

Newsletter for August 30, 2024

Friday E-News: "This Week at St. Francis"

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
PROPER 17, YEAR B**

Both in-person services are offered, as always, and we welcome you to the 8:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite I (however, the 8:00 am service is canceled for this week only!) and to the 10:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music. **This will be the Rev. David Lucey's last Sunday to preside and to preach for us.**

Please join us!

If you wish to access the 10:00 am live-streaming from our NEW website

[CLICK HERE](#)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis,
We have two important upcoming events that will mark a transition in our church. Please note on your calendars!:

You are cordially invited
To a Farewell Luncheon for the Rev. David Lucey
In celebration of his ministry at St. Francis
Sunday, September 1, at 11:30 am
Millen Hall, St. Francis Episcopal Church

And

You are cordially invited
To a Welcome Brunch
for the Rev. E. Weston Mathews
As he begins his ministry at St. Francis
Sunday, September 8, at 11:30 am
Millen Hall, St. Francis Episcopal Church

If you are interested in helping with either event,
please contact Leslie Siegmund or Jennifer Murphy.

Regarding The Rev. Weston Mathew's Welcome Brunch

[Click here](#) if you would like to contribute to Father Weston's Welcome Brunch on
September 8 after the 10:00 service.

2024 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As of July 31, 2024:

Budgeted Revenue - \$359,387 Actual Revenue - \$425,912*

Budgeted Expenses - \$384,437 Actual Expenses - \$370,185

**Includes \$52,400 in prepaid pledges received in 2023 which is not reflected in the budgeted revenue.*

Summer is almost over and we have maintained a positive cash flow during these usually slow income months. St. Francis has received 60% of the budgeted Pledge income which is very much appreciated. Please keep your contributions flowing in. If you would like an update on your pledge giving, send email to me at treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org .

As treasurer, I am most grateful for the three parishioners who stepped forward to perform the annual audit for 2024. Perhaps there was a bit of a push to get their steps moving but they have almost completed the task.

A big thanks to Brice Eldridge, Chris Giragosian and Dana Anderson!

Does your employer offer matching fund contributions? That is another great way to support St. Francis. If you need any information from the treasurer to confirm your giving, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please support the **Fall Marketplace** event which will provide additional funds to allow us to continue all the important St. Francis programs such as Music, Outreach near and far, and much more.

Molly Reynolds

Treasurer

treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Web Support for the St. Francis Website

If you are having technical issues with the new website, please email

websupport@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

and explain your problem. Response time could be up to a week, but the volunteer web team will do its best!

To celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, St. Francis is hosting a community-wide event to package 15,120 meals to support *Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger*. We encourage individuals and families to join us to assemble these meals in this fun and meaningful event at **St. Francis Church on Friday October 4, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30PM**. Please volunteer by signing up at the link below. We need **80 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StFrancisEpiscopal2024>

End World Hunger Your impact starts with a meal, and leads to self-sufficiency, sustainability, and brighter futures! For more information on the Rise Against Hunger program, go to <https://www.RiseAgainstHunger.org>

St. Francis Fall Marketplace

This year, the newly named **St. Francis Fall Marketplace** will include vendors, bake sale, rummage sale, books, hotdog lunch, and more!

We need volunteers. If you're interested in helping out or are just curious about the event, please contact Leslie Siegmund or Sandy Walker.

Ready to get rid of some stuff??

The **Women's Group of St. Francis** will be hosting a **Rummage Sale** during the **St. Francis Fall Marketplace on October 19, 9am - 2 pm**. Now is good time to start going through your closets and storage spaces! Place things aside that you are ready to let go of. Your stuff of times gone by can be a treasure for another!!

We welcome household goods including kitchenware, glassware, small working appliances, linens, gently used clothing, artwork, decorative items, children's toys etc. Small furniture pieces (i.e end tables, small chairs) accepted.

Items not sold at the rummage sale, will be donated to local charities. Please no items heavier than 15 lbs.

Donations will be accepted on Sunday mornings at the church **starting October 6th.**

If you have any questions please contact **Janet Durfee**.

Crafters and Woodworkers Needed!

We're planning to sell crafts at the **Oct. 19 Fall Marketplace**, and we need crafters to contribute! Any kind of handmade item is welcome, including Christmas ornaments, baby items, woodcrafts, etc.

Call **Clara Sue Ashley** for more information.

Ongoing Activities

Morning & Evening Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00am and 5:00pm, via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church.

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 pm

We hope you can join us again the Fall via Zoom videoconference! PLEASE NOTE: We are on hiatus through August.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson.

Men's Group Meets WEDNESDAYS 8:35am

Discussing: The Gospel of John.

Join us every WED morning. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards.

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesday at 5:30pm, each week

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect!

*Zoom ID: **935 2210 0835**; Passcode: **church***

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) at 5:00pm

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to join TABS and participate in interesting discussions. On hiatus through AUGUST. Stay tuned for more information.

For further information contact Amelia Logan.

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road. Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes. At this time there is still no contact with the staff or the residents.

Dinners are made on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count typically ranges from five to 8. It has been as many as 12. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.

