

**Week of September 26—October 2, 2021**

## ***CASTING OUR NET***

### **ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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(REALM)

PSALM 55:22

CAST YOUR CARES ON THE LORD  
AND HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU;  
HE WILL NEVER LET THE  
RIGHTEOUS FALL.

Dear St. Stephen's,

While we did our morning service by Zoom yesterday, some of us gathered outside for an afternoon walk and worship at the Hartman Arboretum. It was truly a beautiful afternoon!



Holy Hike for the Churches of the Confluence Neighborhood featuring Dr. Beth, Dr. Joana and Fr. Allen (St. John's Mt. Vernon) along with parishioners from various places. We toured and prayed at the 25 Acre Hartman Arboretum north of Evansville.

Here are my best answers to your burning questions:

#### **→WHEN WILL WE ALL WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH?**

Several of you have asked me that in the past week. Here is what needs to happen before we all can regather in the nave for worship:

1. The new technology needs to be tested with leadership only more than once:
  - to ensure that the video and audio work in the new space (we continue to use Wednesday noonday prayer to figure this out)
  - to ensure that more than just Jacob can run audio and video feed.
  - to ensure that we have the set up and take down to a point that people other than Jacob can do it. A bigger question is how to deal with the equipment and our tradition of leaving the church doors open: this is an item for a future vestry meeting, once we know how much time and effort are involved in set up and take down.
2. The new technology needs to be connected to our existing sound system so that people who needed the sound system to work before the pandemic will be able to hear again.
3. The wiring, audio and video equipment are placed in places so that people can enter and exit pews without tripping or damaging equipment. This may involve rearranging some of the furniture. When we had a professional company look at the nave, even they were stymied as to camera placement. The challenge is real.
4. Last but not least, our Covid numbers need to continue to decrease. Currently, we are in the orange zone, which means that we are still in the red zone on one of the two state metrics.

#### **→WHEN WILL WE HAVE MEETINGS IN THE PARISH HOUSE?**

1. When we move our worship to the nave.
2. When the OWL technology is up and running so that any meeting will have a hybrid option.
3. When we are sure that our Covid numbers are decreasing.

We have come a long way in the past year and a half with dedicated volunteers and a priest not professionally trained in these aspects of parish life.

We ask for your kindness and patience as we take the next steps.

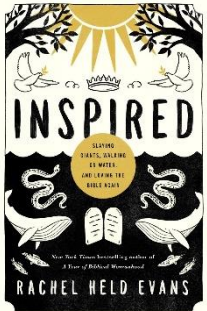
God's peace,

*Beth+*

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**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

This Wednesday (Sept. 29th) at 3 p.m. we will be **MOVING THE BIG STUFF** from the Parish House to the church (altar, chairs, and candles). We will have a furniture dolly to assist. If you can assist, please show up at the parish house!



**Fall BOOK STUDY Group: *Inspired***

Please join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for our fall book study! We will be reading *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. For our first meeting on October 6, we will discuss the introduction.

You can pick up a copy of the book at the church this week on Wednesday or call Dr. Beth or Dr. Joanna to arrange for a different pick up time. Weekly discussions will be held on Zoom using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82522365532> . We can also hold one or two outdoor in person meetings based on interest. For more information, please contact Dr. Joanna ([jbenskin@ses.cdsp.edu](mailto:jbenskin@ses.cdsp.edu), 512.784.0588).

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** will be held outside the Roofless Church on the North Street side on Wednesday, October 6th at 6 PM. Please bring your animal companion(s) (on a leash or in a crate) or a picture of you animal(s) and join us for a brief outdoor service and blessing.



**OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (Volunteers Needed)

DATE	LEADERS / EVENT	Lector	Intercessor	Responder	FACEBOOK GREETER	Zoom Service Coordinator
Oct 3 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Eucharist Dr. Beth					
Oct 10 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Morning Prayer					
Oct 17 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Eucharist Dr. Beth					
Oct 24 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Outdoor Service Dr. Joanna / Cindy B.					
Oct 31 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	National Cathedral	----	----	----		----

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### Oct 3, 2021

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### Oct 10, 2021

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### ***We ask for Continued Prayers:***

The **church**, its members, and its mission; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Mauricio, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Brasilia; our companions at Transfiguration Church in Nuevo Progreso, in the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico and their Bishop, Julio; for the people of the Diocese of Haiti, especially Saint Andrew's Parish in Mithon, for the Venerable Jean Michelin.

The **nation** and all in authority; The **welfare** of the world.

For all who suffer from hardships – physically, emotionally, or financially; Richard Diemer; Brandon; JB; Simmons family; Sue Shoaff; Eddie Gene Martin; Sheila, Greg, and Ivy; The Afghan and Haitian refugees; Farmers; Officer Hicks and family; All police, firemen and emergency workers

### ***And for those serving in the Military:***

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; Tessa; All who serve

### ***Those who have died:***

Edgar A. Simmons; All who have died from COVID 19;  
All who have died from violence

### Oct 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7 Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 104:1-9, 15, 37b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### Oct 24, 2021

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52



### ***For those who celebrate Birthdays in Sept & Oct:***

Sept 3 - Hope Staubitz	Oct 1 – Bish Mumford
Sept 3 - Vicki Campbell	Oct 10 – Rob Bernardin
Sept 4 - Margaret Blank	Oct 12 – Ken Meyer
Sept 5 - Charles Huck	Oct 24 – Annette Buckland
Sept 8 - Will White	
Sept 15 – Levi Cox	
Sept 16 – Margaret Diemer	
Sept 20 – Wayne Hall	
Sept 25 – Greg White	
Sept 29 – Tom Straw	
Sam Bach	



### ***For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Oct:***

Oct 12 – Cindy & Rob Bernardin

### ***And for Safety in Travel for:***

All truck drivers and delivery persons

### ***Blessings:***

Cooler weather; Reid's acceptance to Belmont



