



# St. Paul's Episcopal church

July/August 2008

Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

Due to some issues with timing, the July newsletter didn't make it to print. So, we are doing a "July/August" edition instead. For those of you who receive this electronically, you may notice some reprints of what came out early in July. It's hard to believe we're halfway through July already and August is just around the corner! What is also hard to believe is that the first Sunday of August will be my 1 year anniversary of my call to St. Paul's to be your Interim Rector! As the old saying goes, time sure flies when you're having fun. And it has been fun. We've had some difficult and trying moments, but it has also been a fun and rewarding experience for me, and I hope it has been for you as well. I know that I have changed and grown through your impact and influence on me, and I pray that my presence among all of you has been at least helpful if not rewarding in some way as well.

The last of our combined services will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 AM followed by breakfast, prepared and served by your Vestry. The turnout has been very good for the first two combined services, and the feedback has been great. These services are an 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. 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!

(This paragraph was written while I was on vacation in New Hampshire, and it was a VERY good vacation! Thank you to all of you for

your prayers for safe travel and refreshment. I truly appreciate them!) 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 to go! So far I have experienced just about every type of weather, but each has it's own beauty. We had hoped to head up to the summit of Mt. Washington, but so far either (or both) the wind speed or lack of visibility have kept us from going. So it's been more local hikes, some fishing, relaxing at the local coffee shop, and, as always seems to be the case, a bit of car repair as Jeff's truck needed some help!

But enough of my ramblings on my vacation and the incredible beauty and diversity of this world, God's own creation, it's time to get back down to business. I hope that as many of you as possible participated in the Focus Groups that were held in June. 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 took place in Jerusalem at the end of June. 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 Superintendent 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, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion 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

## **Diocesan Activities**

Since Bishop Whitmore's departure from the diocese on April 15th, 2008, three groups are in charge of diocesan business and activities and Deacon Jeanne Stout is the administrator of the diocesan office. The Standing Committee, the Diocesan Executive Council and the Diocesan Trustees have met as a Committee of the Whole twice: an overnight retreat at Bundy Hall in May and an all day meeting at the cathedral in June. We have reviewed the various authorities of each group in running the diocese, the canons of the diocese and of the national church as they apply to us, had reports on the financial status of the diocese (a deficit budget), discussed the possibility of an interim or supply bishop, most likely the bishop of Fond du Lac, and pondered the question of merging with another diocese, sharing another bishop, having a bishop who is also a parish priest or staying as we are. What does God want us to do?

The diocese is going through many of the same adjustments that we here at St. Paul's have been dealing with. We all need to grieve, we are upset at the loss of our bishop, we need to keep the lines of communication open and we all have to work together to keep our diocese functioning and focusing on our own people and our mission projects. All in the diocese will be impacted by decisions made. These decisions will not be hasty ones.

The trustees will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting on July 16th, the executive council will meet on July 19th, it's regularly scheduled meeting, and the committee of the whole will meet again on August 2nd.

Bert Rupert  
Member of the executive Council

**WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

**“Now what more can David say to you? For You, Lord God, know Your servant.”**

This marvelous phrase comes to us from 2 Samuel 7:20. We will pick up with the second chapter of our study, Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy.

Whether you have been with us before, or you wish to be included as a new member – just come 9/3, expecting bible scripture, in depth inspiration, good friends and a vibrant prayer time.

During this summer hiatus, we are thinking of two moments to share with the group.

How did God “wow” me with awe-inspiring discoveries?

How did he emphasize (again) that He is a comfortable, familiar friend?

Call me if you have ANY questions.

In His service,

Helene Jensen 386-6004

## **Update from the Vestry**

Thank you for your participation in the focus groups! The feedback has been compiled and will complete the documents and profile the search committee will send out to recruit candidates for our rector position. We hope to have this underway in the next couple of weeks and further hope responses and inquiries will start to come in September and October.

Fr. Guy's contract has been extended into April in response to his need to firm up his rental arrangement. The vestry reasoned that the interviewing process, decision process and moving would likely put the arrival of a new rector in that time frame.

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## **Lambeth**

The once-a-decade Lambeth conference of the global Anglican began July 16. This Lambeth faces a deeply divided communion, conflict over who was and was not invited and more over who is and is not choosing to attend. Please keep the conference in your prayers and look for updates when it closes.

### **Lambeth Conference Prayer**

Pour down upon us, O God,  
the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
that those who prepare for the Lambeth Conference  
may be filled with wisdom and understanding.  
May they know at work within them  
that creative energy and vision  
which belong to our humanity,  
made in your image and redeemed by your love  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **The Wandering Warden**

Good Day and Greetings from the Bachelor's Kitchen! I just tasted the Upside-Down Cheeseburger of Vicki Cooley's on page 74 of the cookbook. Once again I can say that I was successful in the venture. And it was a VENTURE at 10:00pm yesterday. Thank you ladies and Vicki, particularly for "Our Daily Bread."

The recipe's title can also apply to this month's newsletter. Have you ever noticed how things change, whether for the good or the bad? They change no matter. We use to do things certain ways but now we do them differently. In some cases things seem to be upside down or the opposite of what they used to be.

Take our Church for example. We have and will change: our clergy, our church appearance (a fire pit??), our missions, our nursery and Sunday school personnel as well as our Vestry make-up (as we do each year). Along the way we always learn a lot about each other through our involvement in those processes. Is that called and/or a part of Fellowship?

Thanks to your concern for St. Paul's many of you attended one or both of the Focus meetings called to assist the Search Committee in its search for our new permanent pastor. Probably the most outstanding feature of those two meetings was the lack of negative comments and the great concern and appreciation of our Church Family. To me all families argue and disagree but in the end they always get along and come to some mutual agreement. They share the love of Jesus Christ.

Along those lines of thought be aware that all Vestry meeting minutes and meeting agendas are being posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex. The kiosk also lists or announces activities that you

may be interested in throughout the year like: Softball games, Saints' game trips, Blood Drives, etc. I suggest you check it out regularly for you'll never know when it will change in a way that will interest you.

Here's another piece of information that may interest you. As a member of our church family, we share many things with each other. We eat together, pray together, work together, as well as own things together. One of our members recently purchased a Carpet Doctor for St. Paul's. Being unable to physically contribute to cleaning the church, they figured the purchase was a way to participate. As a result when it is not in use at the church, you can borrow it to use at your home. Just remember to return it as you received it and be sure to tell me (760-1579) or Janine (386-2348) when you expect to return it. The \$700.00 machine is free to use, but you need to purchase the solvents used. This same procedure goes for borrowing tables and chairs etc. What's Ours is Yours. So if you need help do not hesitate to ask.

In closing, may I say that we definitely are a family. If you are asked to do something it could be because you have one or more of these: Time - Talents - Tithes. Sometimes you may feel that you have none of the three. The most important thing is that HE knows, and HIS will is our goal.

Always,  
Edward Leo  
The Warden



### **Birthdays**

- 1 Katie Dickerson
- 2 Chuck Giffen  
Patty Giffen
- 4 Alberta Rupert
- 5 Kurt Lindquist  
Allen Weeks
- 7 Ted Firth (III)  
Andy Pratt  
Brenda Terwilliger
- 8 Deborah Conover  
Paul McGinnis
- 9 Mark Schuler
- 10 Chris Pratt
- 13 Jackson Kadidlo
- 21 Sarah Peters
- 22 Karen Solimar  
Nancy Cicero
- 23 Cindy Conover
- 24 Carolyn Barrette
- 25 Andrew Dickerson
- 27 Allison Miller
- 28 Allen Rudd
- 30 Jon Washington
- 31 Cynthia Hackworthy

### **Marriage Anniversaries**

- 3 Vern & Leslie Barber
- 10 Pete & Kate Peterson
- 15 Bob & Elisabeth Nelson
- 16 Ralph & Joanne Worrall
- 22 Greg Kaasa & Beth Schneider



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- 8 Dorothy Washington
- 9 Bob Weeks
- 10 Lori Thurman
- 12 Bernie McGaver
- 13 Julia Lindquist
- 16 Billy Marben
- 19 Heather Kircher
- 23 Richard C. Conover, III
- 25 Bob Gillette
- 26 Greg Kaasa
- 27 Kaitlyn McGinnis  
Ray Brower  
Keith Trotter
- 31 Austin Mueller

### **Marriage Anniversaries**

- 9 Mark & Tammy Schuler
- 13 Tracy & Sergio Guaman
- 16 Don & Judy Kadidlo
- 21 Jan & Dale DeCraene
- 25 Karl & Sandra Solie
- 30 Jeff & Dianne Kircher



## **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.

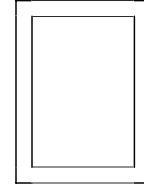
Because I know that God is in charge, I have prayerfully considered when to step down as Sunday school superintendent. I feel that time has come. I have let Fr. Guy and the Vestry know that I am stepping down. This is not an impulsive decision. It is one I have talked about, and prayed about for over 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!



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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

### 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

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

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