



St. Paul's Episcopal church

July 2008

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

It's hard to believe, but July is already here! The second of our three combined services will be held on July 6th, at 9:30 AM followed by breakfast, prepared and served by your Vestry. We had a great turnout at our first combined service, so I hope this continues throughout the summer. These services are a great opportunity for all of us to gather and have fellowship with people that we may not usually see on Sunday morning, as our paths between services often do not cross. The remaining combined service will be on August 3rd also with breakfast following, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for our whole community to come together for prayer, worship, and fellowship!

Honestly, as I sit here on the back deck of the "chalet" that I have rented with my friend Jeff, and look up at what is called "Cathedral Ledge", I am filled with awe and amazement at the incredible beauty of God's creation. Not that Wisconsin isn't beautiful as well, but there is a certain majesty and awe that comes with mountains whether it's raining and cloudy and the peaks are shrouded in mist, or bright and sunny with a clear view of every tree and ledge. If you haven't been to mountains somewhere, I would encourage you to go!

But enough of my ramblings on the incredible beauty and diver-

sity of this world, God's own creation, it's time to get down to business. I hope that as many of you as possible participated in the Focus Groups that were held last month. As I stated during the weeks leading up to these groups, they are extremely important in regards to our church profile as well as the profile of what St. Paul's is looking for/needs in a long term Rector. The Search Committee is moving forward and will compile the information that was gathered. Once this is done, it will be used to build the profile(s), and the search can begin in earnest.

I hope everyone is aware, but if you are not, there are some big events taking place in the Anglican Communion this summer. First, there is the GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference) that is taking place (or by the time you read this, it will have concluded) in Jerusalem. This is a meeting of conservative, traditional like-minded Primates, Bishops, and delegates. Some say that this is an "alternative" conference to Lambeth while others say it is simply a pilgrimage back to our roots in Jerusalem with the hope of finding a new way forward. The other big event this summer is the Lambeth Conference which happens only every 10 years. This is the meeting where all the Primates and Bishops of the Anglican Communion gather at Lambeth Palace in England at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Both of these meetings could have a large impact on both the Communion as a whole and the Episcopal Church. Whatever your personal feelings are in regards to the National Church and the Anglican Communion, I would encourage you to check out their respective websites and keep an eye on what is (or is not) going on. I believe both websites have been linked to our own website, or you can simply do a Google search to find them.

On a more "local" level, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks, as well as that of our Parish Family to our Sunday School Superintendant Amy Dickerson. After 11 years at the helm of our Sunday School, she has decided it's time to pass this ministry on to another gifted and willing person. The only catch

is, we haven't identified that person yet! So, if there is anyone who would be interested in serving as Sunday School Superintendent, please see me or Amy if you'd like to know more about it. And Amy, Thank You again for your years of service and for all that you do for our Lord and St. Paul's!

As always, I ask that you 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

Sunday School News by Amy Dickerson

When I was asked to take over the Sunday school superintendent job from Cynthia Hackworthy, I was like Moses, thinking, 'who am I to do this?' (Exodus 3:11) But God put it in my heart to say yes, even though I wasn't convinced that I was the right person for the job. After being the Sunday school superintendent for ten years, I know without a doubt that God put it in my heart to do it and has faithfully guided me and shown me the way. Of course there were times I wanted to go my own way and God would let me know that He was in charge, not me.

Because I know that God is in charge, I have prayerfully considered when to step down as Sunday school superintendent. I feel that time has come. I have let Fr. Guy and the Vestry know that I am stepping down. This is not an impulsive decision. It is one I have talked about, and prayed about for over 2 years. I have loved working with the children and getting to know their families. I feel very blessed to have worked with wonderful teachers, and to have a congregation that embraces the Sunday school program. Thank you for your support and help over the years. I look forward to the ministry work I will do next at St. Paul's!

We're on-line!!
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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

Clergy:

The Rev. Guy Usher, Interim Rector

The Rev. Richard McGinnis

NETworks Youth Director: Dave Pulsfus

Episcopal Church Women: Patti Muenich

Band of Brothers: Ted Firth

Men's Ministry: Ed Slamkowski

Sunday School: Amy Dickerson

Operation H.E.L.P. Volunteer Phone Line
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*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



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 502 County Road UU
 Hudson, WI 54016
 Office Hours Monday-Thursday
 10 am-1 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 11-1 pm Holy Eucharist Bag Lunch Bible Study 5 pm HOME Supper @ Bethel	4	5 8:30 am Band of Brothers
*** Cornerstone ***						
					5:30 pm Pizza & Games	
6 9:30 Combined Service Followed by brunch No Adult Bible Study	7	8 10 am Circle of Love 6:30 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Vestry meeting	9 6:30 pm Search Comittee	10 11-1 pm Holy Eucharist Bag Lunch Bible Study	11	12
13 8 am Holy Eucharist Traditional Service 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Contemporary Service	14	15 6:30 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Forum	16 11:30 am Birthday Bash @ Keys Cafe	17 11-1 pm Holy Eucharist Bag Lunch Bible Study 5 pm HOME Supper @ Bethel 1-7 Red Cross Blood Drive	18 6:30 pm Quilting	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Mishpack Leaves!</div>
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