

# CHURCHYARD NEWS

**“Come to me all  
you who are  
weary and  
burdened, And I  
will give  
you rest.”**

***Matthew 11:28***



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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I am thrilled to be with y'all here at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Winter in Wisconsin came late and lingered a long time! However, it seems our cold, wet spring has finally warmed and summer is upon us. Luscious green surrounds us and reminds us that we are surrounded by new life and growth.

The same could be said concerning St. Paul's after two years. I give thanks for Father Jim Biegler and Deacon Nancy Behm who guided you through the “winter” of waiting for a priest of your own. They provided spiritual nourishment during a season of darkness that we now emerge from.

It seems fitting that my arrival at St. Paul's should coincide with the beginning of the season after Pentecost; the season marked by the liturgical color green, that is far from “ordinary” time but instead is a season for growth. I can't help but think of the words of the Second Song of Isaiah from Cantic 10 of our Book of Common Prayer.

*“For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it.”*

By these words, the prophet Isaiah (chapter 55) is calling the exiled people back to Jerusalem, back to Zion. Like Isaiah, my hope is that you will be encouraged during this time of “bringing forth life and giving growth.” If you have been absent, consider this an invitation to return to new life and growth. If you have been present, consider this an invitation to new life and growth.

During my first ninety days, my desire is to connect with each of you to hear the ways in which God has been acting in your lives and the ways in which you hope to see new growth in your own life, of our parish, and our community. I look forward to our growth together as we, like St. Paul, journey together in order to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Blessings and prayers,

Mother Bobbi+

### Who is Mother Bobbi?



Name: The Rev. Roberta A. (Bobbi) Kraft

Hometown: Sheboygan, WI

Places lived: Sheboygan, WI; Winona, MN; Kohler, WI; Madison, WI; Verona, WI; Middleton, WI; Alexandria, VA; Waco, TX; Green Bay, WI

Birthday: Feb 28th

Children: Andrea (Andie) Childs, age 28, lives in Stevens Point, WI; Kaleigh Kraft, age 22, lives in Brookfield, WI

Pets: no/not yet

Interests: Travel, Knitting, Geocaching, Writing, Social Media, Food, Movies, Reading, Icon Writing, Handcrafts, and more...just ask

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### Welcome Mother Bobbi

The congregation welcomed Mother Bobbi with a light luncheon on her first Sunday at St. Paul's on June 23, 2019.

We are excited for our new journey together.



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### EPH & Barnabas Update

We have a new family in the Barnabas Home. We received a mom, dad and 2 girls ages 6 and 7. They will occasionally have 2 other children for visitations. They have received their welcome meal. They loved the house and are very excited to be there.

We also need supplies to restock our basement to use at Barnabas. Please help yourself to the houses on the back wall.

Calendar:  
July & Aug  
2019

Birthdays:

July 1: Bill Verhaagh

July 11: Mary Ball

Aug 5: Mathew Princely

Aug 7: Dana Hoffman

Aug 9: Koltyn Blazer

Aug 15: Lauren Pritzl

Aug 26: Pat Hagerty

July:

Sun. July 7-Sunday Service-9:00am

Sun. July 14-Sunday Service-9:00am

Sun. July 21-Sunday Service-9:00am

Wed. July 24-Vestry Meeting-5:00pm

Sun. July 28-Sunday Service-9:00am

August:

Sun. Aug. 4-Sunday Service-9:00am

Sun. Aug. 11-Sunday Service-9:00am

Sun. Aug. 18-Sunday Service-9:00am

Sun. Aug. 25-Sunday Service-9:00am

Mon. Aug. 26-Deadline for "Churchyard News" articles.

Anniversaries:

July 2: Ron & Gail Revord

Aug 6: Robert & Marlene Zastrow

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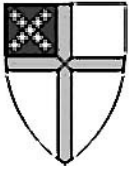
St Paul's New Social Media links



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## **Vestry Meeting Summary**

- We met with Mother Bobbi for the first time on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- She would like to meet with officers, the congregation and possibly have a questionnaire somewhere down the road for everyone.
- We will be looking at formation, youth, learning, stewardship, etc. in the days to come.
- We would like to have a celebration of our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall sometime. We are looking at possible dates for this.
- We will be working on communications, such as our website and social media.
- The Vestry has approved for us to buy a Zoll AED Defibrillator for St. Paul's. We are currently working out the details of the estimate and the training session.