

## St. Paul's Servant Schedule: September 2008

Date	Time	Acolytes	Eucharistic Min	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Pray bfr worship
9/7	8:00	J Kadidlo	B Dickerson	D Kadidlo	Pogalz	E Slamkowski
	10:30	P Solie A Granberg	J Larsen J Harrelson	B Rupert	Jensens	B Rupert
9/14	8:00	T Granberg	A Wurzberger	R Brower	Granbergs	R Brower
	10:30	D Ball A Solie	H Jensen CR Hackworthy	K Larsen	Marbens	C Hackworthy
9/21	8:00	C Conover	V Barber	L Barber	N Cicero	V Cooley
	10:30	D Ball Tayler Stuber	P McGinnis J Freese	H Jensen	Singerhouse	N Firth
9/28	8:00	A Dickerson	J Conover	V Cooley	E Slamkowski	D Kadidlo
	10:30	Z Larsen K McGinnis	M Blanchard K Larsen	T Marben	K Peterson	T Marben

Notes:

- If you cannot serve when scheduled, please arrange a switch and change the kiosk schedule @ 386-2348.
- Acolytes & Eucharistic Ministers: if help is needed, please vest during the Peace and join the Worship service.
- All: If you are being scheduled incorrectly or are missing from a schedule and wish to participate, please contact Kim Larsen at 425-0015 or klars@mac.com.



# St. Paul's Episcopal church

September 2008

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

The fall season is almost upon us, and with that comes an increase in activities at church, and in our lives. Those things that stopped for the summer months are starting up again, so please pay close attention to the calendar included with this newsletter and take note of the important dates and times. Some key events are a Sunday School teachers meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Usher/Greeter training on the 11<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday School Kick-Off on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the resumption of our Forum Discussion Group on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and coming up early in October is a St. Francis Day Pet Blessing that has been planned with the St. Croix County Humane Society. It will be on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

One thing that has surprised me this summer has been the dramatic decrease in Sunday attendance. Numerous people keep reassuring me that this is normal, it will pick up in the fall, and it's nothing to be worried about, but I can't help but be concerned. I pray and hope that what I have been told is correct, so as fall approaches, I hope to see more and more of you on Sunday morning. We've missed you!

As I stated in our last newsletter, a couple of important events occurred over the summer that we need to take notice of. First, there was the GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference) at the end of June, and second, there was the once every 10 years Lambeth Conference in July. We will be discussing both of these conferences and their impact upon the Communion at the September Forum on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I know that many of us are tired of the debate over both national and international issues within the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, but they do affect us and it is very important for all of us to keep abreast of what is happening within the Communion. With that said, I would encourage you to check out the pertinent websites ([www.gafcon.org](http://www.gafcon.org) and [www.lambethconference.org](http://www.lambethconference.org)) along with the links from these sites as well as the links page on our own website ([www.stpaulshudson.faithweb.com](http://www.stpaulshudson.faithweb.com)). Please take a look at these sites, see what they and others are saying, and join us for the Forum on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The only way that we, as a parish and a family, can move forward in our discussions is with greater participation from our members. Attendance at the Forum has been as low as 8, and as high as 25. Even the highest number is

barely a representative sample of the varying views and opinions held by the people of St. Paul's, and consequently, trying to have a balanced discussion is difficult. So please, get involved, do some research, learn what you can, and come and join us!

As always, please keep St. Paul's, our Diocese, and the Episcopal Church in your prayers. And especially, please pray daily the prayer that I presented to you on Trinity Sunday. It is available on a small prayer card that is in the basket on the table in the Narthex.

Lord Jesus Christ, come among us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love and grace. Forgive us our weaknesses and strengthen us for the work ahead. Help us to discern your will in all that we do, so that together with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, we may find that one person whom you have set aside to serve you and your people in this place. In His name we pray. Amen.

Yours in Christ's Love,  
Fr. Guy

### **Adult Bible Study**

We will meet Sunday, August 31 for our regular study, and then will take a break until the fall Sunday School Kick-Off on September 14. Anyone 16 years or older is invited to adult Bible study from 9:20 - 10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We read and learn Scripture, and discuss how it applies to our lives today. We have been known to laugh and have fun.

We will begin chapter 28 in the book of Job on September 14 - - - learning about wisdom, and how Job copes with his losses and suffering. As Richard Rohr, a well-known Franciscan writer says, "This is probably one of the greatest books on prayer that has ever been written. It breaks our stereotypes of prayer. Certainly, most of the things Job says to God are not what we Christians have been trained to say to God. The pretty words are mostly gone. There's no 'beseech' and 'vouchsafe' and 'deign' and 'thou,' the stuff Christians love to put in their formal prayers. Instead Job dares to confront God, the very thing we were trained never to do."

Come join us on the 14th! There is no outside preparation required, and no need to worry about falling behind if you miss a class. Come join us and see why the Bible is called the "Living Word," and still outsells every book on the market!

## **Thoughts on the Anglican Communion**

This summer two conferences took place in the Global Anglican Communion which are historic for their rarity, for what they produced, and for what they did not produce. You may read about them, both GAFCON and Lambeth on the internet for yourself. There are links on St. Paul's website. If you need further direction, or would like someone to print them out for you, please don't hesitate to ask. Fr. Guy is able to direct you to someone who can help you with that.

I urge you to spend some time looking at the final documents produced in both those conferences and possibly some of the analysis following that. Lambeth, the once a decade conference, was boycotted by a significant number of primates and bishops in the Global Anglican communion for reasons of conscience. GAFCON was attended by those who are troubled by the ineffectiveness of the traditional instruments of unity in resolving a significant theological divide. These leaders are not upstart dissidents or troublemakers, but our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been prayerfully exhorting, counseling and moving. The sparse attendance at Lambeth makes this 2008 Lambeth Conference incomplete without the input of GAFCON. The fruit of both conferences must be taken in and considered together. Both meetings, both results, affect the shape of Global Anglican Communion and the future of The Episcopal Church. Thus, these events will come to impact the future of St. Paul's.

Kim Larsen

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## **Diocesan Activities**

The Diocesan Committee of the Whole (Standing Committee, Trustees and Executive Council) met at the cathedral in Eau Claire on August 2, 2008.

Reports from all 3 committees stating their agendas/activities at their individual meetings in July were heard.

We heard a report from Jo Glasser on the question and concerns expressed by members of all committees after our previous meeting together. Topics of concern were such things as our identity as a diocese, our long term diocesan leadership, the financial status of the diocese, and how can we continue to focus on our real purpose such as outreach while we are in transition. There was a lengthy discussion and much concern about the apportionment system used in the diocese. Many churches, including St. Paul's cannot afford to pay this apportionment to the dioceses and have asked for relief of a percentage of it. It is the general consensus of members of the committees that this system must be overhauled and made more workable. A small group will work on this.

It was decided to have question and answer listening sessions at about 4 different locations throughout the diocese between mid-August and mid-September to inform members of all congregations of our concerns and hear theirs. Each congregation will be asked to designate at least 3 individuals to attend and all others who wish to will be urged to attend also. Stay tuned for information on the times and locations of these sessions. Results will be tabulated and reported on at diocesan convocations and the diocesan convention in November.

We also discussed the possibility of having a service of confirmation (11 candidates) and reception (6 candidates) from throughout the diocese at the cathedral. Watch for further information on this.

Bert Rupert  
Diocesan Executive Council Member

My fellow Episcopalians (does that remind you of FDR?)

I must admit that I do not know where this will lead but if you stick with me we will make it with His help.

I worked a long day today, attended Evening Prayer service, talked to a few friends and cooked this month's selected recipe entitled "Bean Hot Dish." I chose it for my bachelor attempt at cooking because it appeared to be quick and easy and I live alone. It should be finished baking in fifty minutes or about 10:30pm and I'm starving. **Is it really supposed to look like that, Nancy?**

This past month was really busy. Our softball team got eliminated in the playoffs by losing to Harvestime our neighbor to the north. The good part was that our team of young-ins and old-ins made some tremendous plays in the field. The double play from left to third to home was outstanding as was the one inning in which our pitcher Pogalz struck out the side. There were times when we amazed our opponents with our ability. I can not forget how many people showed up to cheer us on. It had to be the largest group of supporters any team had. We even had an appearance by our representative on the Hudson School Board, Mr. Dick Muenich. We always lost in the last inning by one run which means we always gave it our best. We convey our condolences to Al on the loss of his father at this time which prevented his participation in the playoff games. **Let us not forget that there is always next year and it will be ours for fellowship and fun.**

We attended a Saints Game on a Saturday after having somewhat of a tailgate party prior to our leaving St. Paul's in the Networks bus. Due to unforeseen happenings only 14 of the 22 who paid ahead attended. Even with that we had fun and will do it again in the future. Our thanks to Barb for arranging things. Oh by the way the Saints, the pig and all the bat boys included did win the game.

As you already know we held our usually well organized Vacation Bible School several weeks ago. Carla has already been thanked several times for her work at running and organizing it. Not wanting to be a copy cat, I would like to point out how much designing and art work she did for the program. Thinking of being a painter and/or artist myself, I was really amazed by her use of colors and graphics. Everything was well done to say the least. My thanks go out to all the volunteers who took part in the program and helped clean-up afterwards. I especially want to acknowledge the work of our resident Garbologist for his work afterwards after everyone else had left. For your info my sources tell me that Fr. Guy really learned the meaning of

“Fatherhood” from the young-ins who took part.

And now for the bad news, a couple of things have come to my attention which I would like to share with you.

#1. Please be aware that church members **cannot use or borrow everything we own as a church family**. Such things as: church vestments, banners, chalices, goblets, Sunday school tables and chairs, and office equipment are not to be borrowed or loaned. We ask that whatever else you borrow you return it in the same or better condition you found it in. With that in mind I would like to add that I know a guy who owns a truck with over 365,000 miles on it and would be willing to loan it to anyone willing to return it in better condition.

#2. Our Sunday coffee hours need help. Granted during summer many people are gone but we still need people to take care of a coffee hour. It's not that big of a deal. What you need to provide is one treat, juice, and clean-up afterwards coffee is always there the instructions on how to operate the coffee maker are in the binder lying on the counter next to it. Plan to serve on average 40 people per service during the summer and roughly double that amount during winter months. County Market sells a dozen donuts for \$4.00. You can also bake your own treats if you wish. The clean up chores are posted next to the light switches in the kitchen and also detailed in the same binder listed above.

**I heard that ...“he sure has a big mouth, talks a lot but doesn't do anything and expects everyone else to do the work.”** Well alright you got me. Check out sign up list for the COFFEE HOUR, my name is on it...WHERE IS YOURS?

Oh-Oh! I just heard my timer go off. My latest creation is done. If I survive I'll let you know how it tasted and how I feel tomorrow. Thank you ladies. I really appreciate your efforts. The cook book is great.

As always,  
Edward Leo  
The Wandering Warden

**Wednesday morning at 6:30am:** So far so good and it tasted really good. I had several servings and look forward to several more days of beans with no repercussions ( if you get my drift?). Check it out on page 85 of Our Daily Bread cookbook. Be sure to drain the butter beans and use a medium sized onion.

**ATTENTION HOPELESS & HELPLESS MEN'S GROUP**

Let's celebrate Slam's "reconnection"! We'll have a bonfire/cookout at my place on Wednesday evening, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. I'll provide the Brats & buns. Bring your own beverage and something to share. All men in our parish are invited!! See you soon! -- Keith Solimar 715-749-3606 or cell 612-802-4400.

Directions: 94 East to exit 10. Turn left & cross over interstate. Take first left hand turn (1/8 mile) at 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn right into my driveway in 1/2 mile (1144 70<sup>th</sup> Ave.)



**Birthdays & Marriage Anniversaries**

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| 1 Diane Reese                          | 13 Jane Conover Kelliher     |
| Laura Kranz                            | 14 Stephanie Perry           |
| 3 Kristin Granberg                     | 16 Jeff Rupert               |
| Jim & Sue Obermueller—Anniversary      | 17 Elizabeth Hamill          |
| Chris & Heather Tank—Anniversary       | James Rupert                 |
| Dennis & Mary Blanchard—Anniversary    | Dyllan Johnson               |
| 4 Kenny Hardman                        | 20 Alexander Hale            |
| 6 Mike Burnley                         | Tyler Rusch                  |
| 7 Mary Wood                            | 21 Bob McGrew                |
| 8 Dale DeCraene                        | 23 Ed Slamkowski             |
| Pete Peterson                          | Sydney Mueller               |
| Joseph Place                           | 28 Jon Place                 |
| 10 Rex Cunningham                      | David & Kim Ball—Anniversary |
| 11 Keith & Rebecca Trotter—Anniversary | 29 Heather Tank              |
| 12 David & Melissa Hardman—Anniversary | Cal & Mary Wood—Anniversary  |
| Paul & Christine McGinnis—Anniversary  | 30 Jacob Solie               |
| Sue Obermueller                        | Garrett Wood                 |
| Emily Ryder                            |                              |

*If your special day isn't listed,  
please contact the church office. Thanks!*

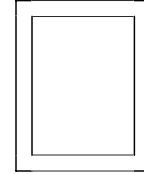
Servant schedule



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502 County Road UU,  
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Our Vision Statement:  
To Know **†** Jesus Christ and to Share His Love



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Services:

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Traditional

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (Sep-May)

Youth Confirmation Class (Sep-Apr)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Praise Service

Tues: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wed. 2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Sep-Apr)

3:00 p.m. NETworks Middle High

6:00 p.m. NETworks Senior High

Thur. 9:00 a.m. Hudson Mom's Group Meeting

11:00 a.m. Eucharist/Bag Lunch/Bible Study

The Rev. Guy Usher, Interim Rector

The Rev. Richard McGinnis, Associate

NETworks Youth Director: Dave Pulsfus

Episcopal Church Women: Patti Muenich

Band of Brothers: Ted Firth

Men's Ministry: Ed Slamkowski

Operation H.E.L.P. Volunteer Phone Line  
715-386-0881

\*Small Group Bible Study: Sunday and  
Wednesday evenings

\* Inquirer's Class is offered in the fall and early  
spring. Call the church office for dates, times  
and locations

**We're on-line!!**

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 Office Hours Monday-Thursday  
 10 am-1 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>2</b> 10 am Circle of Love  6:30 pm Evening Prayer	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group 11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist Bag Lunch Bible Study 5 pm HOME Supper @ Bethel	<b>5</b>  5:30 pm Pizza & Games	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Band of Brothers
<b>7</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist Traditional Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Contemporary Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  6:30 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Vestry meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group 11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist Bag Lunch Bible Study 7 pm Greeter, Usher Training	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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