



St. Paul's Episcopal church

May 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! And with that joyful, heartfelt exclamation, our Easter celebration began. Easter has always been one of my favorite times of the year. It brings with it so much promise and hope. In the beauty of God's creation, we see the rebirth of spring. The trees are budding out, the grass is green again, the beautiful birds that were gone for so long have returned, and the air is filled with their cheerful sound. In our hearts, we know that our Lord is risen, and that He has conquered sin and death to restore our relationship with Him and His Father in heaven. Hope is renewed, faith is reborn, and we rejoice in the beauty of creation and the gift of salvation. Easter, and its accompanying spring in the world and in our souls, simply has to be the most glorious season. I pray that we all can revel in the joy, peace, grace, and rebirth of this incredible time of the year. Let the Risen Lord shine forth in all that you do, for by his death we are cleansed, and by his resurrection, we are given new life in Him. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

My letter this month is going to be a bit shorter than usual because of the number of submissions that we have had for the newsletter, which is a good thing, and I don't want to be repeating things that are found elsewhere in this letter. So, I have a couple of things to tell you about, and then I'll wrap up my part.

First, as you may already know, we have resumed the tradition of giving personal testimonies during the season of Easter. Vern Barber gave his on the first Sunday after Easter, mine will be on the 2nd Sunday (April 26th), Dave Pulfus will be on May 3rd, Tammy Shuler will be on May 10, and the Sunday's of May 17th and 24th are still available. If anyone has a desire to share their testimony and is available on those Sundays, please talk to me. I'm more than happy to answer questions or help in any way.

Second, I have to admit, I'm already counting the days. On May 13th, I'll be starting a two week vacation that will include a trip to Europe. Some of the

specific plans are still up in the air, but I will be spending some time in Dublin, London, Normandy, Nice, and wherever our Eur-rail passes end up taking us. Ultimately, I will be attending the Formula One Gran Prix of Monaco. I will then be back in Hudson by May 27th. Fr. Dick will be supplying for the two Sundays I'll be gone. During this time, if there are any pastoral needs or emergencies, please feel free to contact Fr. Dick, 715-425-2935; Fr. Jonathan Mayo (New Richmond) 715-441-2609; or Fr. Dale Klitzke (Menomonie) 715-235-7072 (church) or 715-309-2555 (home).

And Finally, please keep Vern Barber in your prayers as he moves ever closer to his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. Bishop Jacobus of Fond du Lac, God willing, will be ordaining Vern on Saturday, May 30th, here at St. Paul's.

Know that you are all in my prayers as we move through this joyful, hope filled season of Easter, and I would especially appreciate your prayers for safe travel, rest, and refreshment as I head out on the 13th.

Yours in Christ's Love,
Fr. Guy

— Announcements—

Ordination

On Saturday, May 30th, 11 AM, The Rt. Rev'd Russell Jacobus will ordain Vern Barber to the Sacred Order of Deacons. This is the first ordination at St. Paul's in a very long time, and you are all invited to join us for this celebration. A Reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Softball

The Church League Softball Season will begin on Thursday May 7th. Anyone interested in playing please get in touch with Al Wurtzberger 715-441-6543. Everyone is welcome to attend the games and cheer our team on. Check your Sunday bulletins for the time and place of each weeks games.

See more announcements on pages 11 & 15

Outreach and Evangelism Ministry

With the advent of the new year 2009, these two ministries were combined into one ministry...they are so linked, it made sense. When granting evangelism funds, we decided to become personally involved in whatever way we could.

The ministry members recommended to the Vestry that we grant \$650 to Hope Academy in Minneapolis and \$650 to Open Door Rescue Mission. (Both of these groups were profiled at the last Annual Meeting of St. Paul's). The Vestry approved the motion and the funds were dispersed.

On April 27th we will be meeting with Tom and Barb Hennes. We will hear of the progress Open Door Rescue Mission is making, and pray together for God's continued presence in it's efforts. At the present time, there is nowhere in Hudson for women and children needing temporary housing, assistance and presence of Christian mentors.

ODRM's vision statement:

"To communicate the needs of disadvantaged, needy and homeless members of our community, while cultivating opportunity and motivation for able people to assist in a Christian charitable manner."

We will continue to let you know how this ministry is doing. We also have an upcoming visit to Hope Academy, and will let you know about this.

Membership/Outreach & Evangelism Ministry: Fr. Guy Usher, Steve Hamill, Barb Gaynor, Mark & Tammy Schuler, Ed Slamkowski, Cynthia Hackworthy and Helene Jensen, Chair.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

In studying love as a Fruit of the Spirit, we looked at James 3:1-12 last week. It was interesting to see how our tongues can be used as both a blessing and a curse, and we concluded that it is only with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we can exercise control over our mouths (self-control is also one of the Fruits). James writes in 1:19 "let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." We have two ears, and God gave them to us so that we can hear twice as much as we say!

"The tongue is the most dangerous weapon in the world," says J. Vernon McGee, a noted pastor, teacher and author. "It is more deadly than the atom bomb, but no careful inspection is made of it. Some wag made the statement that it was a miracle in Balaam's day for an ass to speak (Numbers 22), but today it is a miracle when he keeps quiet. Someone else pointed out that it takes a baby two years to learn to talk and fifty years to learn to keep his mouth shut."

What are some constructive ways we can use our tongue to bless those in our church or fellowship group? The early church in the New Testament tells of a disciple named Joseph. He was such an encouragement to others that they gave him the nickname Barnabas, which means "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36-37).

Who is the Barnabas in your life? Are you willing to be Barnabas to someone in our church or in your life? Let's ask God to cause everyone's conversation to be full of grace (Colossians 4:6).

In His love,
Cynthia Hackworthy
715-386-8003 or 651-247-9338



Class will not be held April 26th and May 3rd. We will resume on May 10th.

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**Deadline for submitting articles  
for the next newsletter is  
May 20th!**



**Birthdays**

- 2 Lorraine McGrew
- 8 Jeanne Pratt  
Kevin Marben
- 11 Sarah Hackworthy  
Kevin Cooley
- 12 Richard Conover  
John Winslow
- 14 Austin Martin
- 18 Thomas Guaman  
Shea Miller
- 22 Keith Solimar  
Paige Solie
- 25 Jon Michael Rasmus
- 27 John Nerbonne
- 29 Tom Blake

**Marriage Anniversaries**

- 7 Christopher & Rachael Ryan
- 8 Stuart & Jeanne Pratt
- 13 Bob & Lorraine McGrew
- 16 Joseph & Kris Granberg
- 18 T.J. & Carolyn Barrette  
Tom & Nancy Blake
- 19 Kevin & Vicky Cooley
- 20 Steve & Carla Hamill
- 22 Steve & Cinders Pogalz
- 23 Catherine & Les Winters  
Cheryl & Bob Richardson
- 30 Fr. Richard & Anita Miller
- 31 Mike & Wanda Burnley



## **Treasurer's Update**

Hi Everybody,

I wanted to give you a quick update on our finances now that we are through the first quarter of 2009. Happily, I can report that we are on budget both with regard to pledges and our bottom-line, which is break-even through March. Year-to-date offerings to our General Fund total roughly \$45,000 while year-to-date expenses total nearly \$43,000. Additionally, our Vanguard GNMA Fund continues to yield positive returns for our various endowments. The Lord has been extremely generous to St. Paul's through your offerings during this difficult economic period. Praise God!

Since I will not be badgering you about pledges in this column, I thought I'd hit you up on a couple of other giving ideas. Namely, please consider giving to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and our Flower Fund from time to time if you are able.

Gifts to the Rector's Discretionary Fund are disbursed by Fr. Guy to families who need help with vital necessities like food, gas and rent. It is a great and easy way to provide support to those in need right within our community or even within our congregation and the need has rarely ever been greater.

The Flower Fund is used to purchase all of the beautiful floral arrangements for the altar area throughout the year. We usually receive a large number of gifts to the Flower Fund right before Christmas and Easter, but obviously try to beautify the altar throughout the year.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments about St. Paul's finances.

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Hamill

**– From the Vestry –**

Dear fellow parishioners,

We wanted to give you an update on our work with regard to the big picture view of St. Paul's future. Specifically, there are two issues before us.

First, we continue to work with the Search Committee to identify and call a permanent rector. This is our top priority as we begin the critical interview stage. We hope to reach the culmination of this process early this summer. We believe it is important to the health of St. Paul's to move forward expeditiously. You can expect additional updates on our progress.

Second, we have also begun to investigate the most notable, recent event at the national church level – the formation of a new Anglican province in North America called the Anglican Church of North America. ACNA was formed last December by a partnership of essentially all of the orthodox dioceses and congregations which have separated from the Episcopal Church (TEC) in recent years. This new province is planning to hold its first convention on June 20-25 in Bedford, Texas. At that meeting ACNA will elect its first archbishop and approve a constitution and canons for governance.

Over the course of 2009, the Vestry hopes to be able to answer key questions about ACNA and TEC. These include:

- is the theology and mission of each consistent with that of St. Paul's?
- are they loving and inclusive bodies consistent with our aspirations for St. Paul's?
- are they functionally able to support its member churches?
- do we trust their respective leadership?
- do they have broad recognition and support within the Anglican Communion?
- will they allow us to retain ownership of our building and assets?

This list is not exhaustive and we invite you to share your own key questions with us. These questions need to be answered before we can offer you a



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# May 2009

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| <b>3</b><br>8 am Holy Eucharist<br>Traditional Service<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 am Holy Eucharist<br>Contemporary Service  | <b>4</b>                         | <b>5</b><br>6:30 pm Evening Prayer                         | <b>6</b><br>9:30 am FOCD<br>2-3 pm Women's Bible Study<br>3-5 Networks Middle High<br>6-9 Networks Senior High  | <b>7</b> 6:45-8:30am<br>National Day of Prayer<br>Breakfast<br>9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group<br>11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist<br>Bag Lunch Bible Study | <b>8</b>                                         | <b>9</b>                                                  |
| <b>10</b><br>8 am Holy Eucharist<br>Traditional Service<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 am Holy Eucharist<br>Contemporary Service | <b>11</b><br>7 pm Networks Board | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm Evening Prayer<br>7 pm Vestry meeting | <b>13</b><br>9:30 am FOCD<br>2-3 pm Women's Bible Study<br>3-5 Networks Middle High<br>6-9 Networks Senior High | <b>14</b><br>9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group<br>11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist<br>Bag Lunch Bible Study<br>1-7 pm Red Cross<br>7 pm ECW meeting           | <b>15</b>                                        | <b>16</b>                                                 |
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| <b>17</b><br>8 am Holy Eucharist<br>Traditional Service<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 am Holy Eucharist<br>Contemporary Service | <b>18</b>                        | <b>19</b><br>6:30 pm Evening Prayer                        | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am FOCD<br>2-3 pm Women's Bible Study<br>3-5 Networks Middle High<br>6-9 Networks Senior High | <b>21</b><br>9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group<br>11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist<br>Bag Lunch Bible Study                                                   | <b>22</b><br><b>Newsletter Submissions Due!!</b> | <b>23</b>                                                 |
| <b>24</b><br>8 am Holy Eucharist<br>Traditional Service<br>9:15 am Adult Bible Study<br>Children's Sunday School<br>10:30 am Holy Eucharist                         | <b>25</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b> | <b>26</b><br>6:30 pm Evening Prayer                        | <b>27</b><br>9:30 am FOCD<br>2-3 pm Women's Bible Study<br>3-5 Networks Middle High                             | <b>28</b><br>9-11 am Hudson Mom's Group<br>11 am-1 pm Holy Eucharist<br>Bag Lunch Bible Study                                                   | <b>29</b>                                        | <b>30</b><br>11 am Vern Barber<br>Ordination to Diaconate |
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meaningful assessment of whether this new province represents a viable alternative to remaining within the Episcopal Church. We believe the magnitude of the decision to stay or to leave the Episcopal Church is so great that it cannot be made without first considering whether the end result is worth the potentially painful process. One of the very important functions of a Vestry is to be of assistance to the larger body in Christ. To this end, we will furnish as much information as we are able for both alternatives enabling you to advise your Vestry of your decision at the annual meeting in January. Once we put this issue behind us and continue to be God's people in God's world, we can more fully focus on what God has purposed for us.

In both the rector search and this assessment of ACNA and TEC, please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and that God would open our hearts and minds to his direction.

Prayerfully,

Your Vestry

Ted Firth, Ed Slamkowski, Amy Dickerson, Cynthia Hackworthy, Steve Hamill, Helene Jensen, Kim Larsen, Paul McGinnis, Keith Solimar, Amanda Wurtzberger

~Announcements ~

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Sten Olav Schuler who is graduating Cum Laude as a chemical engineer at Michigan Technological University on May 3rd. He is also leaving his post as president of the Tech Club Hockey team, in which he was a playing member for all four years. May God continue to bless him in the future!

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**Sunday School Picnic**

Come join us for our annual Sunday School picnic on Sunday, May 17! It is the last day of children's class, and will be held at the church after the 10:30 a.m. service. A Bible Trivia Contest will be held, and brats, hotdogs, chips and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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**Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive**

A Red Cross Blood Drives have been scheduled at St Paul's for Thursday, May 14th. Our Church members have done a marvelous job in volunteering to work with Red Cross personnel in the past on the drives; and they have indicated they really appreciate our efforts. Giving blood can be a most worthwhile gift because you can save a life. To sign up as a donor, call 1-800-448-3543 (1-800-give life), but walk ins are most welcome.

Will you help by volunteering to work at the Blood Drive? A sign up sheet and schedule is posted on the kiosk. All volunteers are welcome. Help with set up, bake some bars, come and give blood, all your volunteer effort is needed and appreciated especially during the last shift from 6 until 8 pm. (You know, there are even donors who come back to us because they like our lemon bars and chocolate cookies!)

I would appreciate your help. If questions, please call me at 549-6438.

Carolyn Barrette

**Upcoming ECW meeting agenda**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*St. Paul's (Church) Christian Women*

*OUR MISSION STATEMENT: To encourage a community of church women, to serve the Lord Jesus Christ by promoting fellowship in the church, sharing in the work of the parish and assisting others in outreach projects.*

**ECW AGENDA**  
May 14, 2009

**7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING**

Call to order  
Introduction of guests  
Prayer and devotion  
Officer and other reports:  
President:  
Secretary: Motion to approve Feb. Minutes as presented.  
Treasurer: Report for months of Feb., Mar., Apr.  
Correspondence and Sunshine: Kate Peterson  
Grace Place: Brenda Terwilliger

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Donation to St. Francis Academy (budgeted item)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Graduation gifts
2. Church School Teacher gifts
3. Elect Executive Board
4. Elect budget committee for Sept.'09-Aug.'10  
\*Committee to meet in July 2009  
\*Revisit "Charities" (see list of past charities)
5. Friendship Dinner

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL HOUR:**

Hostess,

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Elisabeth Nelson, Secretary

## The Wandering Warden

**Greetings,** I hope your day is going smoothly so far. I tried several things and learned other things since we last spoke.

We're getting to the point of something of substance happening on the national issues facing our church. You may be interested in the article submitted by the vestry in this month's newsletter. It is well done and I think worth reading.

Along with that the Task Force formulated to investigate our bishop situation has met a couple of times and has set up a schedule to meet with all parishes in the diocese in the coming months. It is interesting to note that they will meet with us in August to ask for our opinions. That letter in on the kiosk also for your perusal.

Saturday: May 9<sup>th</sup>, will be this year's annual Clean-up Day at St. Paul's. A list of items needed to be done is on the kiosk in the narthex. Please sign-up for the task you'd like to do so we can be sure to get as many done as possible. Feel free to complete the task whenever it is convenient for you which may or may not be May 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to get everything done within a week or two of the actual Clean-up Day. Just let me know your plans if you can't make it on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I can also answer any questions you might have.

The economy is having an effect on the lives of all our parishioners. Some need help and some others offer help. I always keep remembering that HE was a servant to all. Here are a just a few servants you should know about.

Janet Allen: "J.R. Allen Interiors...with Imagination" 612-804-1770  
[jralleninteriors@qwest.net](mailto:jralleninteriors@qwest.net)

Mike (Ellie's son) Burnley: "The Riverside Studio" 715-381-1968  
[eburnley@pressenter.com](mailto:eburnley@pressenter.com) Art Studio

Ilene Firth: "Firth Financial: Professional Bookkeeping Services"  
612-308-7916  
[firthfinancial@hotmail.com](mailto:firthfinancial@hotmail.com)

Marion/Pat Kranz: "Marion's Home Care 'We Can Do It All'"  
715-549-6290 Cleaning

Ed Slamkowski: "Slam's Lite Home Services" 715-760-1579  
[eslamkow@yahoo.com](mailto:eslamkow@yahoo.com) or website [www.slamslitehomeservices.com](http://www.slamslitehomeservices.com)  
Painting techniques and applications, plus more...

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Mark your calendars **Sunday: May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** the Hopeless and Helpless will be holding a **Chili Feed Competition as a Benefit Dinner for Alex Cooley's** mission trip to the Middle East. An award for the best chili will be presented and only men can enter the competition. Chili, ice cream, home brewed beer, coffee, milk and juice will be served. The cost will be \$5.00 per person children under 5 eat free. Sign-up sheets will be posted to help estimate quantities needed as well as number of cooks entering competition.

#### **AND THEN THERE WAS FOOD:**

I have a secret...When I looked at the name Rootin-Tootin Beans, I thought I should get ready to audition for the drum section of the Wisconsin Marching Band. But to my surprise nothing of the sort happened. As a matter of fact, I would have had a tough time in making the flute section. Did I ever tell you that I played clarinet in my school's marching band? Cinders' beans on page 64 under "Vegetables and Side Dishes," should or could easily be used as a main dish, which I did for a week with NO TOOTIN.

My next attempt at cooking or, I'm sorry, at being a chef was CUBBY'S HAM BALLS on page 101. I had to look around for all of the meat ingredients but found what I needed at RJ's. To show you how much I have advanced in the cooking profession I found all the other ingredients in MY cupboards. One question Cubby...What's a SLOW oven? Is that the same as a low setting on the oven? I guess I still have a lot to learn.

By the way Carolyn, my brother and his wife were in town to visit this past weekend and I made your chicken breasts. The breasts I bought at Econo Foods meat counter were huge. I cooked 4 instead 8 but doubled the sherry sauce. It was GREAT!!! THEY LOVED IT...

I also tried bread baking for the first time this past month. Being very concerned about equality among and between the sexes I chose the breads of Mrs.Cubby Halvorson and Mr. Ray Jensen.

Cubby's "Phoebe's Lemon Poppy Seed Bread" confused me at first because I didn't know if I should mix the cake mix and pudding mix as directed on their individual boxes or just throw them together and see what came out. I did the latter and reduced the poppy seeds to a ¼ cup because of my stomach. It was moist and tasted very good. Now I know that you can really make bread with cake dough. Thank you, Cubby.

Ray's BEER BREAD worried me at first. I never realized until then that baking powder and baking soda were two different things and had to stop and run to the grocery store in the middle of mixing ingredients. The batter dried quickly and was hard to mix and I at one time thought I needed another beer (for the batter!!! Not for me.) When finished baking the loaf looked strange,

I thought that I had done something wrong. I cut a piece buttered it, and was eating it as I called Ray for assurance. It tasted very good as he assured me. The BEER BREAD looks different as it comes out of the oven but really tastes great even without beer as a wash.

Needless to say does it sound like I'm having fun? Thank you ladies and gentleman.

Always,  
The Warden Wandering

~More Announcements ~

### *Interfaith Volunteer Program*

Neighbors helping neighbors. Needs are growing in all communities. Invite your friends to volunteer with you.

For information contact Nancy at 715-381-4360  
or [nancysa@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancysa@co.saint-croix.wi.us)

#### **Hudson – all new requests**

- Light housekeeping for a woman in her apartment
- Light housekeeping and companionship for a woman
- Companionship for a widow
- Light housekeeping for a woman
- Light housekeeping for a woman with literary interests

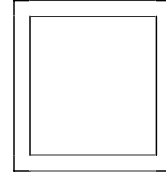
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Our Vision Statement:  
To Know **†** Jesus Christ and to Share His Love



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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  
Youth Confirmation Class  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Praise Service  
Tues: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
Wed. 2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
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

Clergy:

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. 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!!**

[www.stpaulshudson.faithweb.com](http://www.stpaulshudson.faithweb.com)