

## The Season of Pentecost

*O most blessed Light divine,  
shine within these hearts of  
thine,  
and our inmost being fill!  
Heal our wounds, our strength  
renew; on our dryness pour thy  
dew;  
wash the stains of guilt away;  
bend the stubborn heart and  
will; melt the frozen, warm the  
chill;  
guide the steps that go astray.  
(Trans. E. Caswall, 1849,  
Hymn 226 – 1982 Hymnal)*

On May 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of the Easter season and commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who is to enliven the hearts of the faithful. A careful read of the Acts story shocks us with descriptive words translated to mean: disoriented, perplexed, at a complete loss, dumbfounded, lost, and astonished. God came upon those present in a wild and unconstrained way and began to burn deep within their hearts. Peter, who a few days before denied he even knew Jesus, was seen preaching Jesus in the streets. He was bold and unashamed and “those who welcomed the Good News were baptized and three thou-

sand were added to their number.” (Acts 2) This was not a summer’s breeze. It was a blast of epic proportion.

The “Acts Reporter” continues by saying that all those present were enabled to participate in the dream-life of God. Old, young, male, female, slave or free...all had free access to live out God’s imagination. Frank Crouch, reflecting on this passage, makes this observation: “You think [the] resurrection was something? Wait until you see what’s next.” I find that possibility thrilling.

The writer of the 13<sup>th</sup> century hymn must have caught a glimpse of that in writing the hymn text above. He must have seen dry bones dance in someone around him to have put those lyrics together. I too believe in the Pentecost event... because I see the dance in you. I have witnessed forgiveness at St. Paul’s and seen favor extended to those who need a patient friend. I have shared a meal with those who come hungry on Wednesdays and watch as the plenty is distributed to the many. I have

watched many come to the Table who leave refreshed to recreate a Feast for those with whom they work. And I wonder where the Flames are going next at St. Paul’s! Is there more we can do to assist our friends and members with affordable housing? Could we be a link between needs and local services? Can we be a respite from the summer’s heat? Can we better serve our families with little ones? Can we be a site to educate our community on responding to the drought? What would it be like to live more fully into God’s imagination for the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and J St.?

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we live into God’s divine possibility!

Blessings,  
*Lynell*  
The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker

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## Thank You! (and the end of the Deacon's Desk...at least for now)

The old saying that it is "not the destination – but the journey that is important" has a lot of truth to it but right now. I want to thank the good people of St. Paul's and all the others who supported me in getting to a destination. That destination – perhaps more of a waypoint – is my ordination as a priest at St. Paul's on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a marvelous day for me and I felt washed in all of your prayers and love. And for that I want to thank you all. As dangerous as it is to single out folks by name (for fear of forgetting someone important) I do want to thank Derek Sup and the choir for the special music and the new anthem that Derek composed for the occasion. Also a special thanks to Dennis Weber for assisting in making the music special – and for playing one of my absolute favorite Widor pieces as a postlude. The altar guild and hospitality folk did yeoman's work in getting the place ready and throwing a great reception. Lynell was patient in my questions and my nervousness about celebrating the Eucharist on Pentecost. Thank you for setting up that practice session! All of the clergy at St. Paul's have been amazing in their support and in modeling priestly ministry. But again it is really all of you – all of the

people of St. Paul's and the other churches that I have been a part of that made this possible.

But the journey was important too! And it was not the typical journey. From the prodding and gentle "What about you Rik?" question from members of the Parish Commission on Ministry when St. Paul's was looking to calling a priest and/or deacon for shared ministry under the leadership of Pastor Diana to all of you who supported me in going forward the second time to the discernment committee – thank you. Even my seminary preparation was not the "norm". I was part of the first class in a then "new" low residency program at Church Divinity School of the Pacific – the Hybrid Certificate of Anglican Studies. A program that has grown and now includes a low residency Masters of Divinity degree option.

This alternate path was longer and filled with twists and turns but I would not have it any other way. I found many surprises and gifts around the many bends of the path. Gifts that included being a hospice chaplain for six months. The gift of conducting the Wednesday healing service. And so many gifts that it is hard to count and

even remember. Most importantly it was the gift of love from all of you – the members and supporters of St. Paul's and my family – especially my husband Jon – and friends that got me to this destination. So Thank You All!

Finally, many of you have asked what is next. And I will tell you the same thing I told the Bishop when he asked! Only the Holy Spirit knows for sure – and I have slowly learned not to second-guess the wild member of the Trinity. For now I will continue to lead the Wednesday healing service – now a Eucharist. I will add myself to the schedule to celebrate at St. Paul's and I offered to also support St. Matthew's by taking the Sunday service out there about once a month. I also have been approached to do services from time to time at other churches – which I will do as time permits. I do not know where the path is going next but right now I am savoring this destination – a destination made possible with the support of all of you!

With gratitude and love,

*Rik*

Rev. Rik Rasmussen+  
Associate Priest

Here are some of the projects we are working on or have completed.

## Are you creative with sayings?

We are looking for catchy phrases to put in the sidewalk signs to welcome and invite passersby into the church. Some ideas are "Seeking peace? Come inside" or "Come to the waters" etc... If you have any ideas for phrases, please contact Tammy at [tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com).

**Sack lunch program** – We assemble sack lunches the last Sunday of every month following the 10:00 AM service in the Parish Hall. The next assembly of lunches will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. We distribute the lunches to the homeless throughout the month. We have assembled 940 sack lunches so far this year through May.

We need the following items: Protein (Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), fruit cups, juice, pudding or snack cups, granola bars, napkins, and plastic spoons.

Please bring nonperishable, easy-to-open single serve items. For anyone who is unable to shop but would like to contribute, you can make a donation. Please just note on the check or cash envelope that it is for the "Sack Lunch Program."

## Music and concerts -

We have the following concerts and recitals coming up:

Trio Seven - June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Please come out and support this wonderful cultural event.

## Events Coordinator –

We are looking for a temporary events coordinator. This needed volunteer will arrange concerts, recitals, and other cultural events at St Paul's until a new choir director is hired. Coordinating events is a fulfilling and vital role at St Paul's as we share our acoustic space with great area talent. If you are interested in this temporary (about 3 months) volunteer position, then please contact Carolyn Konrad at [ckonrad1@comcast.net](mailto:ckonrad1@comcast.net) or Tammy at [tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com).



## Daughter's Of The King (DOK) chapter –

Each member of the church should have received a postcard letting you know who your Daughter is. If you have not received a postcard or are new and interested in having a Daughter pray for you, please contact Anne McKeever at [amckeever@wavecable.com](mailto:amckeever@wavecable.com) or Sally Smith at [sally1369@comcast.net](mailto:sally1369@comcast.net). A DOK prayer request has been added to the website under the "Contact Us" link. These requests will be sent to DOK.



## Congregational Development –

Anne McKeever is creating a committee that would be interested in addressing ways to develop our congregation. Some ideas so far are sayings on the sidewalk signs, sprucing up the J Street entrance, having pamphlets available, ushers at the entrance doors, etc... Anyone interested in being a part of this committee please contact Anne McKeever at [amckeever@wavecable.com](mailto:amckeever@wavecable.com) or Tammy at [tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com](mailto:tammy.trovatten@yahoo.com).



## Budget Summary January 2015

by Doug Clay

## Treasurer's Corner

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>YTD actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Pledge	31,588	27,500
Giver of record	904	4,166
Loose plate	1,721	1,459
Special offerings	1,252	1,458
Interest	35	31
Building use	1,330	1,333
Altar guild	291	209
Budget enhancement	3,194	3,192
Wedding		
<u>Funeral</u>	<u>200</u>	
Budgeted income	40,515	39,348
<u>Budgeted Expense</u>		
Office/telephone	1,973	2,270
Insurance & taxes	4,879	4,500
Repairs & maintenance	2,160	1,250
Utilities	<u>3,451</u>	<u>3,750</u>
Subtotal	<b>12,463</b>	<b>11,770</b>
Diocese apportionment	3,849	4,166
Altar guild	1,009	1,509
Rainy Day Fund	927	942
Stewardship		
Other Programs	60	
Outreach	<u>2,604</u>	<u>1,117</u>
Subtotal	<b>8,449</b>	<b>5,032</b>
Wedding payroll		
Payroll	<u>23,888</u>	<u>23,671</u>
Budgeted Expense	44,800	43,264
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(4,285)</b>	<b>(3,916)</b>
<u>Other Income</u>		
Building fund	5,994	
Music fund	200	
Restricted Income	2,528	
<u>Misc. Non-Budget Income</u>	<u>122</u>	
<b>Non-Budgeted Income</b>	<b>8,722</b>	
<u>Other Expense</u>		
Building fund expense	4,500	
Music expense	595	
Other non-budgeted	<u>2,554</u>	
	7,649	

## BANNER CREATION

by Mark Kane

Have you pondered the process of making a banner? It's really quite simple. It starts with an idea or an inspiration. Inspiration comes from all places; I once saw a billboard while on vacation that was the spark, the beginning of a project.

Does your inspiration have only images or will you include words or phrases for clarity or expanding the intended message? After a design is chosen, a pattern is created, either a full-sized finished sample drawing or a smaller concept sketch, which can then be put on grid paper and recreated to a full sized pattern to make the work easier to use.

Fabric choices for the background and the details are picked which opens a whole lot of creativity for combinations of varied complementary or simple color themes. This is the most fun of the whole project and engages memories of cutting, pasting and gluing activities when I was a child. Banner making does not need to be a solitary adventure, in fact, most of the banners for St. Paul's have been a group collaboration. Sometimes the act of creation together brings about an even better refinement of an original idea. One such improvement came about when Debbie Lockwood took a banner home to sew down some edges that were loose, and she embellished the design with crystals. I was blown away by her contribution.

In the near future, a banner will be created for the narthex (back entry hall) which will proclaim our parish to be a Stephen Ministry church. I would like invite anyone who wishes to participate to contact me, and we will commit together to produce this banner. Other future events may include the construction of altar cloths and seasonal banners to complement our growing collection.

## MANY THANKS...

by Lynell Walker

A special THANK YOU to all who helped out for both **Rev. Rik Rasmussen's** ordination o the priesthood and **Fr. Eric Symons** 40th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. These have been extraordinary events in the life of St. Paul's, and we congratulate them on their ministries and on all those who helpd make these days of special celebration. Blessings to you both!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations to **David Rickert** who recently received his Masters of Divinity from Church Divinity School of the Pacific. David served St. Paul's as our Seminarian and continues to assist us in an envisioning process as we look forward to our future.



Congratulations to **Amanda Rodman** on her Associates Degree from American River College. Amanda looks forward to completing her education at Sacramento State University.

## IT IS WITH A HUGE DOSE OF SADNESS...

...that I have accepted the resignation of **Derek Sup** as our Organist and Choirmaster effective June 15, 2015. Derek has been offered a position in a parish in Oakland that will be a wonderful opportunity to share his gifts for music as well as position him geographically closer to institutions where he can continue to study both music and composition. He has been a wonderful gift to St. Paul's and has been most generous in sharing his talents with us. We wish him well and look forward to his Facebook postings!

## THE 78TH GENERAL CONVENTION POISED TO BEGIN

The 78th General Convention is due to begin June 25th and will conclude July 3, 2015. This time it is located in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of the key events will be the election of our next Presiding Bishop. Here is a link to the four candidates seeking election: <http://www.generalconvention.org/pbelect>

A couple of websites for following the news from the Convention: [generalconvention.org](http://generalconvention.org), <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens> and [episcopalcafe.com](http://episcopalcafe.com).



Thursday, June 25

# WALK AND WITNESS FOR A JUST, AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE

*Join the faith community, labor and low-income housing advocates in a walk from Trinity Cathedral to City Hall to take a stand for a just, affordable housing ordinance to create desperately needed housing for low-income individuals & families, seniors and the disabled.*

## WALK - 4:30 p.m.

1.6 mile walk begins from  
**Trinity Cathedral**  
2620 Capitol Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95816

## WITNESS - 6 p.m.

Walk ends and City Council  
hearing begins at City Hall  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Stand with us to demand a just,  
affordable housing ordinance.  
Our demands are simple:

- Higher fees
- Include 50 acre properties
- No exceptions for conversions



For more information, contact **Gabby Trejo** by phone (916) 995-6264 or email [gabby@sacact.org](mailto:gabby@sacact.org)





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