

THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER, 2020

The Interim Rector's Corner



Advent is a season of looking forward with anticipation, preparation, and excitement for the One who is to come, God in the flesh, Emmanuel and Jesus who will come again in the second coming.

John and I share in the feelings of anticipation and excitement as we enter into this Advent and Christmas season with you. And our excitement expands as we imagine the season of transition we will embark upon together, over the next 18 or more months.

Advent is all about new beginnings. God is surely involved in the new beginning of our transition journey together too. Both Advent and transition journeys are prime opportunities to focus on the renewal and re-energizing

of St. Paul's in her life and mission in Christ Jesus our Savior!

Over the coming months I will be sharing more with you about transitions of all kinds. Keep watch each month for an article in the *Messenger* and starting in Epiphany please come to the online offerings about Transition and St. Paul's.

But for now, let us turn our Advent hearts to prepare for the Christ child anew this Christmas. Let us prepare to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, who brings us the joy of new life so that we might, like Jesus, be bearers of hope for all of God's children.

I look forward to seeing you each Sunday and at one of our Christmas Eve services.

In Christ's Love,

Mother Debra+

Christmas Online Service Schedule

- Blue Christmas – Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm; National Cathedral
- Gospel/Jazz Christmas – Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm; National Cathedral
- Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24, available at noon
- Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, available at 7:00 am
- Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 27, National Cathedral

December scheduling and planning...



Our December services and holiday planning are unfolding! Thanks to Joanne Erspamer for bringing Family Advent to our Wednesday night online sessions, and to Buffy for the Advent kits to use in our homes! Also, our Confirmands and Middle School students look forward to bringing us some sincere holiday joy with their living Nativity in our church's front yard on Sunday, December 20. There is more about

each of these events in this Messenger.

Through December, I will lead services and be available for questions and pastoral needs while Mother Debra heals following surgery. You will see Mother Debra's pre-recorded Sunday sermons on two Sundays during Advent, while I do the rest of the Sunday liturgies and additional online programming.

Please note: on Thursday, December 24, a recorded **Christmas Eve service** will be available after noon for you and your family. Then on Friday morning, December 25, the **Christmas Day service** will be available online after 7 am. The Sunday after Christmas is December 27; we suggest you watch—and sing along with!—the **Lessons and Carols service** from the National Cathedral (we will let you know how to join them from our website).

Some suggestions for additional services you might find espe-

cially meaningful during this holiday season: There is a **Blue Christmas service** scheduled at the National Cathedral on December 16. Also, a **Gospel Music Christmas** celebration is scheduled on December 18, also at the National Cathedral. We will make sure reminders go out later, but please note them on your calendars now. They can be watched those days and after as they will be posted on the Cathedral's website.

St Paul's is available to you every day. Our schedule through December is:

- Sunday: 10:00 am Facebook premiere of Worship Service and Zoom Coffee Hour (Services can be accessed online through the website beginning Saturday at noon)
- Monday: 9 am Reflection and Announcements
- Tuesday: 9 am Bible Study via Zoom
- Wednesday: 6 pm Advent Family Programming
- Thursday: 9 pm Compline and Zoom check in
- Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer
- Saturday: 9 am Community Connections, online December 12 and otherwise on our website

Reverend Barb

More opportunities to expand your Lay Ministry...

Each of us has gifts that we use in our relationships—these are expressions of our ministry. I am inviting you to think whether any of these possibilities is of interest to you. Let me know if any seem to be calling you.

Looking forward, our schedule includes several opportunities for you to be a part of St. Paul's online programming. We certainly can welcome more people to lead Compline and also Morning Prayer. Several are already helping with these services, but there is still room for you to do so as well. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this ministry, too.

These Prayer Book services do not require clergy leadership; they are written and intended as lay-led prayer ser-

vices. In terms of your commitment and scheduling, we are pre-recording these services and then posting them as scheduled. If we have many people interested to do this, we could offer these services more than one time each week.

I look forward to hearing from you. Contact me with your interest!

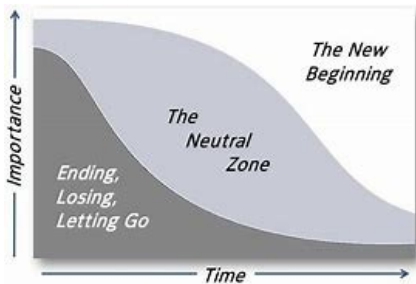
God's blessings. —Reverend Barb (belliott@d.umn.edu)



Transition in a Nutshell

William Bridges in his book *Managing Transitions* uses Moses and the Exodus story as the best example of what transition looks like. His **Transition Model** comes out of a business model, but his faith story informs his and will inform our view through every step of St. Paul's transition.

In Bridges' **Transition Model** there are three zones. There is the **Ending, Losing, or Letting Go Zone**, the **Neutral Zone**, and the **New Beginning Zone**. **The Neutral Zone** is also known as the **Transition Zone** because it is here that transition work takes place.



During the **Ending, Losing, or Letting Go Zone** a valued person, family, leader, or spiritual leader (rector/assistant) ministry comes to a conclusion, they move away, or per-

haps they retire. In the case of a rector, their familiar way of preaching, teaching, leading, and pastoring comes to an end. We can liken this zone to the time when the Hebrews ran away from Egypt and all that many of them had known, which was slavery.

The **Ending, Losing, or Letting Go Zone** is a place of great uncertainty. It is natural to experience all kinds of emotions: grief, denial, confusion, anger, frustration and anxiety. But so are anticipation and excitement for those filled with hope and possibility that the Holy Spirit can use change to blow in the winds of spiritual transformation for a new future.

During the **Neutral or Transition Zone** anxiety may run high for some members while others are feeling innovative and creative from some movement in the system. That movement and the transition process itself may be met with resistance. You might say the **Neutral Zone** and the Transition Process is what you make of it; if you make use of all that the transition program has to offer, then you are more likely to have the best outcome; if you don't...well, you fill in the rest. Essentially the **Neutral or Transition Zone** is the process of moving from skepticism to exploration and uncertainty to commitment.

The **Neutral or Transition Zone** is the season when the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness and complained saying,

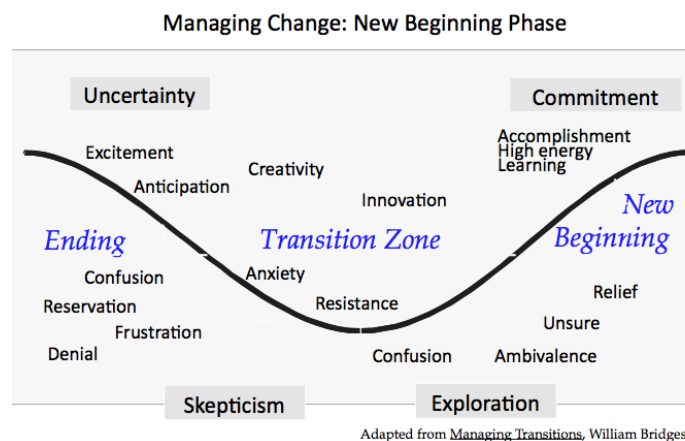
"If only...we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread" and "what is it?" when quail and manna was provided by God. It is in the **Neutral or Transition Zone** that church members and the Hebrews want to go back to old familiar ways. We all, at times, remember the past with unrealistic fondness, often forgetting the difficult times.

Bridges says the **Neutral or Transition Zone** is the time when "...the outlook, attitudes, values, self-images, and ways of thinking that were functional in the past have to 'die' before people can be ready for life in the present. Moses took care of transition's ending phase when he led his people out of Egypt, but it was the 40 years in the neutral zone wilderness that got Egypt out of his people."

Then there is the **New Beginning Zone**, the fresh start of a staff member or new rector. It is when you arrive at the promised land full of hope for a future. While it is an unknown future, one thing is certain; the change agent, Moses (Interim Rector), is not going to cross over with the Hebrews (you). Your new spiritual leader will be there waiting. It will be different, and you will need to be flexible, something we've played with while in the **Transition Zone**!

One of the most difficult aspects of the **Neutral or Transition Zone**, says Bridges, "...is that most people (Hebrews and church members) don't understand it. They expect to be able to move straight from the old to the new." It isn't "a trip from one side of the street to the other. It's a journey from one identity to another, and that kind of journey takes time."

Your Vestry has committed to some very big work, beyond the normal transition work, during St. Paul's transition time. It is called Re-sizing, a sincere and honest attempt to come clear about some long overdue aspects at St. Paul's. These include addressing the deficit budget, the amount of the draw on our investment savings, and what ministry and staff should look like given how the church has changed along with imagining what St. Paul's will look like post-



COVID. This will be hard work and it is work that will take some time, and it is good and holy work that I guarantee won't leave us out in the desert for forty years with the Hebrews!

The Rev. Debra Kissinger

From Your Treasurer

Dear Parishioners,

October financials were presented at the November 17, 2020 Vestry meeting. Here is a summary of the October **General Fund** Statement of Activities.



September update of 2020 pledges:

Pledge income received in October 2020	<u>\$ 11,808</u>
YTD 2020 pledge income as of October 30, 2020	\$252,102
YTD budgeted pledge income as of October 30, 2020	\$335,397
Variance of actual to budget pledge income as of October 30, 2020	<u>\$ -83,295</u>
YTD 2019 pledges as of October 30, 2019	\$261,747
YTD income as of October 30, 2020	\$390,130
YTD expense as of October 30, 2020	<u>\$361,889</u>
YTD income over expense October 30, 2020	<u>\$ 28,241</u>

Please note that our 2020 pledge receipts are **\$ 83,295** under budget and we are nearing the end of the year. Make sure we have your pledge contributions before the end of December to have them included in your 2020 charitable giving.

The amounts above from the **General Fund** YTD expense do not include \$84,900 of payroll expenses that have been paid from the Payroll Protection Program loan and are recorded in a separate **PPP Fund**. We are expecting the entire \$84,900 to be forgiven.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please call the office or email me at natalie@stpaulsduluth.org.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Smith, Treasurer

3 Ways to Give

**Text GIVE to
218-394-3535**

www.stpaulsduluth.org/give

**Mail a check to St. Paul's
1710 E Superior St
Duluth, MN 55812**

Thank you!

From Your Priest Emerita



Thankful Remembering

When our family was moving to Duluth for Nelson's EPA work about forty years ago I was completing a master's degree in education. The last course was cross listed between psychology and anthropology. I had to read a book on a study of Native Americans on the Fond Du Lac Reservation in eastern

Wisconsin. I thought that perhaps I could become acquainted with some Native Americans in the Duluth area.

My mother had had great respect, as well as guilt and remorse, about American history concerning Indigenous folks.

After living here a year, I became aware that Native people were around Duluth. There was also a small Fond du Lac reservation near Duluth and others in many areas of the state.

There did not seem to be any Native people in my church or in my son's school. Yes, they seemed to be invisible. The one place where there were many Native folks was at The Damiano Soup Kitchen where I had begun to volunteer with a neighbor.

I began to read and question more. I took a couple of classes and learned that our diocese had a Department of Indian Work. Howard Anderson, who became rector of St. Paul's, Mark Macdonald, Mike Smith and Steve Schaitberger became eventual directors of DIW. When I was ordained and became priest in charge of St. Edward's in Lakeside, Howard asked me if we could begin to host a place for funerals and perhaps more worship space for local Native people who were not connected to Fond du Lac which was

a Roman Catholic mission. We did receive a small DIW grant and began monthly Intertribal services and feasts. Parishioners helped with the wild rice and venison meals. Don Pederson, Marilyn Minter, Paula Dallum, Nelson and others helped.

We had a planning and liturgical team. Looking back, I am profoundly thankful to them as we established and continued St. Enmagahbow mission. The Feather Meets the Cross was our motto. Jeff Nelson, a Total Ministry priest, was Ojibway; Harold Eagle Bull, a Dakota priest, was rector of the Cass Lake church; Annie Henninger, a liturgist, is now a priest serving several missions in South Dakota; Don and I represented St. Edward's. We sustained the mission until St. Edward's closed eight years later. We managed varying Ojibway, Lakota, Cherokee and English languages. We smudged, drummed, sang and danced. We prayed to (GOD) as Wakan Tanka and Gitchee Manidoo in Eucharist. Not only did I become friends with Native Americans here, but we worked and worshiped together.

We did some memorable wakes, funerals and memorials. We even had a small Pow Wow one summer and I was gifted with an Ojibway name and an eagle feather; I am still amazed that we managed what we did. Folks have moved, retired or passed on. They remain saints to me. So at this time I give thanks and cherish what they gave me.

*The Rev. Margaret W. Thomas,
Priest Emerita*

Evening Bible Study



Since Memorial Day, when George Floyd was killed, our group has chosen to read items that can expand our understanding of racism, and thus we set the Bible aside for a few months. We have been having lots of good discussion.

This month we will meet Tuesday, December 8, via Zoom again, 6:30-8:00 pm. We will discuss two movies/videos (*The*

Rabbit-Proof Fence and *Older Than America*) that are available widely, and one book: [The Inconvenient Indian](#) (Thomas King). These selections continue our learning about racism and American Indians.

You are welcome to join us. Let me know if you would like the Zoom invitation for the December session.

God's blessings... –Reverend Barb E.

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Masonry Project Update

If you did not read the project update in last month's Messenger, it would be a good idea to read that first.

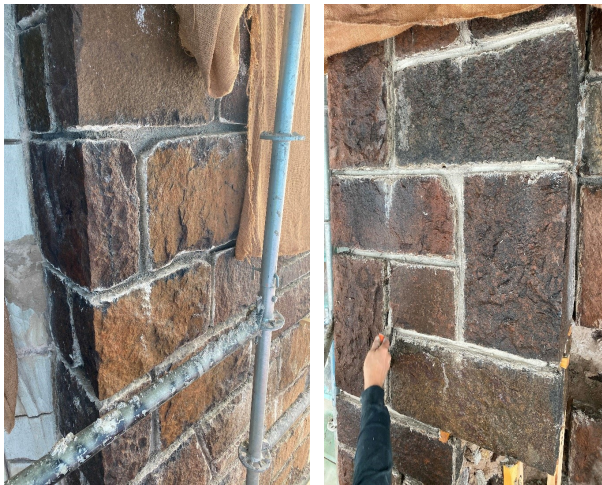
The overall project is 80% completed. The re-pointing process is 90% completed. Re-pointing will be complete by Friday, November 27. In conjunction with this, replacement stones will be set, and final tuckpointing around the last stones, roof flashing, and counter-flashing will round out the main work. This will be followed by disassembly of the enclosure, scaffolding, site clean-up, and demobilization. The plan is to have this complete by December 24.

Here are some pictures to show you the final stages.

Below shows two examples of the cured latex modified grout that constitutes lifts 1 & 2 and acts as the new final water barrier behind the final lifts of mortar and stone.

any remaining voids and then the last lifts of mortar will go in.

The pictures below show two examples of how the finish technique will look once the final lifts of the NHL mortar are complete.



The first picture below shows the re-built parapet walls and second picture shows the condition with lifts 1 & 2 complete waiting for replacement stone. Once the stone arrives, it will be set using latex modified grout to close

*Respectfully submitted by Craig W. Fellman,
Buildings and Grounds Chair*



CHUM Updates and Opportunities

Outreach Benefit Dinner and Auction - Many thanks for all who contributed to this year's virtual CHUM Outreach Benefit Dinner and Auction. CHUM raised more than \$50,000 in support of its Street Outreach Program. These funds will be used to help the most vulnerable in our community.



Alas, winter is almost upon us. CHUM is requesting the following items: hand warmers, heavy winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. To donate, please call the CHUM office at 218-720-6521 to schedule a drop off. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of CHUM.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Jarnis

Outreach Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated to the sandwich ministry for CHUM during this past summer. It was much appreciated! This opportunity for giving has been replaced by a donation of food to the children's programming at the Steve O'Neil apartments. This is another CHUM sponsored event.

St. Paul's has committed to providing food two Wednesdays a month. The food is a supplement to what the school district is delivering and will be sent home with the children. They have asked for chili/soup or a casserole, whoops! I mean "hotdish". (I've lived in Minnesota for 29 years and still not used to the name hotdish.) Food will be prepared in St. Paul's kitchen and delivered to Steve O'Neil apartments by lunchtime. Our donation dates will be December 2 and December 16.

If you would be interested in continuing your outreach ministry, please contact Sue Brown at 218-525-7160 or 218-349-4283.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Brown



New Christmas Floral Memorials

The Altar Guild is responsible for the Christmas season floral decorations with the poinsettias and greens. This is possible with the monetary donations given in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones. The names are printed in the Christmas bulletins and referred to during the services.

You can add a NEW name(s) to the listing by submitting the memorial with the monetary donation to the Altar Guild



before December 10. Contributions are accepted in any amount with a suggested minimum of \$20, payable to St. Paul's Altar Guild with Floral Fund noted on the memo line. Please mail to the Parish Office. The donor will be sent an acknowledgment and name listings with much appreciation. Thank you.

*Respectfully submitted by Joanne Marinac,
Floral Memorial Coordinator*

From Your Vestry



Greetings from your wardens and Vestry! As I write this update, the Vestry has not yet met for the month of November, but I can share some news of the parish business over the past month. Without a doubt, the biggest news is that our Interim Rector, Mother Debra Kissinger, has arrived in Duluth and is already busy establishing her transition ministry for St. Paul's!

Thanks to the folks who have donated furnishings for Debra and John's Lakeside home, and thanks to the "muscle" who helped move it (Holly & Steve, Jason & Calvin, Jeff). I am grateful for the team of parish members who have agreed to be her transition companions: Carrie Miller, Ken Buck, Terry Roberts, Jack Jarnis, Lynnea Hultkrantz, Wendy Saliin, Tom Diener, and Diane Kolquist. I am certain they will help her take that "deep dive" into our parish history that will ultimately help us set our course for the future.

After saying our farewells to Tom Hamilton, our multi-talented Music Director, we welcomed a new organist, Rachael Kresha. We are blessed to have her with us for this time, providing a seamless transition in music excellence during weekly services. Many thanks to Heidi Lyle, who continues to share her lovely vocals, bringing the Sunday service hymns and responses to life. Filling another gap after Tom's departure, Tim Metcalfe is now managing the recording, editing and posting of services so that again, we don't miss a beat (or Morning Prayer, or Compline, or Sunday worship!). And a dedicated crew of volunteers have been shadowing Tom and Tim, learning the ropes so that they can provide backup recording assistance when needed. Jay Austin and Mark Brown have been busy installing the wiring/cabling necessary for when we eventually move to livestreaming services, and the equipment has been ordered.

I mentioned in my column last month how heartening it has been to see people bringing their ideas and energy for-

ward to keep St. Paul's vibrant, when so much of our daily lives can feel monotonous or tedious. A simple idea recently came from Bob Silverness: in order to connect the church at Christmas without an in-house service, could we send a candle from St. Paul's to each home to light on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day? Then each family could send a photo of this candle at their table for us to post on our web page: **the light of the church, lighting the homes this Christmas season**. The Stewardship Committee got wind of this and thought about how that candle could also be a symbol of St. Paul's gratitude to our members as you offer your pledges for 2021. Right now, the Committee and Vestry are coordinating the logistics of delivering these candles in a safe manner. Meanwhile, the discussions about candles at Christmas prompted Buffy Helstrom to volunteer to organize materials and kits to distribute for making advent wreaths, and Amber Sadowski offered to source the candles from the young entrepreneurs at Life House, supporting their progress. Joanne Erspamer felt a calling to coordinate Christian Formation activities for our younger children and is now planning family-oriented activities for Advent season. Ideas and inspirations continue to flourish at St. Paul's via emails, phone calls, and Zoom gatherings even in these trying times. And the Holy Spirit abides.

Questions, concerns, or ideas for St. Paul's? You can reach me via email at: ncosta2799@charter.net

*Peace,
Nancy Schuldt,
Senior Warden*

Deadline for submissions to the January issue of *The Messenger* is
8:00 am, Friday, December 18, 2020.

Please email items to: office@stpaulsduluth.org

SPECIAL ONLINE SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



National Cathedral: <https://cathedral.org/christmas/>

Blue Christmas Online Service



Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm

2020 has been a difficult year for so many, with grief, loss and hardship around every corner. Maybe the holidays are always hard for you, or you're just not feeling very holly jolly this year. If you're in search of hope and healing as we enter the Christmas season, we invite you to find it in this service of prayer, music and reflection.

Gospel Christmas Service

Friday, December 18, 2020 – 6:00 pm

In this season of good tidings of great joy, find your Christmas spirit at the gospel comes alive through jazz and gospel music and readings from Holy Scripture.



Christmas Lessons & Carols



Sunday, December 27, 2020 – with the National Cathedral

Journey with us from Creation to the manger in Bethlehem with Scripture, favorite hymns and the Cathedral's best-in-class music. We will tell again the ancient story of God's love that took flesh in Jesus Christ, and we're saving a seat just for you!

From Your Parish Secretary



As many of you know, I do a lot of cooking, baking, canning and preserving at my house. And I enjoy cookbooks of all kinds, especially church cookbooks, like *Cherished Recipes*, published by the Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. I'd like to share with you a recipe that sounds perfect for December, taken from the

Volume Three cookbook. This recipe was contributed by Evelyn Hunt, who was the mother of Catherine Bauer, and grandmother of Ike and Joe. We plan to try this recipe soon at our house!

SHORTBREAD

1/2 c. superfine sugar
1/2 c. potato flour
4 c. regular flour (approx.)
1 lb. butter, softened to room temp

Sift sugar, potato flour and about 3 1/2 c. regular flour together. Add softened butter to dry ingredients and work with hands, adding rest of flour as needed, until a ball of dough forms which can easily be rolled out. It must not be too sticky or too dry. Roll out about 1/4 inch thick and cut in shapes with small cookie cutters. Bake at 325° for about 15 minutes or until barely tan-colored.

Duality, Yes/But, Budget, Stewardship, and Farming



One of my favorite words, which seems to get a lot of overuse in the written media these days, is “Duality” (a dual state or quality, in which “dual” means consisting of two parts; together). The overused example this year would be the two very divided parts of our nation leading up to and following the November election. Of all the years,

this crazy year (also over-used...) has brought to light a number of other dual conditions. For fun, I thought I’d provide a brief list of those that apply to both church and non-church life:

- “Yes, many of us are working from home; BUT we still need to shower more than once a week and dressing for Zoom meetings is appreciated.”
- “Sure, kids, you are distance-learning from home; BUT reports and assignments still need to be completed (on time and neatly) as if you were in class.”
- “Yes, parishioners, you are not sitting in the pew, sharing the Peace, and singing along with the choir; BUT the mission of the Church as the living body of Christ has not changed.”
- “Yes, it was a lousy year for travel; BUT we are blessed to live near Duluth with abundant parks.”
- “Agreed, the Church is more about the people than the bricks and mortar; BUT we still need to maintain the building.”
- “True, you are probably not going to host a large Thanksgiving gathering this year; BUT you still have much to be thankful for.”

Duality. Two parts; together.

As is my custom, I am reaching out to the St. Paul’s community at this time of year wearing my Budget hat. This year, the budget team is particularly grateful for the Stewardship Committee who has already been reaching out. I’d like to close with a visual metaphor and one more example of duality.

Imagine a peaceful, fertile field, lying fallow and maybe a bit overgrown with clover. It’s not ugly, but it’s not as productive as it can be. Along comes a plow and deeply cuts the field, severing many deep and intertwined roots. Then come the discs, which turn the soil over and over again cutting it into smaller clods and shaping it into rows.

Our community is that field. Covid-19 and all it has impact-

ed (work, school, travel, the inability to gather for worship in person, those who became sick, and those who were lost). Our beautiful building wrapped in a white envelope. The numerous departures of staff and the faith leadership team. The relentless 2020 political campaigning and divisive election, regardless of your side.

These are the plow and disc that have cut us deep, turned us over and around, cut us awake and turned up new Earth. There is no denying it has been unpleasant. But only now are we cultivated and ready to receive the farmer’s seed, to take the sun and water and nutrients of the soil and grow something more than we otherwise might have.

In the true sense of duality, WE are the farmer. We were tilled by all these external forces, but we also get to choose the seed to spread and to nourish. Let’s see what we can grow in this St. Paul’s Duluth field we’ve been blessed with. What kind of people do we want to be when we return to work and to school? What will be our mission and priorities as a parish when we return to the pews and (in time) celebrate a new rector? What values are we going to embrace as citizens of a larger nation?

We get to decide all of this. We will pick the seeds to spread and to tend. We will decide what we grow and ultimately what we harvest.

By now everyone should have received a note from the Stewardship Committee. **Please consider your 2021 pledge to St. Paul’s as one of these seeds to be carefully planted.** On behalf of the budget team I would also ask, to the extent possible in this environment, please fulfil any outstanding pledges for 2020. The better off we close 2020, the better off we start 2021.

*Respectfully submitted by Mike French,
Representative of the Budget Interested Team*



Advent Programming for 2020



This Advent we offer a new video series on Wednesday evenings, premiering at 6:00 pm on Facebook and our website. Each week will feature a story presented by Mother Debra, our Interim Rector, and one or more videos from St. Paul's parishioners sharing their favorite cultural traditions to celebrate during Advent and Christmas. Think of it as our new virtual version of the Advent Around the World Festival. Please mark your calendars for 6:00 pm on the following four Wednesdays: **December 2, 9, 16, and 23**. It's not too late to contribute your own video to the series! If you are interested in participating, **please contact Joanne Erspamer by email at joanneerspamer@gmail.com or by phone 218-590-5756**, and she will help to coordinate which week your recording will post.

This Advent we also look forward to something we haven't seen at St. Paul's for many years: A Living Nativity presented by our Middle School Youth and Confirmands. This event is just getting underway, with the help of our Middle School Faith Formation Guides: Nat Constance and Amber Sadowski. It will be held on Sunday, December 20, outdoors in front of the church, facing Superior Street. Details are still in the works, and we will send out more information in a couple weeks. We hope that you will drive by to see the display and maybe offer your prayers and support to our youth.



From the Archives, dated 1920

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE
 At St. Paul's Church all day Saturday, Dec. 4. Useful and fancy articles of all kinds and delicious home-made cakes, plum pudding, mince meat, etc. Lunches served at noon.

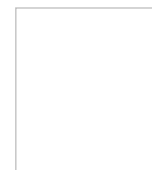
A Warm St. Paul's Welcome to Rachael Kresha!

Hello members of St. Paul's. I will be filling in as interim organist during this time of transition. I am sad to be losing a great mentor, Tom Hamilton, as he begins his life in Germany, but wish him all the best as he starts his new adventure. Tom has graciously agreed to help me with any questions as I learn the ropes. Although I am new to the St. Paul's community, I am a Duluth native and moved back to the shores of Lake Superior after graduate school with my husband. We have two children, a preschooler and first grader. I am currently in my second year at United Theological Seminary and teach music in Duluth. During this pandemic, we have been so thankful for the beautiful trails and shoreline to explore safely with our little ones.

Respectfully submitted by Rachael Kresha, Interim Organist



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