contact Rev. Gretchen [here](#) if you have time to assist with this job.

Stewardship season is here. Please prayerfully consider an annual gift to St. Paul's to support the wonderful ministries that impact and shape us, our valley and the broader world. Look for a letter from the Vestry coming your way soon and watch for special stewardship speakers on Sundays during announcement time.

Pies. Sharon Powers has stepped up to oversee year two of our HOLIDAY PIE FUNDRAISER. If you are game to bake pie please contact Sharon at 406-381-7827. There will also be other volunteer roles that don't require any baking, like poster delivery, shopping for supplies and helping on pie pick up days.

Diocesan Convention was a good experience, building community within our state-wide diocese. The resolution to welcome immigrants was passed. The resolution is attached to this email.

Blessing of the Animals was lots of fun. We had 15 dogs and 1 horse! Thank you to Melissa and Ruth Anne for helping out.

Rob Thomas and Mary are settling into their new home in Duluth. If you would like to reach out to them they can be reached at: Rob Thomas, 202 East 7th Street, Unit B, Duluth, MN 55805.

New Music Director. We warmly welcome Jennifer Hammond as our new Music Director, beginning on November 1st. We are excited to tap her energy, passion and creativity in this role.

Bulletin Volunteer. We are seeking someone who can take over as the bulletin volunteer for Holy Eucharist Sundays. Please reach out to Rev. Gretchen if you are interested.

Godly Play has begun. Check out their spruced up space in the Guild House! Please email or call Rev. Alana 406-381-3534 or ashortcruse@gmail.com for more information or volunteer opportunities. A Godly Play training has been scheduled with a national trainer who is coming to Missoula on October 26th from 9 - 5 pm. If you are a Godly Play volunteer or you are interested in learning more, please plan to attend this training at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

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Rev. Gretchen 's schedule: She is here every other Sunday and EVERY Monday. She works remotely for St. Paul's on Tuesdays.

Next Holy Eucharist Sundays: November 3rd, November 17, December 1, December 8 (Bishop's annual visit), December 22, December 24.

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 meets on **WEDNESDAYS** at 11 am in the Guild House. Contact Kathy Milne (425-466-3934) with questions or for instruction.