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Focused Vestry Meeting		
Becoming the Post-Pandemic Church		
21 August 2022	12:30 PM	Parish Hall
Meeting called by	Kurt Wiesner	
Type of meeting	Focused Vestry Meeting	
Facilitator	Kurt	
Note taker	Russ Pack	
Attendees	Kurt Wiesner, Will Grua, Peggy McCray, Linda Roth, Steffi Ortman, Kristy Muday, Phil Baese, Geoff Ellis, Jon Anisko, Kelly Smith	

Overview and Discussion Topics	
	God is not elsewhere. God is already intimately part of our lives. St. Paul's is to be a place where our relationship with God and one another is manifested.
	"Manifest" – readily perceived by the senses <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does St. Paul's manifest God's love for the world?</li></ul>
	The Church is called to find the seeds of daily routines that make and keep Christ centered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What sort of things are we called to do as the people of St. Paul's?</li><li>• What are the roles that we as leaders/ministers are call to?</li></ul>
	God continuously brings life and resurrection out of death <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What no longer has life or needs to die?</li><li>• What needs to be preserved/protected/celebrated?</li><li>• Where will resurrection happen?</li></ul>

Connection to God	
	Goal of helping people to connect to God. How do we foster this place as a connection to God?
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benefits of church outdoors in nature</li><li>• Tradition of the edifice is important in acknowledging all who have come before us and said the same words. The act of setting up for Communion is meaningful</li><li>• The break-in was emotionally damaging as much as physically damaging</li><li>• Risk taking requires a balance but is necessary</li><li>• Take risk but don't lose the important aspects of the church</li><li>• Be who you are and grow into that</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The path matters; the destination will be reached</li> <li>• Social justice</li> <li>• Sometimes more prayerful; sometimes less</li> <li>• “Traditionalist” has broad definitions. Seeing God in the tradition can be communal. The term doesn’t necessarily imply “orthodox.”</li> </ul>
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Manifest	
	How does St. Paul’s manifest God’s love for the World?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music invites (e.g. Requiem)</li> <li>• Simply singing in the space</li> <li>• Sense of community Feels comforting Importance of being “here” Friendship Being around others but respecting space</li> <li>• Informational cards mailed out</li> <li>• Common prayer and common cup</li> <li>• Service in the Church makes people feel part of the place</li> <li>• Post-pandemic – need to let people know opportunities to serve</li> <li>• Service narrative should be an opportunity and not a requirement</li> <li>• Need strategic partnerships, such as Girl Scouts</li> <li>• What other groups in the community can be identified to meet regularly in our space?</li> <li>• Need to give voice to partnerships and relationships</li> <li>• Dinner Groups – What is our capacity? Where do we invest our energy?</li> <li>• Alternative approaches such as a potluck rather than Dinner Groups</li> </ul>

Purpose of this Discussion	
	We are here to do what?
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we looking for deliverables?</li> <li>• Are we working on a plan or strategy?</li> <li>• How do we get input from the entire congregation?</li> <li>• Public Relations work is needed.</li> <li>• Are we a Sunday-focused ministry?</li> <li>• Are we identifying service opportunities</li> <li>• How will this conversation align with budget discussions?</li> <li>• Need to identify ministries and how to be involved.</li> <li>• September 11 an opportunity to engage others in ministry opportunities.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to identify what is currently functioning well</li><li>• Need to assess opportunities to re-form or re-start</li><li>• Things to build on in reaching out to the community</li></ul>
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Next Discussion will be held 28 August at 12:30 in the Parish Hall