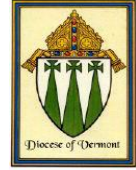


# St. Paul's Epistle



DECEMBER 2014



The Children's Christmas pageant will be held during the 10am service on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 4pm Christmas Eve.  
Holy Eucharist Rite II with carols and choir

The Christmas Day Service will be Rite I at 10am on Christmas Day.  
Said service, no music

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Dear Friends of Saint Paul's,  
Over the past six weeks, Saint Paul's followed a program designed by The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) called "Walking the Way". The stewardship committee would like your feedback. The hyperlink below will take you to a short 10-question survey that we hope you will consider completing. If you would prefer a paper version of the survey, copies will be available in the Narthex of the church. The survey is anonymous, unless you choose to provide your name. We hope that you will be forthright and honest.

"Feedback is a Gift."

If you are aware of other members of the Saint Paul's community who may not have received this email, but would like to participate, please forward this email link to them.

Thank you for participating in the survey, and most importantly in the community of Saint Paul's,  
Survey Hyperlink: (Click on it!)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RKMZYGK>

*Sarah Cowan on behalf of the Stewardship  
Committee of Saint Paul's.*

**GIFTS AND GIVING SUMMARY STATUS TO DATE**

On Sunday, November 9th we gathered our gift commitments for 2015 and celebrated Holy Eucharist followed by a delicious pot luck lunch. So far we have received 25 pledge commitments with a total slightly over \$60,400 .Our previous history has been 31 to 39 pledges per year with totals ranging from \$61K to \$72K for the year. There are new pledges received this year and that is wonderful. We give thanks to God for all that has been committed in gratitude for all that we have received.

Please return your pledge cards within the next couple of weeks if you have intentions to do so.

*The Stewardship Committee*



Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, the choir will be going caroling. Meet at the church to carpool. Everyone, not just choir members, is welcome.

And speaking of being welcome, the choir invites new members. You don't have to sing every Sunday. The choir meets at 7pm on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Come and make a joyful noise!

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Franny Howland
- 6 Bill Davidson
- 6 Catie Macauley
- 7 Ezra Seymour
- 9 Nate Guilmette
- 12 Sarah Stroup
- 12 Sue Berkenbush
- 13 Ezra Jay Spencer
- 14 Mary Gordon
- 16 Carol Knauss
- 17 Gabriel Hale
- 20 Sarah Coburn
- 21 Robert Laidman
- 21 Amelia Coburn
- 30 Victoria Ronish

**THE SOCIETY OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST** is offering a Digital Advent Calendar. A daily word and meditation, accompanied by a stunning image, will be delivered daily to your Inbox. Subscribe to the daily e-mail and tune in to the the true meaning of the Christmas season. Alternatively, you can choose to receive a printed calendar or engage via Pinterest or Instagram.

Find complete information at <http://ssje.org/adventwordresources.html>.

Marcie, for the Education Committee"

**LITTLE CITY PLAYERS PRESENT:**

The Best Christmas Pageant EVER

At the Vergennes Opera House:

- Sat. Dec 6 at 7 PM
- Sun. Dec. 7 at 2 PM
- Fri. Dec 12 at 7 PM
- Sat. Dec 13 at 2 & 7 PM
- Sun. Dec. 14 at 2 PM



We are delighted to announce the birth of Lennon Elizabeth to Suzanne and Matt Guiggey. Lennon was born November 16<sup>th</sup>. The proud grandparents are Bob and Cricket Laidman. She's as pretty as her name!

January 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service will be the Bishop's visitation to St. Paul's. Please plan to be there, as we don't see Bishop Ely all that often. There will be no 8am service on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

# WARNING

## ANNUAL REPORTS



The Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church will be held after the 10am service on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The snow date will be January 25<sup>th</sup>.

In order to have the reports printed, collated and out for your edification the Sunday before the 18<sup>th</sup> (January 11<sup>th</sup>), I MUST receive them no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>. You have a whole month so please make my task easier! Thank you in advance, as I know there will be no laggards.

Those affected by this include:

The Secretary of the Annual Meeting  
The Rector  
The Senior Warden  
The Junior Warden  
The Flower Guild Chair  
The Choir Director  
The Sunday School Director  
The Chair of Outreach and Pastoral Care  
The Chair of the Stewardship Committee  
The Treasurer  
The Memorial Day Committee  
The Altar Guild Chair

And if I have forgotten anyone you need to get YOUR report in by January 3<sup>rd</sup> too.

You all must have noticed how groomed our grounds are. Thank you to all who remained after church and worked...and worked...and worked.

And speaking of thank you's...the food shelf baskets have been overflowing lately! We are very grateful as are the many who access the food shelf each week.

From October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, The Vergennes Community Foodshelf served 478 different households. These households included 1361 people, 433 of whom were children. Since most of these families need to use the food shelf many times a year, we ended up serving 6781 people. That's a lot of food and we are indeed blessed that St. Paul's is so supportive. And we were blessed that everyone who came to see us looking for a turkey got one...we even have two left over.

Hunger remains when Thanksgiving is a memory and the Christmas paper has all been recycled. Please think of us when you shop. Spinach, beets, carrots and ravioli and pineapple are very popular.



If you know of someone who needs a little help please tell them about us. Tuesdays we open at 1pm because we can't fit all the folks who come into two hours.

## DECEMBER 2014 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7pm Choir	4	5 8pmAA	6 12:30-2pm Sunday school activity, "Make and Take" at Opera House
7 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	8	9	10 7pm Choir	11 7pm Stewardship Mtg.	12 8pm AA	13 10am SISP meeting, Bethany UCC,
14 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 1pm Caroling 7pm AA	15	16 7pm Vestry	17 10:30 Morning Prayer at Vergennes Residential Care Home 7pm Choir	18	19 8pmAA	20 Epistle Deadline Epistle Deadline Epistle Deadline Epistle Deadline
21 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist with pageant 7pm AA	22	23	24 4pm Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Carols	25 10am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Said service	26 8pm AA	
28 8am Eucharist Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	29	30	31	January 1 New Year's Day		

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SHOWN PLEASE ARRANGE TO SWITCH SUNDAYS WITH SOMEONE. THANK YOU.

## DECEMBER SUNDAY CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Sunday School/ Child Care</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Welcome Comm.</u>	<u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Dec. 7 Advent 2	Carol Knauss	Nan & Nate Guilmette  Beth McAllister	Diane Merrill Mary Beth Hamilton	Cricket Laidman Carol Knauss	Carol Knauss Judy Langeway	Steve Lowe	Alisdair Chauvin  Carol Knauss	Steve Lowe	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 14 Advent 3	Lenore Morse	Pam & Bob Macauley  Chris Hale	Sarah Cowan	Steve Lowe Nate Guilmette	Carol Knauss Judy Langeway	Margaret Lowe Lenore Morse	Catie Macauley  Carol Knauss	Steve Lowe	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 21 Advent 4	Mary Gordon	Sarah & John Stroup  Nate Guilmette	Cricket & Bob Laidman	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen	Tim Earle	Mary Gordon & Sue Berkenbush	Catie Macauley  Tim Earle	Pam Macauley	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-4, 19- 26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 28 Christmas I	Mary Beth Hamilton	Sarah & Chris Hale  Margaret Lowe	Pam Macauley	Laurie Earle Lenore Morse	Tim Earle Carol Knauss	Lee Martel	Noah Macauley  Carol Knauss	Catie Macauley	Isaiah 61:10--62:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18

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- Lee Martel 759-2408
- **Class of 2016**
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- Madelaine Calise 475-2901
- Marcia Merryman-Means 877-8398
- **Class of 2017**
- Sarah Cowan 877-2382
- Cricket Laidman 877-3566
- Judy Langeway 877-3737

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