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### Ghosts, Spirits, and the Bodily Resurrection

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'

-Luke 24:36-39

The disciples had been talking about Jesus. Two of them had just returned from the road to Emmaus, with the story of meeting Jesus on the road and recognizing him in the breaking of the bread, and they spoke of the Lord appearing to Simon Peter. Then right in that moment they are terrified and startled by Jesus appearing right in their midst! All of a

sudden the one they had been speaking of is right there in the room with them!

He tells them to have peace, but they are still frightened. And their brains are deliberating, trying to rationalize what is happening, so they think that he must be a ghost, or a spirit. Because of course a ghost is something believable right?

A ghost, an apparition, does not have physicality, cannot be touched.

Ancient people of biblical times believed that when people died they would go down to the land of the dead, as spirits. In Hebrew this was known as Sheol, and in Greek Hades. This always reminds of the animated Disney movie Hercules. Hercules goes down to the land of the dead to save his love, and they are all like wraiths, floating around

> in some type of pool of liquid or air.

Ghosts also cannot really eat food or drink anything. I think there is something like that on the Haunted Mansion ride in Disneyland, a ghost trying to drink but it goes right through... Or maybe I am thinking about the Pirates of the Caribbean and the skeleton trying to drink a bottle of rum, but it gets across the same idea!

Another thing about ghosts is that they lose a real sense of their identity. We see that in stories about them, where they tend to fixate on one area of their past life related to their death or some other trauma experienced in life, but they don't recall all the details of their life and who they really were.

Jesus however promises that we shall keep our soul, our identity for

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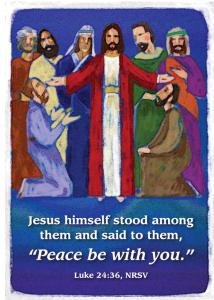
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### Our **Mission** Statement

Striving to mirror Christ in word and action reaching out to serve others!

> Misión de la Iglesia

Esforzándonos para reflejar a Cristo en palabra y acción ¡Para alcanzar y servir a la comunidad



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### COUNCIL **CORNER**

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### Council Corner

Greetings to fellow members of St. Paul,

As we approach Summer, our attention turns to the joys of family gatherings, outdoor living and vacations traveling to new locales. We want to enjoy the many blessings provided to us by our God and Father. However, church attendance drops off in the Summer. We should not dismiss the many blessings of active participation in our faith community during this time of joy.

We have many events planned and in progress including Bingo Night in early May, Vacation Bible School and Music Camp in June and a celebration of Lori's retirement in July. These fellowship events help support our outreach into the broader community. I encourage your participation and your invitation to others to join us. And the need for volunteers to support these programs is ongoing.

In addition to prayer and worship, small group Bible studies, support groups and fellowship opportunities are important tools to our growing in discipleship. Our new Stewardship study series on Spiritual Discipleship runs for seven weeks through May. The study is conducted by Pastor Nate and the Stewardship Committee. During our first meeting a couple from Diamond Bar joined us unexpectedly. They saw the announcement and wanted to participate in a new Bible study. This is an opportunity for us to learn how to become true disciples of Christ.

Blessings to all,

Tom Pankow

### The Welcome Team



The Evangelism Team at St. Paul would like to help our church welcome new visitors and other guests to worship on Sunday mornings. In order to do that we are reorganizing and increasing engagement with our Welcome Team. We would like volunteers to come to a brief training on Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. We will talk about a simple guide we can use to welcome people and help them feel comfortable visiting our church and worshipping with us.

### Spring Cleaning Thanks!

Thanks to Tom Pankow, Diana Bock, Lydia Enriquez, Leah & Mark DeSoucy, Damaris Allen, and Dawn Stone for coming out to clean up around the church in preparation for Easter. /s/ Property Team



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### Stewardship Update

Congregational giving in March was \$5,000 above Budget, and considerably higher than last year.

Expenses for March were slightly less than Budget and last year.

Lower Congregational giving in January and February was almost offset in March. However, the first quarter still showed a \$3,299 deficit for the year.

	Mar. 2024		Mar. 2023		Total Year 2024		Total Year 2023	
Congregation Offerings	\$	35,210	\$	22,619	\$	85,786	\$	91,625
Other Income	\$	5,150	\$	4,286	\$	18,549	\$	13,171
Expense Offsets	\$	1,219	\$	125	\$	1,892	\$	400
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	41,579	\$	27,030	\$	106,227	\$	105,196
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	35,825	\$	37,827	\$	109,526	\$	112,277
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$	5,754	\$	(10,797)	\$	(3,299)	\$	(7,081)



Thank you for your continuing financial support of our ministry and mission.

Bill Jennings - Treasurer

\*\*incl. ERTC in 2023

### BINGO Night

St. Paul is hosting our 3rd annual Bingo Night fundraiser on Friday, May 3, 2024, to support our youth outreach program. The event will be held in the fellowship hall at St. Paul L.C. Since their inception, our youth fundraiser

events have raised over \$300,000 for our outreach programs. We offer many ways for our supporters to participate in this event:

- join us for dinner and play bingo,
- become an event sponsor where

- you can advertise your business or organization for \$100, \$150, or \$300.
- donate items that can be used in the silent auction (contact Linda Kelton)

• make a cash contribution to the event The proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support the youth of St. Paul Lutheran Church in

their commitment to community outreach

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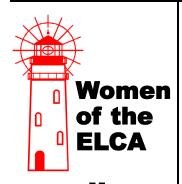
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Lori Seargeant at stpaulfullerton@gmail.com

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May 2024

### **WELCA Update**

As I reflect on the life changing Ronald McDonald House in Orange. The events of Easter, I'm beyond grateful. I Ronald McDonald House provides comcontemplate the price that Christ willingfort, care and support to families of children going through medical treatment ir right and restored relationship with God.

Relationship with God and with others is a key cornerstone of our faith. Through our community of faith, we "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24). This action mindset is deeply instilled in WELCA. We see this in action at SPLC and WELCA National is the same.

WELCA's mission statement reads "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

Volunteer driven, WELCA National is active in ministry, advocacy, and provides a variety of programs including workshops, retreats and convention. It offers resources, supports non-profit organizations, offers two educational scholarships annually for women pursuing ministry vocations and produces several publications. Want to know more? Check out their website at <a href="https://www.womenoftheelca.org">www.womenoftheelca.org</a>.

SPLC WELCA serves the same purposes, with our focus close to home. One example of our charitable support is the ongoing collection of aluminum pop top tabs from beverage cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. The Ronald McDonald House provides comfort, care and support to families of children going through medical treatment in Southern California. For only \$10 per night, families can enjoy all of the comforts of home, receive nutritious meals provided by volunteers, and obtain emotional support through contact with other families experiencing similar situations. No family is ever turned away if they cannot afford that small fee.

We are a part of helping these fami-

lies and we'd love it if you'd make an effort to collect the pop top tabs. It's easy — just a couple wiggles separates the tab from the can and we have Ziplocs for you to put your tabs in. When your Ziploc bag is full, drop the tabs in our new collection tub in the Narthex. In 2018 Ronald McDonald House received over \$6,000 from

the tab collection program. If you have any questions, please contact Ardis Carroll.

WELCA circles meet monthly to support and encourage each other and SPLC. If you're not yet involved in a circle, we'd love to have you check us out. Please contact circle leaders listed below to confirm meeting date, time and location!

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THEREFORE,
ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER AND
BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP,
JUST AS YOU ALSO ARE DOING.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, NASB

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### **April Food Drive and Operation Christmas Child**

May Day, May Day Pathways is need of much food There is a shortage at the North Orange County Food Bank and it is affecting Pathways food shelves

> Please bring all the food necessities Let's eliminate the scarcities

Meat, Mangos, Mushrooms, Maple syrup, Macaroni, Any food that starts with a m Or bring any food that puts people in a good mood.

Bring a little, Bring a lot Bring it when the weather is cold, Bring it when the weather is hot

Bring it soon, Bring it later Bring it in a truck like Mater!



Thank you for your support! J Nolan Community Minister

### March for Babies

at Grand Park in Downtown LA at 8:30 am. This is a fundraiser to help find a way to end premature birth. March for Babies calls on people across the country to unite and join us to fundraise and make a huge difference for the health of all families. Christine Jennings Eikenberry will create a donation page which I

March for Babies will be held May 18 can share with the church or people can write a check to March of Dimes and give it to me and I will get it to Christine. Last year Team Charlotte and Austin raised \$2500. We would like to double that this year. If you would like to walk, as well as donate let me know

> J Nolan Community Minister

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May — Esther Circle June — Sarah Circle July — Rahab Circle

Thank you to all the WELCA circles who continually support ensure we

Blessings Karen

have coffee on Sundays! Here's the coffee schedule:

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# **TEDHEN MINISTRY PA**

Currently we have 7 Stephen Ministers and 4 Leaders. Currently Serving in 8 Caring Relationships

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ Galatians 6:2

### The Secret Power of the 8-Minute Phone Call

I just had an eight-minute call with my good friend Tina, whom I've known for over three decades. I could never seem to connect with her (she has a very demanding job) until I sent person you love: someone you miss, her a text last week proposing an eight-minute phone call.

That seems weird, she wrote back.

Come on, I wheedled. You can do it. The president of the United States could probably do eight minutes! I

promise not to go long. Name a time.

At the appointed hour, I gave her a ring. In short order, we talked about our mothers' health, made birthday

plans, gossiped about a friend who abruptly quit his job and moved to a tiny Mexican town, traded book recommendations and explored the possibility of an afterlife (verdict: we're not sure). Intently focused, we knocked out subject after subject, before Tina announced that our eight minutes were up — and besides, she had arrived at the dry cleaner's.

I hung up, smiling and humming a little tune. I had missed her, and didn't realize it until I heard her voice. I was also surprised by how much ground we covered without the call feeling rushed. Our connection was brief, but it was real.

### Happiness Challenge Day 2: Try the 8-minute phone call

Today your goal is to think of a someone you wish you connected with more often.

Send that person a quick text asking if they can chat on the phone for eight minutes — ideally today, but if not, schedule it for sometime this

> week. You can even copy and paste the following: Hi! I read this in The New York Times and it made me think of you. Want to



schedule an eight-minute phone call this week?

After the eight minutes are up, decide together when your next such catch-up will be — and then honor your time commitment and sign off promptly. (Unless your friend is having some sort of crisis, in which case it's good that you got in touch anyway.) Hang up and enjoy that little glow of well-being.

Dr. Bob Waldinger, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and the author of the new book "The Good Life: Lessons From the World's

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Longest Scientific Study of Happiness," said that most busy people "tend to think that in some unspecified future, we'll have a 'time surplus' where we'll be able to connect

plus,' where we'll be able to connect with old friends." That may never materialize, he said, so pick up the phone and invest the time right now.

### The value of hearing someone's voice

Hearing the sound of a loved one's voice, said Claudia Glaser-Mussen, a psychotherapist in New York City, "is emotionally regulating."

In eight minutes, she added, "I can call my friend Mary Beth from high school, and say, 'I love you so much, here's what's happening,' or 'Listen, I want to run something by you really quickly.' It's a short period of time, but you can get a lot in, and it's deep enough that all the bonding hormones start to hit."

### Have a hard out

A hard out, agreed upon in advance, solves a common conversational issue revealed in a 2021 study. Researchers looked at 932 conversa-

tions between pairs of people and found that they almost never ended when both people wanted them to. Some preferred to continue, while others felt that the interaction dragged on too long.

When one person shuts down the conversation too early, the researchers wrote, or chats away while ignoring standard wrap-up cues (such as use of the word "anyway"), the result is what's known as a "coordination problem." A clear boundary of eight minutes avoids that.

A study of 240 adults in 2021 found that when participants received brief phone calls a few times a week, their levels of depression, loneliness and anxiety were "rapidly reduced" compared with people who didn't receive a call. As Dr. Waldinger writes in his book, "a few adjustments to our most treasured relationships can have real effects on how we feel, and on how we feel about our lives — a gold mine of vitality that we are not paying attention to."

By Jancee Dunn for the New York Times

### **Online Newsletter**

Our Journeys Newsletter is now available online or to pick-up a copy in the narthex. If you didn't receive the email with the newsletter link, please update your email address by contacting the church office at stpaulfullerton@gmail.com.







## MINISTRY PAC -TEALTH

Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,\* whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. Acts of the Apostles 4.10

### Healthy Benefits from Gardens & Gardening

There are several beautiful and famous gardens in Orange County: The Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Cal form of exercise since the major muscle State Fullerton, Sherman Gardens

(Corona del Mar), Roger's Gardens (Newport Beach), the Redwood Grove in Carbon Canyon, Descanso Gardens (La Canada Flintridge), to name a few. How do you feel when you walk through a lovely garden? Gardens and natural spaces invite wandering, exploring, and breathing deeply. They calm the soul and promote peace of mind, as well as meditation

and prayer. Simply being around plants eases stress and improves mental health. Maybe a plant on your desk is a good idea too.

As the weather grows more pleasant, consider cultivating your own gar-

den, even if it is in pots on the patio! Gardening is a moderately strenuous groups are often used for digging, rak-

> ing, planting, pruning, and watering. What we grow in our garden can be healthy, nutritious, and delicious. There is joy in sowing and reaping a bountiful vegetable garden. According to the UC Master Gardener Program, April and May are ideal for planting tomatoes, melons, squash, pumpkins, potatoes, and peppers in southern California. Green onions can be planted anytime of the year.

Enjoy feasting on the nutritious delights from your garden this summer and fall. Or, more simply, stroll through a lovely garden anytime!

Dawn Stone & The Health Ministry Team



BINGO (Continued from page 3) activities. Some of the services the youth have provided include:

- ◆ A trip to celebrate faith and serve the underprivileged in struggling
- Stocking food shelves and serving meals to the hungry in our community
- ◆ Providing Christmas presents and dinners for children and families in need

Supporting outreach agencies: Pathways of Hope, Meals on Wheels of Fullerton, Fullerton Hot Meals Ministry, La Habra Community Resource Center, and Joya Scholars

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Preston at kathleensjpreston@gmail.com

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### Music Camp and Vacation Bible School



It's time to register for Music Camp! St. Paul Lutheran Church will be a collaborative opportunity for the performing arts curious! Structured to learn new musical skills or refine existing talent, we will explore rhythm on the cajon, bring great joy to learning through musical games, and explore the human voice through multiple styles of song, including musical

theatre, choral ensemble, and hip hop's "call and response!" June 10- 14 starting at 10 a.m. and going until 1 p.m., and we will be performing all the songs during church on Sunday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Your child will have the opportunity to be a part of an original song, which will be recorded with all the Music Camp kids during the week. This song will be released on YouTube and elsewhere following the Music Camp. Please let us know if you would not like your child to be a part of this opportunity!

For ages 2nd grade and above. Suggested donation of \$25 per child.

Please pick up a registration form for Music Camp. Fill it out and turn it in to the church office. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Join us to create a community of fun and talented students with our professional teaching artists for a week of joyous art! Please feel free to call the church office with any questions: (714) 879-8290.

It's that time of year -- Vacation Bible School is here! St. Paul Lutheran Church we will all be campers at Camp Firelight, June 17-21starting at 10 a.m. and going until 1 p.m., with an optional water play day on Friday the 21st from 1-2:30 p.m. This year, there is no fee to attend VBS.



At Camp Firelight VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-

based good time on their summer camp adventure with God. They will become Campers and discover how to put their trust in God in every situation.



### Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 25 ~ 7—11 a.m.

Bring your donated items to the church by Friday, May 24

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eternal life. And the soul is connected to the body, the body is a part of the soul really. This is clear in the word translated as soul in Hebrew: nephesh, which can also be translated as a person's life including their body. More specifically it is a sentient being. Similar to psyche in Greek, which can also be translated as "life." In contrast, the spirit (ruach in Hebrew and pneuma in Greek) can also be translated as wind, breath, or air. Basically it is what gives life to, and animates the soul.

This all being said, it was very important for the apostles and the early Christians, in their formulation of church doctrine, that the resurrection of the body be a key point. They specifically rejected other popular understandings of the day that Jesus only was a spiritual being. Or that he came back only as a spiritual being. There is still some difference between purely spiritual beings and earthly beings after the resurrection.

However, that does not mean there is nothing different about Jesus after the resurrection. It does seem that in some ways this body of Jesus is not completely the same. Paul describes it as a "spiritual body" as opposed to a "natural body" in 1 Corinthians chapter 15. Similarly he makes a distinction between "heavenly bodies" and "earthly bodies". An earthly, natural, body is one itual beings do exist, of which Satan is that is based on the senses, while a heavenly, spiritual body is based on the metaphysical.

Jesus did say that we will become like the angels when he was debating the Sadducees about the resurrection and marriage. It could be that he was saying that only in regards to marriage

and not speaking of the form the body will take. However it wouldn't be that far off as angels are spiritual beings that have been known to take on an earthly human form, and even eat food.

Angel actually is more of a title or a duty that God gives to spiritual beings. It means they are a messenger. Malachi is a form of this word in the Old Testament, and it means "my messenger", referring evidently to the prophet as a messenger from God. In Greek angelos is the word for messenger/ angel. Whenever it is used in the New Testament it seems to generally imply a spiritual being.

Even in our current form the Bible says that we are made little less than the Elohim. Elohim is another interesting word in the Old Testament. It is used sometimes in reference specifically to God, but also refers to a whole host of spiritual beings that God created. The Bible doesn't teach that there are no such things as other gods (though it does laugh at the thought of people making gods with their hands out of earthly materials). It merely places them in the correct hierarchy, with YHWH, God, being the ultimate creator who is also a spiritual being. So God (YHWH) is part of but also categorically apart from the Elohim (for he is the only one who is all-powerful, all-knowing, allmerciful, etc.). The other "gods" or spirone. Many were cast from heaven to the earth and these are the demonic forces at work in the world. These were believed to be the spiritual beings that came down and had children with human women and created the offspring known as Nephilim (described often as

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being giants). This story is told briefly in Genesis chapter 6. This I will have to bring up in a later newsletter to tell the whole story of the Elohim and the Nephilim. Suffice to say that we as human beings are currently considered little less than Elohim, however that may change after receiving the power of the resurrection and abundant life now,

and certainly when we experience the fullness of the resurrection to eternal life and see God face to face.

In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul further describes the resurrection body. First, he refers to Adam as being made into a "living soul" and Jesus becoming a "life-giving spirit". What he seems to be saying is that first we are bodies that are

animated through the spirit, and after the resurrection we will be spiritual bodies that give life. Yet we must still take into consideration what Jesus says about keeping the soul for eternal life, and the fact that the spiritual body is different from a ghost or a spirit of the former self.

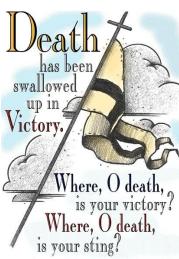
paltry compared to what is to come. He compares our current body to a seed, and the body to come is the plant or tree that will grow from that seed. I think the caterpillar and the butterfly could also be a helpful analogy, though and to the rest of the world. Thanks be no such descriptions will completely capture the change to come in the resurrection.

Further on Paul describes this change by the body going from vulnerability to invulnerable, mortal to immortal. Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

*'Where, O death, is your victory?* Where, O death, is your sting?'

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-55



1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples thought it was too good to be true. We may think the same thing when pondering these stories. Though we have been given some descriptions of the spirit and resurrection in the Scriptures, for now much of this is a mystery to us, something we cannot fully understand.

Even as that is true, we

can still trust in the witness of the apostles of Christ, who went from denying Jesus, and doubting him, to trusting in him so much that they would end up giving their lives because of their faith in him. They saw him, they ate and drank with him, and those experiences transformed them into powerful wit-Paul says that what we have now is nesses, powerful martyrs for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

> This same message is transforming us even now, to be more and more like Christ. To bring repentance, forgiveness, and healing to our own lives, to God. Alleluia! Amen.



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### Sanctuary Orchids by Gabe Bryeans

From the time our family relocated to Fullerton and discovered St. Paul Lutheran Church in the 1970's, I've noticed plants as being part of the St. Paul religious experience---the decorated tree and poinsettias at Christmas, the flower bedecked cross outside the narthex at Easter, the cross made from the trunk of the Christmas tree during Ho-

ly Week and the beautifully decorated sanctuary with Easter lilies and other flowering plants on Easter Sunday.

Most, but not all of the flowering plants used by the Altar Guild for the sanctuary decoration are and have been purchased. In the

early days, St. Paul had one church member, Bert Hathaway, who was into cymbidium orchids in a big way. He was a very active member of the Orange County Cymbidium Society and had about three hundred plants in his collection. He even bred them. But most importantly, he and his wife Lois, shared them at Easter with the congregation at St. Paul. I'm not sure when it started. It seems from my recollection that Bert's blooming cymbidium or-

chids were always in the sanctuary at Easter---at least from when we started attending, until he left life as we know it in 2004.

After retirement, I was given a few plants by friends and relatives (after they had finished blooming of course). I was really impressed with the orchids Bert shared with us, but my few plants

> didn't seem to be into blooming like his. In fact, mine didn't bloom at all. However, one year (shortly after Easter), Bert and Lois hosted a gathering in their home to share a bit of their orchid knowledge with interested St. Paul members. At the gathering Bert gave a short talk accompanied by a printed handout refeeding of cymbidiums. Surprisingly, after that gathering

garding the care and

there seemed to be a marked improvement in the health and well-being of my little orchid collection. Thanks to Bert, a couple of my plants actually bloomed the next flowering season.

Following Bert's passing on, Lois sold their collection. Most of the plants went to members of the Orange County Cymbidium Society, but I was able to purchase a few to add to my own meager collection. By the time the next

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We are a Christ-centered, redeemed family of God, that loves our community, embodies service and care for all people, and shares our joy and faith in God's grace, mercy and love. As disciples of Christ, we pray to be led by God's Spirit.

We learn and grow in wisdom through Scripture, and we embrace inclusivity in our ministry and mission.

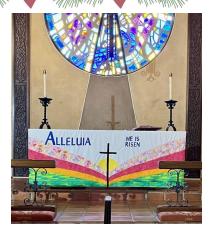
### Declaración de Visión

Somos una familia de Dios redimida y centrada en Cristo, que ama a nuestra comunidad, viviendo en el servicio y el cuidado de todas las personas, y que comparte nuestra alegría y fe en la gracia, la misericordia y el amor de Dios. Como discípulos de Cristo, oramos para ser guiados por el Espíritu de Dios. Aprendemos y crecemos en sabiduría a través de las Escrituras, y practicamos la inclusión en nuestro ministerio y misión.

### Thanks for the New Altar Paraments

On behalf of the grateful Altar Guild ladies, we would like to thank Carol Pankow for the generous donation of her original, creatively designed and exquisitely handcrafted beautiful and colorful Easter altar parament.

-Sandy Johnson



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Easter came around there weren't many, but at least there were some blooming plants in my newly expanded collection for use by the Altar Guild. Since then, I've tried to keep the legacy alive by continuing to share beautiful cymbidium flowers with the St. Paul congregation at Easter. Except for a total crop failure one year (and COVID) the string has remained pretty much

unbroken. Although Easter came early this year, there were a dozen blooming plants to share---all but one coming from divisions of plants acquired from the Hathaway collection.

On behalf of the grateful Altar Guild ladies, we would like to thank Gabe Bryeans for sharing his beautiful cymbidium orchid with St. Paul again this past Easter. —Sandy Johnson

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Don't forget our homebound and those in extended care facilities

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