



**Priest-in-charge  
Report to the vestry for  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6:30PM**

Family Promise:

Family Promise is in, but a couple more improvements to the building have to be completed prior to hosting families (during the day). Chief among them is the shower. The original plan had called for the addition of a shower to one of the upstairs bathrooms. This, it turned out, would necessitate tearing up ceilings on the first floor. So, the decision has been made to move the shower install to the old (and barely used) bridal room in the basement.

150<sup>th</sup> Celebration:

What an enormous success this was. Thanks to Walt and everyone who attended. A total of 110 people attended church on that day, and the luncheon on the lawn was sublime.

Sonitrol:

Sonitrol has been to St. Paul's twice so far to complete the installation of the new security cameras. It has not been a speedy install. They are due back on September 28 to (fingers crossed) complete the install.

Pictorial Directory:

The editing period has now ended and we will be publishing the new directory within the next two weeks.

The 8:00 AM Service: Having received a very formal request to bring back the 8:00 AM service, I spoke to the liturgy committee at length about whether or not to start it back up. The Liturgy Committee recommended doing an interest inventory, which happened a few weeks ago. The results of the inventory were surprisingly positive, so I have decided to try the service for three months. During

that time I will carefully monitor the attendance numbers of both the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services to determine if it should be permanently reinstated.

Parking: Parking continues to be a challenge. We obtained a quote from Michigan Fence Co. on constructing a new gate. That quote was around \$40,000 total, which seems excessive relative to the extent of the problem. New signs appear to be a better option.

Karein: With the support of the finance committee, I have extended Karein's hours by 6, bring her to a total of 24/week. This will require the vestry's retroactive approval.

Downspouts & Drainage: There are serious issues regarding our drainage situation at St. Paul's. Some excavation may be necessary along the north side of the building to fix the problem.

Budget: Most groups have submitted budget requests now, and finance will be putting together a budget proposal in the next month.

We are blessed in so many ways. St. Paul's is an inspiring place to be!

God's peace,

Tom+