

THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2025

New Vestry Members Elected

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

On Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 am, we held our annual parish business meeting, which is when we gather to elect leaders to our Vestry, review the budget approved by the Vestry, and receive reports on the life of the parish. We also heard a report from Nancy Schuldt on our building's upcoming capital needs. And as we introduced in 2023, we held open microphone space for the members of the parish to give thanks to each other for ministries big and small over the past year.

Below are the biographies of our newly elected members of St. Paul's Vestry: Jay Austin, Wendy Saliin, and Susan Furo. Please welcome them into leadership!

Peace,

Maggie

Jay Austin

My wife, Elizabeth Austin-Minor, son Benjamin, and I started attending St Paul's soon after moving to Duluth in 2005. Since then, we have been active members; both Liz and I have served on Vestry in the past and we both participate actively in music ministry. I married into the Episcopal Church, but grew up the son of a church music director, and have a deep seated love and appreciation for the role that music plays in the liturgy. I especially appreciate that St. Paul's has a place for people at all stages of their faith journey. In my spare time I am a professor of Physics at UMD and spend a great deal of effort trying to figure out how Lake Superior works.



Susan Furo

I have been invited to be part of St. Paul's Vestry and I am looking forward to this new adventure. I was raised in the Catholic Church. Our neighbor, Fr. Tom Phillips, was the priest at St. Edward's in Lakeside when I was a child. I was able to attend our family Catholic Church (St. Michael's, Duluth) and also able to do things with our neighborhood Episcopal kids. I chose to leave the Catholic Church and brought our kids to St. Paul's. I have always felt welcome in this church and love how friendly everyone is. This is a wonderful place to worship and play.



Wendy Saliin

I am proud to call myself a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of St. Paul's since 2008. I've been active with children's programming since 2018, am currently serving on the Annual Giving team, and I was a member of the Creation Care team in 2019-20. Outside of St. Paul's, I am a homeschooling educator to our three daughters, and our family spends as much time as possible traveling to wild places together. I am a certified yoga and meditation instructor with an insatiable intellectual curiosity and a deep love of spiritual practices and philosophy. I look forward to a new way of serving a community that I have long loved and cherished.



Save the Date: Events Coming Up



- Sunday, February 2:** Feast of the Presentation
- Saturday, February 8-Sunday, February 9:** Diocesan Middle School Retreat
- Wednesday, February 12:** “The Spirituality of Science;” Youth Formation groups meet
- Sunday, February 16:** Worship Committee Meeting after 10 am service
- Monday, February 17-Saturday, February 22:** Duluth Schools Winter Recess
- Thursday, February 20:** Messenger deadline
- Wednesday, February 26:** “The Spirituality of Sailing;” Youth Formation groups meet
- Thursday, February 27:** Messenger bulk mailing
- Thursday, February 27-Saturday, March 1:** Diocesan Clergy Retreat



- Saturday, March 1:** Altar Guild Meeting
- Tuesday, March 4:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
- Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 pm and 5:15 pm; Small Group on Prayer Practice begins
- Sunday, March 9:** First Sunday in Lent
- Wednesday, March 12:** “Celtic Spirituality: Saints;” Youth Formation groups meet
- Wednesday, March 19:** Small Group on Prayer Practice
- Thursday, March 20:** Messenger deadline
- Friday, March 21-Saturday, March 22:** Women’s Retreat, Camp Amnicon
- Wednesday, March 26:** “Celtic Spirituality: Pilgrimages;” Youth Formation groups meet
- Thursday, March 27:** Messenger bulk mailing



- Wednesday, April 2:** Small Group on Prayer Practice
- Wednesday, April 9:** Holy Week Forum
- Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday
- Wednesday, April 16:** Small Group on Prayer Practice
- Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 18:** Good Friday
- Saturday, April 19:** Maundy Thursday
- Sunday, April 20:** Easter Sunday
- Thursday, April 24:** Messenger deadline
- Sunday, April 27:** United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday
- Monday, April 28-Friday, May 2:** Rummage Sale Set-up
- Wednesday, April 30:** Safe Haven speaker: Brittany Lind Libby, Community Engagement Coordinator; Youth Formation groups meet



- Thursday, May 1:** Messenger bulk mailing
- Saturday, May 3:** Rummage Sale
- Wednesday, May 14:** “The Spirituality of Travel;” Youth Formation groups meet
- Sunday, May 18:** Graduation Sunday
- Thursday, May 22:** Messenger deadline

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St. Paul’s always follows the call of Duluth
Public Schools, ISD 709.**

Deadline to submit items for the March issue of *The Messenger* is
8:00 am, Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Please email items to:
office@stpaulsduluth.org

Mark Your Calendars: Women's Retreat Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22

The women of the parish are cordially invited to a social and joyful retreat during the Lenten Season! This informal retreat will be held at Camp Amnicon in South Range, Wisconsin, about 25 miles from Duluth. This is mostly a gathering to make friends and connect with each other, but it will include some exploration of Celtic Spirituality, which is our Lenten theme for 2025.

We will gather in the Alleluia Lodge at Camp Amnicon at 3:00 pm on Friday afternoon, enjoy some time to socialize, pray together, make a craft, and share a potluck supper. Our schedule will also allow us to enjoy some free time for reading, walking, praying, taking a sauna and more! We close the retreat with a group prayer and check out by 1:00 pm Saturday.

Cost: \$45 per person; scholarships available.

Full registration details can be found on our website:

www.stpaulsduluth.org



Please call Rita in the Parish Office for more information, 218-724-3535



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Laundry Love Help Needed

Tuesday, February 11, 8:15 –11:30 am

Tuesday, March 11, 8:15 –11:30 am

Tuesday, April 8, 8:15 –11:30 am

St. Paul's helps folks launder their clothing free of charge at Spin City Laundry, 232 Central Ave, Duluth. Contact Carol Andrews or Lara Hill if you are interested in learning more about this program. To sign up to be a volunteer, visit this Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA9A62DA7FC1-54109643-laundry#/>

Chum Book Study: Practical Radicals

**Tuesdays, 11:00 am, February 4 through
April 15, Parish Hall**



If you would like to change the world from the way it is to the way it could be, join Deacon Pat to learn how to become a Practical Radical in reading and discussing the book Practical Radicals—Seven Strategies to Change the World, beginning February 4, and continuing for ten weeks on Tuesdays at 11:00 am (skipping February 18 for Chum Assembly). Sign up here! <https://www.tfaforms.com/5158982>

Rev. Larry Johnson, who self-identifies as a Practical Radical, will facilitate this group.

From Your Senior Warden



By the time you read this, St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be in the history books. You will have heard about all the activities of the Vestry, the ordained and lay staff, the committees, and the many, many volunteers who serve the congregation and the community. You will have elected new Vestry members and thanked outgoing members.

You will know a little bit more about the Capital campaign, Stewardship, Faith Formation, Music and you will have heard some folks thank others for a variety of helpful gestures and deeds. The task of the Annual Meeting is to come together as a Christian community, review what has transpired over the previous year and look ahead to the new year with mission, vision and purpose.

This is an exciting time. 2024 was a year of growth and increased stability, 2025 looks to continue on a path of growth, and with this growth, a need to develop initiatives and programs that meet the needs of our St. Paul's members, as well as our neighbors and friends in the Duluth community. With great anticipation, I look forward to seeing what we can do and be as we follow Christ in 2025.

As I write this, I have been, for the last 24 hours or so, following the events in the Episcopal Church and the general public following the sermon given by the Bishop of Washington, DC, the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde at the National Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral. If you have not seen it, or listened to it, I encourage you to do so. It is an astonishing example of following Jesus and speaking truth to power – with love. She spoke of the fear of many LGBTQ, Trans and Immigrant individuals, who have no guar-

antee of safety of acceptance and are entering an unknown and potentially terrifying future. Bishop Budde's "simple" plea was basically to act more Christ-like, to be humble, to look with compassion on the marginalized, to have mercy, and love all of God's children. I don't know what the trajectory of this story will be, but I think many of us have found a role model in Bishop Budde regarding how we approach our own situations of conflict. While I characterized her plea as "simple", I think we all understand that following Jesus is not a simple path. And acting towards our 'enemies', towards people who annoy us, towards people who do not agree with us, with LOVE as the bottom line, is truly radical in our world today. I pray for Bishop Budde in thanksgiving for her integrity and courage, and also in concern for her safety. I pray also to learn from her humble and loving example.

As we here at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Duluth, Minnesota, continue to discern our mission and outreach goals, may we also be inspired by Bishop Budde's plea for unity through following the Way of Love, demonstrating compassion and mercy, and loving our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Diener, Senior Warden

Outreach Committee News



The Outreach Committee has approved expending its final 2024 balance of \$156 by providing socks for outreach bags at the Warming Center (the bags also contained other items). Deacon Pat and her family distributed these bags on Christmas Day.

The Outreach Fund will start 2025 with the Vestry-approved new budget. The annual pledge for 2025 is \$6000 for Outreach Grants. The committee will also be looking at other ways to raise money.

Respectfully submitted,
Zabelle Stodola

The Deacon's Stoop



Yesterday the Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington DC, preached at the Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral. She issued a plea for mercy for those who, by executive order, woke up to find themselves under a new level of oppression for a variety of “otherness” characteristics. The administration’s response was

immediate and defensive.

Anyone who watches the sermon will recognize a pretty significant disconnect here. One of the most frequent comments has been about her gentle tone and the grace with which she preached. She maintained the same steady tone as she was interviewed after the presidential demand for an apology. With all the intense feelings on all ‘sides’ of the political culture of the US today, where do we find strength, love for those we perceive as ‘enemies’, and peace in seeking unity with those with whom we so strongly disagree? How do we love and pray for them?

Her sermon has gone viral. I hope you listen to it; to *all* of it. While the inaugural prayer service gathered national leaders, she preached to *everyone* – and her primary message was a call to unity, compassion and mercy. *We all* are called to follow the teachings of Jesus as we live into our

baptismal covenant: to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers; to persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord; to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself; and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. How do we do this?

Years ago, the priest at St. Patrick Episcopal in Bloomington delivered a sermon on the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus sent us out into the world to do his work. ‘Go, preach, and baptize’ has been a directive that we have carried out in a way that has caused great harm in the world. Father Bruce suggested an interpretation that

carried a different tone; “As you go, gossip the gospel” – and I’ve never forgotten it. We are nourished at the table together, through reading and reflection, participation in formation offerings, etc. And St. Paul’s offers many ways to deepen our faith!

Our first “Practicing the Way” small group community has been examining the spiritual disciplines or practices that transform us into becoming more like Jesus, and we have each drafted a Rule of Life to reflect how we will continue to pursue a holy “wholeness” as spiritual beings living here and now, dealing with all the things going on in the world. One of the things we talk about is how church has become so dependent on clergy to lead us. While we are blessed to have Maggie, she is one of about two dozen full-time priests in our diocese, and the *only* one north of the Twin Cities.

We continue to meet on Wednesdays (6:00 pm, alternate Wednesdays from the Faith Formation nights). Members of the first small group are selecting one of the spiritual practices and will be sharing a ‘mini-course’ to dive deeper, offering these to the congregation. We will go beyond Wednesdays, as is appropriate, with different practices. For example, the practice of solitude might include gathering a group for a silent walk on Park Point, visit to Quarry Park, or a swim in Lake Superior. Janice and Harley are offering our first group practice of the spiritual discipline of community by hosting a potluck Shabbat in their home for our small group. Rothko will lead our next Wednesday night offering by leading the series on the practice of prayer. (see *info* on page 10)

Another “Practicing the Way” cohort will begin in September, and there are no pre-requisites here. Anyone can participate in any of the Spiritual Practice sessions, so watch the bulletin for details!

St. Paul’s many small groups love and care for each other, “gossiping the gospel” as they share life’s journey with each other, pray for each other, celebrate life’s joys and sorrows together. Perhaps you are in one of these smaller communities within the St. Paul’s family: the team prepping meals at Damiano, one of the Small Group Bible studies, Practicing the Way, Rick’s or Maggie’s formation gatherings, book study, Chum quilters, Altar Guild, or the group

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the three-fold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20.
The Message version

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Speaking with Love

Dear Friends,

After weeks of excitement, celebration, illness, extreme cold, frozen pipes, dead batteries and big drama on the world's political stage, I'm relieved to be sitting here on a cold January morning in the quiet of my office. The kids are at school and as far as I can tell, there are no pressing issues that need to be addressed. It's peaceful and warm. The sun is shining, and I can see the ice beginning to form on the lake. I will do my best to remember to enjoy these moments- even if they're few and far between.

I just have a few pieces of information to pass along about the coming months.

Elementary/Godly Play:

Business as usual! We will be meeting for Children's Church during the 10 am service, and focusing on the Parables for the next six weeks. I'm delighted to say that this way of teaching is becoming more familiar to everyone, kids and adults. The core of teachers and musicians are really hitting their stride, and it's been gratifying to see that paying off. The kids who attend Children's Church are becoming increasingly comfortable with the flow of their time together, focusing on what they learn at the right time, and finding time for fun afterwards.

Nursery:

Welcome, Hannah Gustafson! Hannah is the eldest daughter of Matt and Chelle Gustafson, and has agreed to step into the role of Nursery Coordinator. She is responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers in the nursery. We are still looking for folks who would like to be a part of this vital ministry, even if it's just for a morning or two per year. Please talk to me (Sophie), Maggie, or Hannah if this is something that interests you.

Middle School/Confirmation:

Confirmation and Middle School groups will continue to meet on Wednesdays after our 6:00 pm meal. Upcoming dates are February 12, February 26, March 12, and March 26.

Other events to be aware of:

Shrove Tuesday! My other favorite event of the year. We will be hosting our annual Talent Show and Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Last year we had a great time with music, magic tricks, jokes, and other daring feats. This event is free, and anyone can attend and participate! Keep an eye out for a sign up sheet for the talent show.

Please don't be shy about signing up for youth events around the Diocese. There are a few happening this spring.

Pre-YE a one night retreat for Middle Schoolers happening at St. Mary's in St. Paul on February 8-9. It would be great to get some representation from Duluth at this event! This could be a great opportunity for kids from our church and around the state to get to know each other. Sadly, I can't go because I will be at another retreat, but I am happy to answer questions and help you decide if it's a good fit for your family. Cost is \$65, and scholarships are easily attained. <https://episcopalmn.org/>

DYE (Diocesan Youth Event) is a spring retreat on April 4-6, 2025, and will be a space for young people to come together to play, pray, and grow. The retreat will be located at Messiah Episcopal Church in Saint Paul. The cost is \$100, but scholarships are available! I might have a chance at making it to this one. I hope so!

Registration is also open for summer camps for youth and families! Find info at <https://episcopalmn.org/events>

Lastly, I have been thinking about Bishop Mariann Budde's sermon during the Presidential inauguration this week. As a staff, we read one of her books last summer, How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith. I didn't read it — I listened as an audio book (those who know me know I don't usually sit still for very long!) The fun part of that was she narrated the book, so when I listened to her sermon this week, it was the same gentle voice I had heard this summer. She asked for mercy from the President in a confident and compelling way. This wasn't met with a receptive reaction from him, later demanding an apology from the Bishop. I encourage you to read her book, and Bishop Loya's message of support for her on the ECMN website. Speaking from a place of compassion and love is never something to apologize for.

Thanks for showing up, braving the cold, and being a part of this community!

Peace to you,
Sophie Gray Spehar,
Faith Formation Coordinator



From Your Bookkeeper

Dear Parishioners,

The 2024 Year End Giving Statements were emailed out on Monday, January 27, 2025. If you do not see it in your email inbox, please be sure to check the spam folder. These are what you will include with your 2024 tax returns. For those that don't have an email address on file with the church, your statements were mailed via USPS. Please contact our bookkeeper, Christine Melone at bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org, or 218-724-3535, with any questions.

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper



The St. Paul's Church Scholarship Fund

Because education is one of the most important elements of a successful society and a key factor in the well-being of a community, the Mars family established a Scholarship Fund in 1989 for members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Graduating seniors from high school or high school graduates, of any age, are eligible to apply. The scholarship recipients are chosen by a committee of people who also are members of St. Paul's and/or members of the Mars family.

The criteria to be considered are active church participation, completion of high school or GED, a demon-



strated interest in completing a college or trade-oriented education process, and submitted recommendations. The awards are renewable annually for four academic years.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIPS for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by March 15, 2025. Application and letter of recommendation forms are available through the St. Paul's Episcopal Church website. Click on the Connect tab then scroll down to Scholarships on the sidebar.

Christine Melone, Bookkeeper

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that gathers to prepare the Messenger mailing. Last week I was on the stage quilting during the Finance Committee meeting, and observed so much laughter and warmth between them! This is how we 'gossip the gospel', sharing God's love among and between us while we journey together.

Do you long for a deeper, richer life? Do you envy the calm of the bishop, and wish you had it? Are you lonely? Do you need someone to talk to? Or just someone to go for coffee with? St. Paul's welcomes you to the *family* here, where you can find a place that is suited to you!

Blessings,

Pat



**Save the Date for our next
Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 3, 2025!**

**If you have any items you'd like to
donate, you can text Jim Sontag
for pick-up arrangements
or drop-off information.**

Let's make this sale another success!

Wednesday Night Schedule for 2025

St. Paul's has an excellent lineup of events for Wednesday nights this year. Some events will happen every week, such as Eucharist and Choir practice, while other programs will follow a bi-weekly schedule.

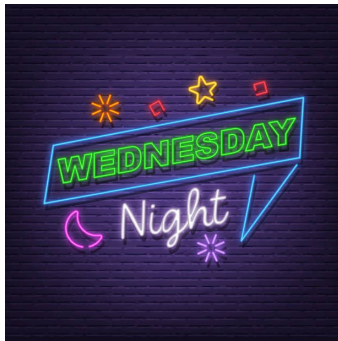
Every Single Week

Unless Canceled

5:15 pm Eucharist
6:15 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Location of Wednesday Gatherings

5:15 pm Eucharist – Sanctuary
6:00 pm Meal – Parish Hall
6:15 pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary
6:30 pm Adult Formation – Parish Hall
6:30 pm Confirmation – 4th Floor Youth Room A
6:30 pm Middle School Group – 4th Floor Youth Room B
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary



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Every Other Week

On Dates Listed Below

5:15 pm Eucharist
6:00 pm Meal
6:15 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Formation:
6:30 pm Adult Forum
6:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Bi-Weekly Wednesday Program Nights

February 12—The Spirituality of Science

February 26—The Spirituality of Sailing

March 4 & 5—Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

March 12—Celtic Spirituality Series: Saints

March 26—Celtic Spirituality Series: Pilgrimages

April 9—Holy Week Forum

April 13—April 20 (Holy Week, No Wednesday)

April 30—Brittany Lind Libby from Safe Haven

May 14—The Spirituality of Travel

Advocacy for Housing

Advocate with people experiencing homelessness and those seeking stable affordable housing.

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 -11:30 am at St. Paul's Parish Hall

Be part of the movement to address housing needs in our community!

This engaging session will cover:

- Success stories
- Challenges and unmet needs
- Current policy proposals
- Practical ways you can advocate for housing solutions in Duluth

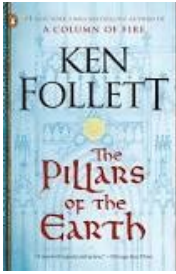
Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect and take action! Please email us at lwvduluth@lwvwmn.org to let us know you're coming so we can plan for seating and refreshments.

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Duluth, Pilgrim Congregational Church and Chum



Olcott Library

Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett. The donation of this book completes the three-book series in the Olcott Library. (This book is the first book in the series.) Set in twelfth century England, this is the story of the people driven to build the "greatest Gothic cathedral the world has known." True confessions, I am a Follett thriller reader and did not think I would like a book set in medieval England. I was wrong!



Reprinted from Duluth News of January 4, 1920

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Silverness

TALE OF WINTER 50 YEARS AGO TOLD BY PIONEER

Duluth In Infancy Faced Hardships; Canoe Races Held New Year's Day.

Difficulties faced by residents of Duluth during the winter of 1869-70 when the present city was only a little village without railroad facilities and dependent on horse-drawn transportation for the necessities of life were related by J. Kimball, 2226 West Fourth street, to a News Tribune reporter yesterday. Mr. Kimball is one of the few surviving real pioneers of the city and is now serving in a district court jury.

Bay Froze in October.

"In the last of October, 1869, the bay was frozen over and the last trip for the season of the Duluth and Superior ferryboat Kasota was made at that time," Mr. Kimball said. "The boat could only make a landing at the railroad dock near the end of Rices Point.

"The first railroad to Duluth was then under construction from St. Paul and was operating as far as Pine City. The Duluth end of the railroad had been built as far as Fond du Lac. After the close of navigation freight had to be brought by teams from Pine City over the old United States military road to Superior, thence across the bay on the ice to Duluth.

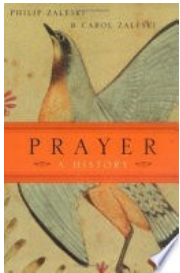
"Hay for feeding the many teams used in this and other work at the Head of the Lakes became so scarce that \$60 a ton was the price given. Church Basement Ready.

"The basement of St. Paul's Episcopal church was ready for use and Duluth's banker, Senator George B. Sargent, read the Christmas service to a congregation composed principally of men.

"Before Christmas snow had fallen but had disappeared in the openings on the hill side, except for drifts in low places.

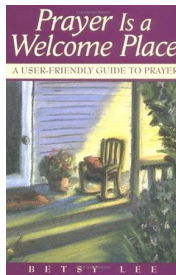
"Jan. 1, 1870, was devoted to sports. Canoe races were held in the open lake between the present location of the canal and an old dock at the foot of Second avenue East. The Indian squaws who won the race were awarded sacks of flour.

"February and March were stormy months with a heavy fall of snow."

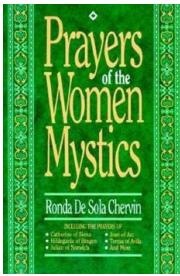


Prayer: A History by Philip and Carol Zaleski, presents prayer throughout history, across traditions and around the globe.

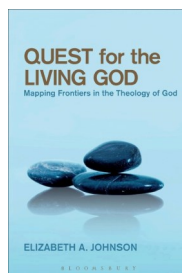
Prayer is a Welcome Place by Betsy Lee contains practical, concrete suggestions to make prayer friendlier, more accessible and more enjoyable.



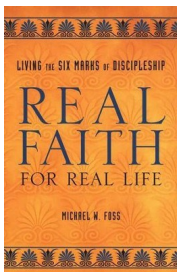
Prayers of the Women Mystics by Ronda De Sola Chervin. Each of the nineteen chapters in this book is about a particular mystic, including Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, Joan of Arc and Teresa of Avila and others. Each chapter includes a commentary on the mystic's life and spirituality and a selection of her prayers.



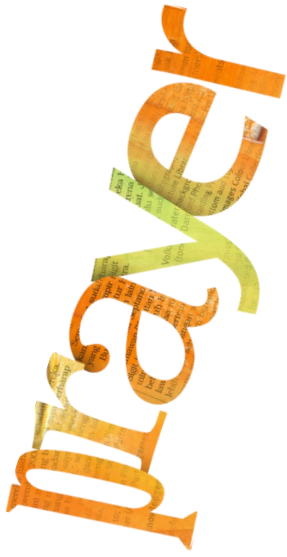
Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God by Elizabeth A. Johnson. "Christian faith does not believe in a new God but, finding itself in new situations, seeks the presence of God there." (quote from the author).



Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship by Michael W. Foss. To encourage readers to practice their faith in everyday life, the author provides six time-tested marks of discipleship: daily prayer, Bible reading, weekly worship, Christian service, relationships that encourage spiritual growth, and giving. The book includes study questions and journaling suggestions for individual reflection.



Respectfully submitted,
Faye Witt



Small Group on Prayer Practices

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm,
March 5 through April 16, Olcott Room

We will begin a small group exploring our prayer lives based on the “Practicing the Way” framework from our recent group studies. We will explore a few different approaches and methods of prayer that can help to further our relationships with God. The format will include short videos followed by discussion time. We will have four meetings, starting on March 5, following the Ash Wednesday Eucharist service, and meeting every other week. (March 5, 19, April 2, April 16). Rothko Hauschildt will facilitate.

Chum Assembly and Annual Meeting



Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
219 N Sixth Ave E, Duluth

This meeting is more than just an update on our work—it’s an essential opportunity to come together as a community and make decisions that shape our future. To do this, we need enough delegates from our member congregations to ensure we have a quorum. Your presence is crucial to helping us elect new board members, welcoming new congregations into the Chum family, and move forward with our shared mission.

We’ll begin the evening with a light meal, offering a chance to connect with friends, celebrate our collective ministry, and hear exciting updates, including plans for our shelter expansion.

Please bring a friend and join us to make your voice heard. Your participation ensures that we can continue to provide vital services to those in need and strengthen our shared commitment to building a better community. We look forward to seeing you there! Register Today! <https://www.tfaforms.com/5159883>

Expansion Extravaganza

Thursday, February 27, 5:00 pm

Clyde Iron Works, 2920 W Michigan St, Duluth

Join us for the Expansion Extravaganza to support Chum’s operations and shelter expansion. Help us raise critical funds and show your commitment to providing a safe space for people experiencing homelessness. Event includes food, lively entertainment and more. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. To learn more visit www.chumduluth.org.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2025

Please find a sub if you are unavailable for your scheduled date.

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 2
ALTAR GUILD	K Leonard	S Hall	C Miller	D Kolquist	K Leonard
	S Cox	A Sadowski	L Hultkrantz	S M Anderson	S Cox
	M Malone	K Timmerman	C McConnell	S Sommer	M Malone
		L Kania		T Jansen	
LECTOR 8 am	A Mackenzie	J Pastor	M Gustafson	F Witt	A Mackenzie
LECTORS 10 am	Z Stodola	K Smith	Z Stodola	N Constance	K Smith
	O Morin-Swanson	A Harrington	S Sommer	A Harrington	M Gustafson
PRAYER LEADER	J Groth	H Hansen	L Brunfelt	A Sundberg	J Keto
VERGER	K Smith	K Smith	K Smith	J Pastor	K Smith
CHALICE	Z Stodola	K Smith	Z Stodola	N Constance	K Smith
BEARERS	O Morin-Swanson	N Constance	S Sommer	S Sommer	M Gustafson
	S Sommer	M Gustafson	N Diener	J Pastor	J Pastor
ACOLYTES	E Erspamer	A Keto	E Barthel	C Gustafson	E Erspamer
	S Keto	L Sadowski	J Shambour	R Wall	A Keto
	T Halverson	J Sadowski	R Wall	M Devich	S Keto
NURSERY HELP		B Fait	J Schreck		
LIVESTREAM	J Austin	D Barthel	R Lyle	E Barthel	J Austin
COFFEE HOST	R Hauschildt	M & C Bauer	B & K Silverness	M & C Gustafson	L & B Brunfelt
USHERS	B Dinan	M Brown	D Barthel	G Olson	B Dinan
	N Schuldt	S Brown	D Morin	P Waite	C Dinan
	J Ransom		K Swanson	M Gustafson	N Schuldt
			J Sontag	R Lyle	
LOCK UP	D Pederson	B Stapp	S Spehar	M Brown	T Diener

To Altar Guild,

Our Winter meeting has been moved to
Saturday, March 1, 10:00 am,
in the Parish Hall. See you then.

Peace,
Lynnea



Other Altar Guild Duties for February

February Linens:

S Hall, K Leonard

Bread-Baking:

A Rouse, M Dragich



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

This intergenerational and collaborative evening of fun is the last chance we get to kick up our heels before Lent begins the next day. If you, or your family, would like to share a talent, please sign up on the sheet on the stairwell heading downstairs from the Sanctuary. If you would like to be a part of helping with the evening, there is a sign-up sheet for that as well. Singers, dancers, musicians, jugglers, jokers and poets — come on down!



Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025

Services in the church at 12:00 noon and at 5:15 pm, both followed by a simple meal in the Parish Hall

