

FINDING MY WAY



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

(From "Through the Year with Thomas Merton")

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One of the gifts the Church gives her clergy is a time of Sabbath rest. It is a chance to recharge the batteries, calm the pace, and find peace for the soul. The need for what to do with this gift of time changes throughout one's ministry. I look for things that will draw me closer to God's heart, opportunities that will put me into a deeper connection to this strange vocation to which I have been called. My last sabbatical in 2006/7 gave me both family time and a chance to visit the British Isles. It was a time of deep rest and I am still benefiting from that gift.

Now, some seven years later, I am off again, splitting the three months allotted between two years. In three weeks, on June 18, I will leave and fly to Madrid to begin

walking the Camino de Santiago beginning in St. Jean de Pied (France) and ending in Santiago de Compostela at the Cathedral of St. James (Spain). It is historic pilgrimage covering five hundred miles across Northern Spain. (Updates on my trip will be available on St. Paul's Facebook page.) Next summer I will take the final month's leave and spend time with Pat and our canine companions – plans still in the making.

I was drawn to walking the Camino after watching the movie, "The Way". It's a poignant story of a father and son and their reluctant struggle to understand each other and to find themselves. I commend it to your viewing but warning: It may lead you to REI and the purchase of a backpack!

I think we are all on a Camino to discover God and God's unconditional love for us. Sometimes the pace of life becomes so hectic that our spiritual journey towards God's heart gets sidelined. I have discovered that to put that longing back on track I need to create extraordinary opportunities. Sunday and mid-week Eucharists are part of that plan. Praying the Ignatian Exercises and now walking the Camino are part of that plan. Our worship life together at St. Paul's reminds me of the life God intended. The work of our vestry and laity are keeping me aware that my purpose in life is to help alleviate human suffering and is providing a vehicle for that to happen.

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This season of Pentecost gives us all a chance to imitate Jesus in the daily stories that surround us. The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost enables us to make a difference and to notice the life we are living.

Sabbaticals are a gift from the Church. I am deeply grateful to all who are a part of this journey that is ahead. Thank you to all who continue to faithfully and financially support the worship and ministry of St. Paul's, especially during my summer absence. Thanks to Jane

Omnes, the Vestry and all who individually have backed with gifts of love and prayer this journey that is before me. Thanks to Mark Kane, Doug Clay, Diane Richards, Richard and Sharon Kennedy, Andrea and Anil Weerakoon and to all involved in planning and giving to the movie nights in support of this journey.

In my absence, Fr. Eric Symons will be the acting Priest-in-Charge until my return after Labor Day. Beginning June 30th, Rik Rasmussen will

be our Deacon, proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel at our worship services!

May the desire of your heart that leans you towards God bring you joy, peace, and mercy for one another.

Buen Camino, my dear friends,

Lynell+

The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker

Priest-in-Charge

COME HOLY SPIRIT, INFLAME OUR HEARTS

Special thanks to Mark Kane, Doug Clay, Linda Hardy and Charlie Ziegler for their work in designing and creating our new Pentecost banner! It is stunningly beautiful, and a wonderful addition to our worship space.



TREASURER'S CORNER

Doug Clay

I have included an income and expense summary for the benefit of St. Paul's parish. I certainly believe that an informed congregation is a responsive congregation. As we have not completed the month of May as I am writing this, I will recap the income and expenses as of the end of April as reported and corrected by the Vestry.

	April	Year to date
Pledge Income	\$3,695	\$ 19,086
Giver of record	750	4,040
Loose plate offerings	143	1,202
Bequests	1,218	3,051
Other income	47	2,201
Total Income	\$ 5,853	\$29,580
Administrative expenses	\$ 1,549	\$ 2,715
Building overhead	771	8,312
Diocese apportionment	401	2,480
Programs	677	2,084
Outreach	490	1,417
Payroll & Benefits	2,380	15,353
Total Expenses	\$ 6,268	\$32,360
Difference	(\$ 414)	(\$ 2,780)

Although these figures show how closely we must watch our expenses. I would like to note that the Vestry remains committed to the active ministry of St. Paul's to the parish and to the community. We believe that it is good stewardship to employ the resources under our care by strengthening our parish programs as well as actively maintaining an outreach to the community.

Our long range planning process is a commitment to growth and ministry.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Our Baptismal Covenant includes: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" We probably all have friends whom we believe would benefit from the spirituality and love available in this sacred place, St. Paul's.

One of the goals in the St Paul's action plan is to maximize membership involvement and growth. From the meetings on our strategic plan on several Sundays last year, we identified "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" as one action we would take to achieve this goal.

St. Paul's membership committee has identified the Sunday of June 9 for us to bring a friend at the 8 or 10 o'clock services. The services will include addressing who we are and be followed by a special coffee hour. This will be an opportunity to reach out and invite a friend to introduce them to St. Paul's.



THESE ARE TIMES OF THANKFULNESS, GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

I continue to be amazed and astonished just how fast time passes. Has a year actually passed since the end of a music season at St. Paul's has once again occurred? A lot of musical activity has gone on for the past year, including a choir concert, handbell ensemble presentations, special services around liturgical celebrations, and the regular Sunday worship experiences.

There are a number of dedicated individuals at this church who have made a sincere and lasting commitment to be a vital part of our worship traditions. Sometimes I feel that their dedication and service go unnoticed; they have become commonplace and expected. Yet I know that you miss them when they are gone for even one service.

I want to personally thank every person who has served in the music ministry of St. Paul's during this past season. Most of them do not come from a musical background, nor are many of them grounded in musical training; but they come week after week after week – unselfishly, possessing a positive attitude and a desire to make a difference in our worship experiences. They participate because they want

you to feel the presence of God and to more fully understand the text of the scriptures as penned by authors of musical literature. They want to inspire you to greater service to our God and to be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. They desire for the music they produce to definitely have a “ministry impact” on you. And they do it, and they do it well, and they do it consistently. Please thank these ministers, and please do it often. If an anthem or handbell piece has particular meaning to you, let them know. Let them know if you have been inspired by what they do. Please let these individuals know what their work means to you:

ST. PAUL'S CHANCEL CHOIR

Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, soprano
Hallie Symons, soprano
Linda Hardy, alto
Kate Felvey, alto
Doug Clay, tenor
Dwight Ginn, tenor
Rev. Eric Symons, tenor
John Paul Olafson, tenor
Mark Kane, bass
John Delk, bass
Richard Wilson, bass

ST. PAUL'S HANDBELL

ENSEMBLE

Mark Kane
Doug Clay
Charlie Ziegler
Sharon Kennedy
DJ Larkey
Alex Larkey
John Paul Olafson
Hallie Symons
Ashley Glascock

And a final word of gratitude needs to be expressed to Andrea Patten-Weerakoon. Not only does she provide excellence in song as a soprano in the choir and as a cantor during services, she also provides superb leadership and direction to the St. Paul's Handbell Ensemble. Her unflagging zeal, positive attitude and spirit serve as a marvelous example for all of us to follow.

After the services on 09 June, the choir will be on hiatus until just after Labor Day in September.

We will be back, exceeding your expectations, and with renewed vigor and vitality!

FROM THE DESK OF THE ORDINAND

Rik Rasmussen

I recently spent two days on campus at Church Divinity School of the Pacific for graduation and related activities. On Thursday May 23rd I attended the baccalaureate service in the Chapel followed by a wonderful dinner for graduates, members of the board of trustees and guests in the refectory. At the end of the baccalaureate mass all of the graduates came forward for a blessing. At the dinner all of the graduates were given a very special Celtic Cross. It was a wonderful time of community that celebrates the accomplishments of all the graduates.

The graduation was wonderful. The weather was perfect! As I mentioned last month Sister Simone gave the commencement address. Her address was absolutely fabulous. I will not even try to do in justice here. I encourage you to go to the archive of the web-broadcast and listen to her. You can find the graduation ceremony here <http://new.livestream.com/ChurchDivinitySchoolofthePacific/events/2076314>. Be patient as there was some technical difficulty at the beginning. It is still sinking in that seminary is done – as my advisor said “welcome

to life long learning”. I made some wonderful friends during the last two years who hopefully will stay a friends for the rest of my life.

Next is ordination! You are all invited to attend the group ordination service on Saturday June 29th at Trinity Cathedral located at 27th and Capitol. The service starts at 11:00 but with eight ordinands it is likely to be packed so come early. I am looking forward to my next chapter of ministry at St. Paul’s and I thank all of you for the support and prayers during my journey to ordained ministry.

THE LITURGY ON THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

The liturgy changes in an important way after the Day of Pentecost. Rather than taking place within specific seasons, each with its own theme, this period does not have one overall theme. Each Sunday takes its theme from the Gospel reading for that day and from the biblical and liturgical meaning of Sunday as the Lord’s Day.

The most notable feature of this period is that we finish reading substantially all of one Gospel each year, having begun this in Advent and Epiphany. The three-year lectionary appoints one of the three “synoptic”

Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—for each year. John’s Gospel is used throughout the three years for certain Holy Days, Lent, and Easter, and in filling out the Gospel of Mark, which is considerably shorter than the others, in Year B. We also read several of the epistles each year during this period. Finally, the Old Testament readings are chosen to complement the Gospel reading each Sunday. Most often they are events or prophecies which point to the work of Christ in the Gospel passage they accompany.

This, then, is a period in which the liturgy Sunday after Sunday leads us into a serious consideration of the content of Holy Scripture in an orderly way. This time in the Church Year is a time to build on the growth and renewal of grace we experienced in the first half of the year, a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate more fully when we come around again to the seasons from Advent through Easter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARISH WORK DAY

Please join us on Saturday June 1st for a parish workday. This time we will be focusing on small maintenance items and cleaning in the interior of the church. We hope you can join us! Many hands make light work, and we want our worship space to be as welcoming as possible for our upcoming events.

RHINE RIVER TRAVELOGUE

Join us on Saturday June 1st at 6:30PM to enjoy the slide show and discussion of Mark Kane and Doug Clay's trip last year along the Rhine River. They saw fabulous sites, including markers of the El Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

Bring a friend and enjoy a trip along the Rhine!



ANNUAL BBQ A SUCCESS!



Thank you Fr. Eric for helping to make our annual Memorial Day BBQ a success. For purchasing the hamburgers and hot dogs, lighting the grill (and being re-robed and ready to sing the anthem), and lending your excellent grilling skills! Thank you also to all who brought side dishes and helped with set-up and clean-up.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday June 1, 2013	8AM—2PM	Parish Workday
Saturday June 1, 2013	6:30PM	Rhine River Travelogue
Sunday June 9, 2013	8AM and 10AM	Bring a Friend to Church Sunday
Monday June 10, 2013	6:30PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday June 29, 2013	11:00AM	Rik's Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

CONGRATULATIONS, RIK!

Rik Rasmussen graduated from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) with a Certificate of Anglican Studies on Friday May 24, 2013. He will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday June 29, 2013 at 11:00AM at Trinity Cathedral.

There will be a reception following the ordination service. As a "host" parish, we are asked to bring finger food to share at the reception.





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