

Please mark your calendars for all the meetings we have upcoming. We have a lot of issues that we will need to discuss and your input is very valuable. Preparing for our search committee by hearing from Rev Little is one important issue as is meeting with the community lead by Partners for Sacred Places.

We also need everyone to help with the 150th Anniversary. The committee has been working very hard and now the rest of us need to step up to help. We are asking all vestry members to take a lead in our community work day and to support the many summer festivals happening in our neighborhoods. One thing we must remember is we can not ask others to be involved with us if we do not reciprocate. I believe if we plan ahead and recruit parishioners to help, we can be involved in the majority of the happenings in Flint this summer.

Another pressing concern is reorganizing our ministries. We have spent the last 2 years not having regular meetings and not recruiting new members. Is it time to look at our vision and mission and try to recruit new members? For too long we have had ministries in name only. I believe we can use this time to think about what we would like to do in the community and for ourselves and develop programs that address both of these issues. Let's take a fresh look at the work we have done and look at how we should be moving forward. I believe we can try different things since many people have gotten use to making adjustments. Can we identify new parishioners to lead these ministries? I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us. Our stewardship committee is an example. Having a year round focus on sharing our gifts has been a new process for St Paul's's. We have many opportunities for Outreach this year.

Once again we are being asked to host a Diocesan event. We have two members and Father Don serving on Diocesan committees. May we support and continue to be an active member of our Diocese and be involved in the movement to create a new diocese of Eastern and Western Michigan.

Thank you for all you contribute to St Paul's.  
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