

## This Joyful Eastertide!

*Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

EASTER ISN'T OVER. Easter for Christians is not just one day, but a fifty-day festal season that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

FOR CHRISTIANS AROUND the world, the **Season of Easter** (also known as *Eastertide*, or *Paschal Tide*) begins with the Great Vigil of Easter, which this year was held at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 15.

ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN clouds were dark and stormy, the weather held off until after the lighting of the Paschal candle and the following procession into the Cathedral, which was darkened and illuminated only by the candles held by the ministers and parishioners. The first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, it is during this service that people are baptized, confirmed and received into the Church. Although we had no baptisms, two members were confirmed, and seven new members were received by the Bishop.

ON EASTER SUNDAY we continued our celebrations of the good news of Christ's resurrection, rediscovering what the earliest followers of Jesus realized: *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. During Easter

we are called to live out our baptism, celebrating as Christians what it means to be a person of faith.

AS PART OF our observance of the liturgical year, Easter is designed to help us celebrate everything that is good and beneficial to us spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. We celebrate because we recognize that all goodness comes from God and is granted to us through Christ.

YOU MAY BE done with Easter Sunday services and with Easter egg hunts; you may have put away your Easter bonnet and your bunny decorations, but Easter isn't over. Eastertide gives us the opportunity to reflect more broadly and deeply on the multifaceted meaning of the resurrection of Jesus: meditating on what the resurrection says about the character of Jesus Christ as the Righteous One of God; or pondering the fact that death has been swallowed up in victory. Reflecting on how the resurrection of Jesus is a precursor to our own resurrection, we consider how it gives us "new birth to a living hope." (1 Peter 1:3)

SO EASTER ISN'T OVER! This is a season of joy, and we hope you will join us here at St. Paul's as we think deeply and pray broadly about what



## Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, April 15, 2017



Deacon John Doherty and Bishop Alan Scarfe lighting the Paschal Candle assisted by Br. Cullin Schooley and Nick Stürtz.



Our newly confirmed and received members. Front row left to right: Dean Beecham, John Zickfoose, Mark Mitchell, Matt Petty, Spivey Knapik, Ken Knapik. Back row: Bishop Scarfe, Traci Petty, Penny Gerds, Mark Babcock.

**Congratulations to all!**



## *Cathedral Arts*



### **St. Paul's Cathedral Arts Series May 7, 4pm Evensong**

Peter Aston's cheerful setting of the Magnificat (Mary's song - "my soul doth magnify the Lord") and the Nunc dimittis (Simeon's song - "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace") are the musical heart of the May 7 Choral Evensong. Fr. Troy Beecham is the officiant, Mark A. Babcock is the organist, and Rebecca Gruber conducts the Howells Scholars. A wonderful reception, provided by the Cathedral Arts Committee, follows the service. Cathedral Art's events are opportunities to invite people to this beloved place. Our organ and the Cathedral music traditions are worth sharing with the community. Invite your friends, come, and enjoy.

### **Our next UTO INGATHERING is Sunday, June 4**

The Spring United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017. You are invited to "count your blessings"---those coins you have put in the Blue Box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives around you. A UTO Ingathering envelope will be included with the bulletins to enclose and offer your cash or check for the amount of your blessings. Checks should be made payable to The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, with UTO on the memo line. Send or bring it to church so that it can be joined with the thank offerings of other Episcopalians. The total given by St. Paul's for the fall, All Saints UTO Ingathering on November 6, 2016, was \$693.80. The size of the Ingathering is not as important as the practice of thanksgiving.



Your prayers and offerings have built churches and schools, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, and have provided support for those with physical, mental, and emotional challenges. AIM donations during the month of May will be added to UTO Ingathering offerings. More UTO information will be available during each coffee hour on June 4, including about the Memorial and Gift Trust Fund. This is a way one can give thanks and honor an individual or group with a permanent recorded remembrance.

Sweet treats will be provided by the Outreach Cloister during the coffee hours.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first informational session to discuss the Sanctuary Movement and our potential role!

As we continue to move forward in this journey together, we'd like to invite anyone who feels so called to be involved with this work and conversation to join the Discernment Team. The Team will facilitate further discussions, hold informational and educational sessions, help lead us as a congregation through the process of discerning our role, and work out the details of what this will look like for St. Paul's.

**Member Birthdays and Anniversaries**  
**Happy Birthday, May People!**  
 Nancy Morton, May 3  
 Bishop Alan Scarfe, May 3  
 Marilyn Sand, May 5  
 Dee Vickery, May 7  
 Zoe Rawson, May 18  
 Tommy Thompson, May 18  
 Loretta Baker, May 19  
 Helen Dagley, May 24  
 Donald Sherinian, May 25  
 Anne Reasons, May 26  
 Aidan Champion, May 27  
 Paolo Bartesaghi, May 28  
 Linda Garten, May 30  
**Happy Anniversary!**  
 Denise and Scott Linn, May 6  
 Martha and Russell Benda, May 26  
 Jason and Diana Palmer, May 28

Good time by all, the connection café guests were thrilled to have such a feast and to be served. Thanks to all the volunteers. Special thanks to Robert Moore who prepared the food.

John Doherty



## Outreach Activities

### Special Quilt Blessed for Project HOPE



The Project HOPE quilt, pictured above. The quilt pattern, known as "Single Wedding Ring," dates from the late 19th century.

At the eight o'clock service on Sunday, April 23rd a special quilt was blessed to be sent to Project HOPE – the prison hospice within the Iowa Medical and Classification Center in Coralville. Donated by Cynthia and Vicki Ingham, it was made by their grandmother in the late 1930s-early 1940s, using flower sack fabric and scraps of shirt and dress fabrics. The Inghams found fabric that seemed to go with the quilt's vintage look for the borders and the backing (which are new).

Project HOPE provides spiritual, emotional, physical and psychological support that allows terminally ill offenders to die with dignity and humanity, in as little pain as possible, and in a hospice setting rather than alone in a cell, infirmary bed, or hospital room. No state funding is used for this program. (Donations are welcome!) There is a flyer in the narthex with more information, or contact [ingham.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:ingham.vicki@gmail.com).

*Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them. (Heb. 13:3)*



### Our May Shelter Meal will be served on Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Did you know that St. Paul's is the Central Iowa Shelter & Services' longest consistent donor of monthly financial support? In addition to special collections taken for CISS, St. Paul's has for years served a meal once a month at the shelter. Our next Shelter Meal will be Sunday, January 24th. Please check the sign-up poster located in the parish house corridor and think/decide what food you can contribute. Please sign up if you will be bringing food so we don't purchase more than necessary. Monetary contributions are welcome anytime, and will be credited to your personal St. Paul's contributions. *Thank you!*





# Summer Activities for Youth and Families



**You know you  
need a break!**

Kids stay active in their own  
track while you join a  
learning track that interests  
you or choose a solo retreat!

**Register by May 19, 2017**  
to save \$25.00

## 2017 Track topics:

**Diversity:** Exploring Whiteness Through the Lens of Love, Deacon's track Older Adults focus, Christian Living and Political Activism

**Church Leadership training:** Deacon's track Older Adults focus, Spreading the Good News: Evangelism for Today, Sacred Movement for the Curious Christian, Effective Communications for Churches, Leadership and Baptismal Communities of Practice

**Introspection:** Art Developed Through Companionship with the Holy Spirit, On Holy Ground, Solo Retreat

**Religious Studies:** Religion and Violence, Jesus the Jew

**Kids entering Grade 3 and younger stay and eat FREE**

**Youth entering Grades 4-12 "Lock in" at St. Paul's Church**

**More information and registration information available in the church office or  
online at: [www.iowaepiscopal.org](http://www.iowaepiscopal.org)**

## EPIC

**Iowa Episcopal Summer Camp**

**July 24 — 28, 2017**

**Pictured Rocks Camp, Monticello Iowa**

**Camp Programs for Youth Entering 4th — 12th grades**

♦ Caring, professionally trained staff ♦ Formation Programs ♦ Arts & Crafts ♦ Nature Hikes ♦ Archery  
& Rock Climbing ♦ Camp Fires

Cost: \$300 Scholarships are available.

No child will be turned away.

Find registration & more info at [iowaepiscopal.org/ministries/children-youth.html](http://iowaepiscopal.org/ministries/children-youth.html) or contact Lacy Howard at [lhoward@iowaepiscopal.org](mailto:lhoward@iowaepiscopal.org) or 515/277-6165 for scholarship or camp information.





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Are you looking for something? Are you feeling called to deepen your faith? Longing for a greater sense of purpose? Be inspired and energized during this program that focuses on engagement in the life of Jesus and our call to love and serve others. In community with fellow participants, you'll share a spiritual journey of faith and compassion that is life-giving.

For more information about JustFaith, contact Susie Tierney at [centerforsocialministry@gmail.com](mailto:centerforsocialministry@gmail.com) or 515-782-3054 or visit [www.centerforsocialministry.org](http://www.centerforsocialministry.org)

Engaging Spirituality is a small group program that invites participants to deepen their faith or spirituality through prayerful listening, sharing from the heart, and exploring what it means to "love our neighbors." An Engaging Spirituality group will be offered at Emmaus House this fall. For more information or to register, visit [www.centerforsocialministry.org](http://www.centerforsocialministry.org) or contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, 515-782-3054 or [centerforsocialministry@gmail.com](mailto:centerforsocialministry@gmail.com). Or, like us on Facebook.

#### **Care of Creation Cloister**

The Care of Creation Cloister will be meeting in the Library after the 10:00 service church on May 7th. We will be planning for our Mother's Day coffee hour among other topics. anyone who is interested is welcome!



It's Spring again, and our "Weekly Weeders" for the garden has resumed. If you are interested, contact Jo Anna Hebberger at [jhebberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jhebberger@yahoo.com)



# Electronic Giving

*A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow*

## St. Paul's now offers text giving!

We have added text giving to our online giving account, and you can automatically give by texting the amount you wish to donate to this number:

**515-207-8133.**

### DONOR GUIDE

- 1.Text the amount you would like to give to your church's designated number.
- 2.If you are a first time, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure URL.
- 3.Once you click the registration link, you will enter your credit or debit card information.
- 4.At this point your donation will process.
- 5.You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful.



### Tips for future text-giving donations

- If you only text a monetary value, the funds are attributed to your church's default fund. (Ex: \$50 = will go to default fund)
  - If you text the amount + fund name- the funds will be attributed to that fund name. (Ex: \$10 Building)
  - If the fund name you texted does not match- you will receive a message with a list of fund names for you to choose from.
  - If you text "Funds" you will receive a reply text including a list of the fund names they can choose to donate to.
  - If you text "Help" you will receive a reply text that states: "To give enter the amount you want to give, such as 100. You can also give to a specific fund by typing it after your amount, such as 100 building fund"
- If you text "Reset" you will receive a reply text that states: "Saved card information successfully removed. Please register your card information again when making your next gift by texting an amount to this number."

## **Safe and Secure Online Giving Now Available!**

We now offer safe and secure online giving on our website by using the QR ("Quick Response") Code printed on the right. Credit and debit cards are accepted. You can set up an account or quick give. An account allows you to set up a donation schedule and/or track your donations. Quick giving allows you to bypass this step. You may choose to give to our general budget, to the Cathedral Preservation Fund, or Cathedral Arts.



**Please be sure to visit our website:**

<http://cathedralchurchofstpaul.org/>

**We also offer on-line giving, and here's the link:**

<https://www.e360giving.com/g3/>