

# The Epistle of St. Paul Church

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. . . ACTS 2:1-4*



SEPTEMBER 2017

 **Women's Brunch September 30**

## Fellowship Brunch: Kicking Off a New Year of Women's Ministry

*"For the body does not consist of one member but of many. . . God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body." I CORINTHIANS 12:14-20*

Every year in September the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) hosts a brunch for all the women of St. Paul Church to kick off a new year of women's ministry.

On Saturday, September 30 at 10 am ladies are invited to bring their smile and the ECW leadership will serve you a delicious meal. It's important that you let us know you are coming so we can plan ahead. (RSVP to [epistle@spcwax.org](mailto:epistle@spcwax.org) or 972-938-2126.)

ECW encourages all women to come together to find their place and form a stronger ministry for both the church and the community.

The St. Paul ECW sponsors many events during the year, raises funds for both outreach and for the church, and supports the "Everyday Mission" outreach partners.

**Sunday, October 1, 5:00 PM**

## Blessing of the Animals in the Park!

This year our Annual St. Francis Day *Blessing of the Animals* moves to the park!

We will gather on Sunday, October 1 at 5 pm at the Wags-A-Hachie Dog Park, 701 Howard Road. Invite your friends to join us in blessing the animals that are a precious part of our lives. Bring animals on a leash or in a carrier.

The St. Paul celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals celebrates all of God's creatures. St. Francis loved birds and beasts. He loved the depressed and the outcasts. He went from village to village preaching the love of God and invited people to join him in his life of service. ✠



We come together in fellowship at our brunches. ECW sponsors events that tap the spiritual gifts and talents of the women of the church, encouraging their ongoing ministries. Ladies, please join us for brunch, learn about our calendar of events, and see where **you** fit! ✠

### Men of St. Paul

*You are invited to gather for an evening of fellowship and theological discussion about living in today's world. Bring your favorite beverage and your thirst for important and encouraging conversation!*

402 Brandi Ridge Dr., Midlothian

6:30-9 PM  
St. Arnold's  
Assemblage



*Meeting at the home of Bernie TenPas.*

*Serving wood-fired pizza & BBQ*

**Sunday, September 24, 5:00 PM**

## Gateway Dinner for Newcomers

Are you new to the St. Paul Church family? We are so blessed by your presence! Would you like to learn more about the church and how you can connect with all that's happening? Great! Then you don't want to miss this opportunity. You are invited to a Gateway Dinner gathering here at St. Paul Church, with food prepared by Fr. Terry. This is an opportunity to get to know our clergy, staff and others who are also new to St. Paul, and to discuss the mission and vision of our church.

Don't worry if you think you may not be "new enough" — if you have not been to a Gateway Dinner before, please come!

Join us at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 24, in the foyer. Please call the church office (972) 938-2126 or [st.paul@spcwax.org](mailto:st.paul@spcwax.org) and let us know you are coming! ✠



From "The Episcopal Handbook" we look at a variety of "Episcopalianisms" from both traditional and current viewpoints. This month the topic is *Episcopal Evangelism*.

### Why the Episcopal Church is (and isn't) Catholic Lite.

Comedian Robin Williams (an Episcopalian) popularized this term in an interview when, referring to a beer commercial, he described Catholic Lite as "same rituals, half the guilt." Like all jokes, there's a nugget of truth in there, and one we're rather proud of.

The Episcopal Church is a proud descendant of the Church of England, which was rooted in the Roman Catholic Church. A variety of factors led to this split some 500 years ago, and it's one we're still working to heal. But we are indebted and appreciative of the many rituals, traditions, and ways of believing in Christ that have come to us through our Catholic roots.

And like the Roman Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church has changed and evolved. We have come down on the same side of most issues, and on different sides of others. We are perceived as being less strict, allowing priests to marry and non-Episcopalians to take Holy Communion, and publicly allowing a wider breadth of acceptable belief and practice than one might find in a Roman Catholic Church.

However, the idea that being an Episcopalian lacks rigor and demand is the down side to Williams' description. There is nothing "lite" about being a Christian, no matter what denomination one might choose. Episcopalians promise in their baptisms to pray, take communion, and to spread the Gospel just like most other Christians. ✦

## ECW Taste of Autumn Tea, October 14

# Ladies: Don Your Bonnets & Come to Tea!

The annual *Taste of Autumn* ladies tea is coming soon! It's the time when ladies gather for a traditional English tea and enjoy an afternoon of finger sandwiches, desserts, scones and lots of tea, served by the men of the church. Live music will accompany our meal.

In addition to the "bigger and better" silent auction, there will be a hat contest. Ladies do not need to wear a hat to the tea, but if they do, there is an opportunity for a prize! The group will vote on their *Overall Favorite* hat, as well as for their choice for *Most Whimsical*, *Most Beautiful*, and *Best Handmade*. Hats of all kinds will be enjoyed!

Ladies, make sure to mark your calendars and invite a friend to join you for the Annual *Taste of Autumn* tea. Tickets are \$15 and space is limited, so make sure to invite your friends soon and buy a ticket.

The tea is hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), who raises funds for our outreach partners, women's ministry events and special needs at our church. All women at St. Paul are automatically members of the ECW, so you are definitely invited (and encouraged) to participate in as many ways as you wish! ✦



## SPY Youth Events: From Bowling to Meeting at the Pole!

### Sunday, Sept 10: Bowling & Pizza

The Youth will meet immediately after late service for pizza before they go bowling here in Waxahachie. Cost is \$10 per person.

### Wednesday, Sept 27: See You at the Pole

**St. Paul Youth** will unite in prayer with their friends on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 am. at both Waxahachie Junior High and High Schools. They will join students all around the globe, in every time zone, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. *See You at the Pole* is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for their generation.

For over 25 years, *See You at the Pole* has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.

*See You at the Pole*, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September. It is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event that is now an international event.

Contact Darlene Mackey for more information on youth events. 469-337-2892. ✦

*Thank you!* If friends were flowers, we'd pick all of you. Thank you for all the prayers – we felt your love and concern all the time we were in the hospital and Rehab, and believe us, they made a difference. We were so sick, and when we turned the corner, we knew all the prayers, visits and calls from St. Paul Church made the difference. We appreciate all the meals and desserts that you brought by; all of the food was delicious. A special thank you to Fr. Hill for his visits, calls and prayers. Most of all, thank you for being such good friends!

— Gloria & Ray Brown

# September, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>Sunday Worship</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist Said 9:15 am Nursery Opens 9:10 am Sunday school for all ages 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Music	3  <b>LABOR DAY</b> 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	4 5 7 pm Cub Scouts	6 7pm Holy Eucharist	7 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts	8 9 8 am Men's Breakfast <b>DOK</b> 9:30 AM 	
 <b>Bowling &amp; Pizza</b>	10 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	11 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	12 7pm Holy Eucharist	13 7 pm Boy Scouts Roundtable	14 15	16
17	18 7pm BSA Troop Meeting	19 5 pm Venture Crew Induction	20 7pm Holy Eucharist	21 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Cub Scouts 6:30-9 PM  <b>St. Arnold's Assemblage</b>	22	23
5 pm Gateway Dinner for New folks. <i>In the foyer of.</i> 	24 7pm BSA Troop Meeting Blue Star Mothers	25	26  <b>See You at the Pole!</b> 7pm Evening Prayer	27 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Vestry 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Venture Crew	28 29	30  <b>10 am Ladies Brunch</b> <i>Catered just for you!</i>

## September Birthdays . . . . .

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Emma Stewart      | 28 Tom Perry    |
| 3 Chloe Byington    | Hilah Songer    |
| Cohen Osteen        | 29 Julian Lopez |
| 6 Wanice Brown      | Denton Ross     |
| Luke Reeves         |                 |
| 11 Austin Winters   |                 |
| 15 Mike DeBolt      |                 |
| Celeste Hutchison   |                 |
| Drake Sell          |                 |
| 20 Roscoe Osteen    |                 |
| 21 Sara Sharp       |                 |
| 24 Whitney Moment   |                 |
| Heidi Perkins       |                 |
| 25 Anthony Killough |                 |
| 26 Laurel Rominger  |                 |

## September Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|
| 3 Laura & Bill Piper         |
| 5 Monique & Patrick Wald     |
| 8 Rose & Larry Zuber         |
| 10 Debbie & Rio Pierce       |
| 21 Bonny & Mark Middlebrooks |
| 25 Sharon & Donnie Harrison  |
| 29 Sarah & Greg Bennett      |

**Check it Out!**  
 10:30 Service sermons are on the  
**WEBSITE**  
[www.spcwax.org](http://www.spcwax.org)

**New Schedule**  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
*Effective in September the office will be open*  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**10 am - 2 pm**  
*and by appointment at other times.*

**Coming in October**  
 Blessing of the Animals, October 1  
*Celebrating St. Francis Day. Invite Your Friends!*  
 Taste of Autumn Tea, October 14  
*Includes Silent Auction, Live Music & Special Events*  
 Garage Sale & Holy Flea, October 28  
*Donate used items for St. Paul Church community sale.*  
*Rent a Space to sell your wares! Art, Crafts, Food, etc.*

**Adult Class this Fall**  
 September: The Apostles Creed  
 October: The Lord's Prayer  
 November: Book of Common Prayer

## Organizations & Committees

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#### Men's Fellowship

David Gregory ..... 972-875-4535  
Breakfast for all men, Second Saturday, 8 AM

#### Daughters of the King (DOK)

Ruth Gibson ..... 214-957-9549  
Women of Prayer meets second Saturday, 9:30 AM

ECW ..... Carolyn Ross, 214-926-2335

### VESTRY, Staff & Committees

Sr. Warden (2018) .....Floyd Ross, 972-742-3598  
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Class of 2019 ....JamesMatthews, 214-693-5262  
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Class of 2020 .. Mark Middlebrooks,214-674-5850  
Class of 2020 ..... Jan Zerwekh, 92-345-3253  
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SPY ..... Darlene Mackey, 469-337-2892  
Worship & Music .. Chuck Fitzhugh, 214-668-0572  
Layreaders ..... Rhio Goddard, 972-617-9797  
Acolytes ..... Matt Perkins, 972-937-8077  
Altar Guild ..... Anne Tuley, 972-938-8024

*Saturday, October 28*

# Get Ready for the Yard Sale & Holy Flea

Start sorting your stuff and see what you can donate to the **St. Paul Yard Sale!** All proceeds from the Yard Sale will go to the church, and we appreciate your donation of all the gently used things that no longer fit in your life.

And this year we're adding **The Holy Flea**, a flea market where you can sell your wares. We hope to have more than 30 booths (parking slots) brimming with handmade, vintage, and home décor just in time to knock out some holiday shopping. Parking spaces are available for rent for \$35 on a first-come-first-serve basis. Spread the word! Send a shout out to your artisan and vintage collector friends who may want to buy – or sell – treasures of all kinds. Men will be preparing food to sell, too.

For questions about the Holy Flea, contact Jan Zerwekh at 972-345-3253 or email [simplepleasurestx@yahoo.com](mailto:simplepleasurestx@yahoo.com) to reserve your booth now.

For the Yard Sale, contact Wanice Brown at 361-876-4636 or by email [wanice.brown@yahoo.com](mailto:wanice.brown@yahoo.com).

Yes, this is on the Bob Phillips Country Reporter Weekend, so let's make this the absolute best sale + market + bistro we can! ☩



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in a prayerful, loving  
Christ-centered Community.*

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Love God, Love & Care for Others,  
Grow God's Kingdom