

Wardens Update

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 4:4-7



Hello my Brothers and Sisters,

At our Vestry meeting this week, we closed with a beautiful Eucharist which included the above reading, also from last Sunday's service. Reverend Lyn commented that it reminds her of St Paul's, and I could not agree more. As we enter another transition, I continue to rejoice in the gentle and kind

way you all are with one other: offering up our prayers to God and looking forward with peaceful hearts. I will continue to rejoice in the Lord and St Paul's.

Reception for Reverend Lyn

Sunday was a wonderful celebration of Reverend Lyn. As we did then, your wardens struggle to find the words to express our deep thanks we feel for her. With Reverend Lyn's support, love, and leadership we came to discern God's will for us concerning West Elizabeth and have grown into our current vibrant parish. As you are forever part of our colorful history and in our hearts, we thank you, Reverend Lyn. We love you.

Gift from St. Paul's: for those not able to attend, we had a wonderful gift for Reverend Lyn, a beautiful icon "The Holy Spirit", hand painted by our own very talented Laurie. It was mounted in a floating frame crafted by our own Jim Steinborn from the trees from West Elizabeth.



Reverend Lyn's Next Assignment:

Reverend Lyn will not be too far away. She will be taking an assignment at St. Ambrose in Boulder.

Special thanks to Beth Etter and her team for putting together another great send off.

Inspired by the Spirit: Stewardship Campaign Update

Rejoice! The spirit has inspired you. Our initial results from our stewardship Campaign: Inspired by the Spirit are in, and I must thank you all. We have already received 39 pledges including 3 new pledge units! With total pledges of over \$190,000 so far, we are doing quite well. With over 75% of the expected pledges in, we are over 75% of the way to our pledge goal of \$248,000.

For all who have pledged, thank you for sharing your inspiration! Anyone who has not had a chance to pledge yet, please contact the office today.

Call for New Vestry Members:

We invite anyone interested in joining the Vestry to please speak with our nominating committee: Gray Currier, Seth Stepleton or Demetrios Godenitz.

Up-Coming Events

Here is our calendar for the next couple of weeks.

- Dec 24 – Jan 2: Office Closed

- Christmas Eve:
 - 1:30 pm: St. Paul's Christmas Pageant
 - 3:30 pm: and 5:30 pm Trinity Candle Light Services
 - 10:30 pm: St. Paul's Midnight Service

- Christmas Day:
 - 9:00 am: Mary of Magdala Service
 - 10:30 am: St. Paul's Service
 - Festive Christmas Day Lunch

- New Year's Eve/New Year's Day: no services

- Jan 22: Vestry Meeting: open to parishioners. We had a visitor at our last meeting!

- Jan 27: Annual Meeting

As we approach the coming of our Savior, I say Rejoice! Rejoice in knowing God has a plan for St Paul's. Rejoice in your gentle and kind way you bring Christ into your lives and out into the world. Rejoice in the fellowship and love we share. Rejoice!

Wishing you God's Blessing and a Wonderful Christmas,
Rhoda and John, Your Wardens

