

**ST. PAUL'S
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CHURCH**

St. Paul's Shield

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Holy Eucharist Service is at 10:00am
every Sunday in person, or
live stream on Facebook.*

Small Church Network Gathering

Sunday, October 5 (5pm) – Monday, October 6 (lunch)
At Camp Allen

Presenters:
Episcopal Health Foundation



The Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF) has a new President and CEO:
Dr. Ann Barnes

EHF also has a renewed strategic framework:
Focusing on health, not just healthcare,
to promote healthy communities and congregations.

Presentations and discussions will focus on small churches
and rural / small towns and communities.
You will take away ideas for your church and community to be healthier.

*Please forward this information on to anyone in your church.
You do not want to miss this opportunity!*

Stay Tuned:
Registration will open in in the fall!

Small Church Network Gatherings are twice a year (spring and fall), offered to all people (lay and clergy) in our smaller congregations, generally average Sunday attendance of 50 or less. For questions and requests for financial assistance, please contact Kathy Dunn (kdunn@epicenter.org) Scholarships are always available.

Breakfast

St. Paul's members would like to meet for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:00am. We will eat at IH 10 Diner for the month of September. Everyone is welcome to come. If you have any questions, you can email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.

St. Paul's Supper Group

St. Paul's is starting a supper group and everyone is welcome to come.

We will eat on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the restaurant of our choice.

On Tuesday, September 2 we will meet at Guadalajara for supper at 6:00pm.

**All are welcome to come.
If you have any questions,
Email me at stpaul@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.**

ST. CUTHBERT AND ST. THOMAS UNITE FOR THEIR FIRST MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

This summer, St. Cuthbert and St. Thomas youth hit the road for their very first international mission trip. Eleven youth and five adults from both Episcopal Churches, spent six nights and seven days near Guatemala City serving with Praying Pelican Missions, an organization dedicated to "churches helping churches". The mission included support for a vibrant women's ministry, food distribution, and providing cleaning supplies for families in

[Click here to Read stories from the Diocese.](#)



Daughters of the King
DOK will meet on the
2nd Monday of the month,
September 8
at 9:00am in the parish hall.

Ginnie Rotsch a long member at St. Paul's passed away recently. Her memorial service will be Saturday September 6.

Visitation at 10:00am, Service at 11:00am.

If you have any questions, email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.

Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayers List

Just a reminder that the prayer list will change at the beginning of every month. If you would like to add someone to this list, I have a sign up sheet in the narthex, or you can email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969.

St. Michael & All the Angels Feast day is September 29

Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days; in England, it is one of the "quarter days".

There are traditionally four "quarter days" in a year (Lady Day (25th March), Midsummer (24th June), Michaelmas (29th September) and Christmas (25th December). They are spaced three months apart, on religious festivals, usually close to the solstices or equinoxes. They were the four dates on which servants were hired, rents due or leases begun. It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid. This is how it came to be for Michaelmas to be the time for electing magistrates and also the beginning of legal and university terms. <https://www.historic-uk.com/>

Holy Cross Day-September 14

Celebrating Holy Cross Day with Little Ones

By Heather Sleightholm / September 14, 2018

As we reach the middle of September, we also reach Holy Cross Day. Holy Cross Day is a major feast day in the Episcopal Church that has ancient roots, but only was added to our liturgical calendar in 1979. The feast of The Holy Cross can be found in both the Orthodox and Roman Catholic traditions, and traces its beginning back to the 4th century. The feast of the Holy Cross, also known as “the exultation of the Holy Cross” and “The Triumph of the Cross” celebrate Christ’s self-offering on the cross for our salvation, but in a more joyful context outside the somber atmosphere of Lent.

Over the summer, I had the great opportunity to train as a catechist for the Montessori-based faith formation program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In my studies, I learned that our main goal for children in their beginning years is to make them fall in love with their shepherd, Jesus, and to find great joy and comfort in their faith. When speaking of the crucifixion, it is always followed by his resurrection, so that the joy of the moment of triumph is the focus – not suffering.

This concept has greatly helped me as a mother of young children, because I often feel at a loss for words when trying to explain the crucifixion in the midst of the sorrow of Lent. Holy Cross Day offers us a more joyful and instantly triumphant opportunity to introduce the concept of Jesus and the cross to little ones by celebrating the meaning of the sacrifice instead of concentration of the painful process of it.

According to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts of the Episcopal Church, the collect for this Holy Day reads,

“Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself; Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; wo liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.”

<https://www.growchristians.org/>

The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist is celebrated on September 21st.

Matthew is also known as Levi in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. Matthew is one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. As one of the four Gospel writers, Matthew is one of the four Evangelists.

Little is known about Saint Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred. <https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/>

Happy Birthday

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| Batchelor, Mr. Bob | 9/02 |
| Sterling, Delores | 9/04 |
| Smith, Mr. Jeffery | 9/07 |
| Journeay, Mr. Wesley | 9/ |
| Brown, Cole Ayden | 9/11 |
| McCorquodale, Mr. Rex | 9/12 |
| Field, Mrs. Charlene | 9/14 |
| Waldrum, Paton Raine | 9/14 |
| Cheek, Mr. Christopher | 9/16 |
| Gilbeaux, Mrs. Valrie | 9/16 |
| Duos, John | 9/16 |
| Peterson, Victor | 9/16 |
| Waldrum, Mrs. Sherry | 9/23 |
| Johnson, Mr. Gary | 9/25 |
| Windham, Ms. Sherry | 9/26 |
| Fregia, Mrs. Phyllis | 9/26 |
| Works, Samuel | 9/29 |
| Bean, Winnie | 9/29 |
| Poole, Brand | 9/30 |

Happy Anniversary

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| Ball, Don Sr. & Betty | 9/06 |
| Batchelor, Robert & Gail | 9/16 |
| Bruce, Steven & April | 9/22 |

If you would like to place some information in the Shield. Please email me at stpauls@stpaulsorange.com.

The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday

On the 1st Sunday of each month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.

If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Shield Information is due September 15.
Vestry Meeting is Sunday, September 21 after the 10:00am service.

The Game Group

Come join the Game Group every Thursday at 10:00am in the parish hall. This group will be just learning to play different games.

Everyone is welcomed.

No skills needed. If you have any questions please talk to Teri Duos.

Art Class every Wednesday at 9:30am in the parish hall. You can join anytime, just contact Shirley Marshall.

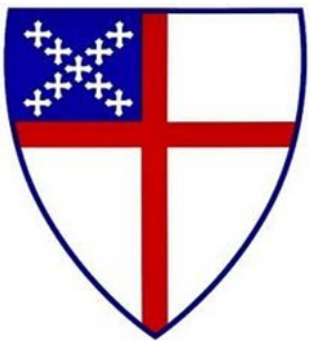
St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Pray for the family of Ginnie Rotsch
Pray for the family of Bernice Plunkett
Pray for the family of Robert Walker
Pray for the family of Don Terry
Jay Todd Cleaver,
Amanda,
Ken & Dixie Armstrong,
Betty & Don Ball, Sr.,
Greg & Karen Ball
Hal Bean,
Anne Breitenstein,
Charles & Ann Burns
Doris Byrd,
Jay Butts,
Caitlyn
Carolyn,
Kayla & Mackenzie Cheek,
Robert Cheek,
Chris
Diane
Sharon Debes,
Martin & Hannah Dugas,
John & Teri Duos,
Joe Engel
Elizabeth
Maggie Farrington,
Tim Fading,
Tom & Marsha Freeland,

Chris Gayle
Kim & Alex Gordon
Shaun Hallman,
David Haley, Ricky Haley,
Heather,
Helen & family
Patsy Herrington,
Carolyn Hessong
Mimi Hollier,
Amber Hollier
Delmos Hooker,
Rosie Hurst,
Yolanda Jackson,
Allen Jones,
Jerry & Sherlon Jones,
John
Mackenzie, Collin, & Charlotte
Maria
Marie
Megan
Renee
Peggy Lane,
Jasper,
Jimmie Avera
Peggy Johnson,
Lori,
Ruby
Madeline,

Mary,
Ken & Debra Marceniak
Kenric & Jana Marshall,
Shirley Marshall,
Bruce and Roxanne McGraw,
Justin Morvant,
Pam & Andy
Walter Rotsch
Rosemary,
David Silk,
Shawna
Easton Smith & family
Ronnie Sonnier,
Pete & Delores Sterling,
Paul
Ken Slaughter,
Terese & Liam
Kendal Thomas
Nancy Walker,
Haley & Dennis Walton,
Alyssa Wilson
Dena,
Catherine,
Ben Garcia,
Kady Michaelis,
Paula
Rev. Countess West

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**Morning Prayer 8:00am
EOW (Family Service) 10:00am
In person, Live Stream Service on
Facebook or from our website every
Sunday at 10:00am.**