



## **A greeting from our new rector**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with great joy that I send you greetings from the rector's desk of St. Paul's Episcopal Church! My family and I are delighted to be here with you as we begin together another chapter in the life of this parish. We have everything moved into the rectory, and nearly everything is unpacked. The boys (Oscar and Rowan) and our friendly dog (Guy) have been enjoying the large yard in particular. And Rich is quite pleased with his new home office where he will be doing much of his studying for his Theology PhD coursework.

I know without a doubt that God has called us to ministry together. Precisely where this spiritual journey will lead us is still to be discovered. The beginning of this journey for my part will be taking the time to get to know all of you. My plan this first year is to contact each small group and member of the parish for conversation. So don't be surprised if I call you and ask to swing by for a visit! By the end of the month I will also have a schedule posted with times in which I am available for appointments at my office. I am eager to know your story and the story of St. Paul's. I look forward to hearing your hopes and dreams for the Church.

It seems only fitting that I should tell you a bit of my own story in this letter to get the conversation started. I was raised outside of a small town in southeastern Michigan, the oldest of three children. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Forestry from Michigan State University in 1997. After graduation I worked as an arborist in Portland, Oregon for two years where I met my husband, Rich. We returned to Michigan and were married in 2000. In 2003 we entered seminary together, and both earned the Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in 2006. Shortly thereafter Oscar and Rowan were born and we were both ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

I have served as the rector of St. Alban's, Bay City, Michigan and assistant rector of St. Edmund's, Chicago. My ministry style tends to be as a teacher, encourager, and fellow disciple of Christ. My dream for the Church is that all who seek God will be able to find a relationship

with the blessed Trinity through and with the community that is the local parish.

My boys often ask when contemplating the cross, “Is Jesus dead, or alive?” I always reply, “He is very much alive!” To which they reply, “Then let’s color Easter eggs!” In other words, let’s celebrate the resurrection every day. Let’s work together with God to show the world the reconciling love of Jesus.

The Peace of Christ be with you always,

Rev. Stacy+



 **Kick-Off Sunday is almost here!** 

Can you believe it? Sunday, September 12 is not only Mother Stacy’s second Sunday but the start of a new program year.

The choir will be signing at the late service, and children and youth will be in Christian education classes from 9:30-10:15.

Kick -Off Sunday also means a wonderful meal following the late service, with lots of tasty salads and side dishes contributed by parishioners, and topped off with Ollie’s Frozen Custard. Yummmmm.

This year we will be celebrating with United Campus Ministries students and staff who will be joining us for our 10:30 service and the party. This is in place of our traditional UCM Picnic.

We need YOU to **come** , sign up to bring a dish, help set up or particularly, help with clean -up. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Parish Hall. Let’s give Mother Stacy, her family and our NIU friends a big St. Paul’s welcome as we launch the new year!

--Peg Newby and David & Ellen Anderson



## **Lobster Boil 2010 Final Report**

Finally I can submit a total profit statement, three months after the fact because I just received the last bill in August. But first, let me thank everyone involved in this fundraiser for St. Paul's. The Lobster Boil pays St. Paul's Church's dues to the Diocesan ECW, pays expenses to the annual convention, has a Sunshine fund, donates to the church, and also nine charities (actually ten this year as we gave to the America Red Cross for its work in Haiti). Your efforts and a lower price for lobsters brought us a \$9,870.99 profit. The gross income was \$26,321.56. The expenses were \$16,450.52. --Rosemarie Ostberg and Pat Brown



## **Archiving with the Regional Center University Archives**

Many churches and organizations archive their past records with the Northern University Center Archive. St. Paul's did so until 1987 and has been reminded that we need to send material. A small group of people, spearheaded by Jennie Cummings are collecting materials appropriate for archiving. This includes records of weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations as well as records of the parish meetings, size of the congregation, records of special events and newsletters.

If anyone has any material they think may be appropriate for archiving, please contact Rosemarie Ostberg at 815 758 5216.  
---Rosemarie Ostberg



**The CROP Hunger Walk** will take place Sunday, October 17, 2010. St. Paul's has sent walkers for many years. Last year we raised \$1230. Again this year the walk starts at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 830 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb. If you would like to walk and/or collect funds, please ask Eva or Henry Leonard for an envelope. Walking on the web is very effective. Last year David Anderson and Michael Duffy walked on the web. Find the page for the DeKalb County Sondra King walk at [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org)

## PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS

### 2010 Parish Picnic Report

The St Paul's picnic was a great success as usual. The weather was perfect although we had had some worries weather-wise since much of the park was flooded due to heavy rains on Friday night ( 7inches!). Our shelter, Main South and one other were dry but all of the shelters on the east side of the park were under water.



Mother Gwynne offered the Holy Eucharist featuring some new prayers and a liturgy taken from the church in New Zealand. It was possible for everyone to participate in the liturgy thanks to complete bulletins which Anna Dee Lastick had prepared . This cooperation made it possible for the 45 parishioners who attended to keep up with the enhanced service.

Following the communion David Anderson announced that the search committee had called our new rector, Stacy Walker-Frontjes, who had accepted. This news was received with great enthusiasm. David passed out some pictures of the handsome Walker-Frontjes' family. We are looking forward to having this family join and lead us. We will miss Gwynne though who has carried us through a difficult period with her wisdom and enthusiasm.

Earlier in the week we had become aware of a forecast for 95 degrees on picnic day so we changed the main park of the menu from hamburgers and brats to sloppy joes which could be cooked at home. Pat McMahon and Hazel Retherford prepared approx 48 helpings of these sandwich makings. In addition George Nenonen cooked 48 hot dogs. All the dogs were eaten and there was some sloppy joe mixture left. We didn't buy new soft drinks rather using up what was left in the parish kitchen from other parties. Peg Newby supplied coffee and bottled water. And everyone brought a dish to pass so that there was a great array of goodies.

The following parishioners gave special invaluable assistance: Hazel and Larry Retherford, Pat and Vince McMahon, Ellen and David Anderson, George and Jane Nenonen, Peg Newby.... did I forget anybody? Thanks to everyone who contributed.

--Betsy Pool



## **Food Pantry**

231 items were donated on August 8. Total year-to-date is 1152. The next Food Pantry Sunday is September 12.

Here is a brief report about the Food Pantry from Jennifer Warren, the Director of Social Services at the Salvation Army in DeKalb:

"Monthly we serve between 600-700 households, approximately 1500-1700 persons on average. Each month over 15,000 pounds of food is distributed. The food comes from churches such as St. Paul's as well as food purchased by The Salvation Army through the Northern Illinois Foodbank.

"Items we see a chronic shortage of are canned fruit, soups, canned meat/protein, juice, cereal, personal care products and diapers. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you to everyone at St. Paul's for their ongoing support of the mission to provide hunger relief to the needy of DeKalb County."

--Pat & Vince McMahon



## **Facilities Committee Report**

Presented at the August 15 Vestry Meeting.

- Bob Lastick installed two new mailboxes. The old ones were cut down.
- He also repainted the rector's office.
- We purchased a new dehumidifier for the rectory basement. It is being drained directly to the sanitary sewer.
- Vince finished trimming bushes in the front and back of the rectory.
- Vince spread mulch around bushes on the garage side and the front and back of the rectory up to the point of the excavation.

- Kyler Excavating filled and leveled the excavated areas around the rectory on Thursday, August 5.
- The rectory basement remains dry despite several hard rains.
- Pat and Vince McMahan and I finished washing the inside and outside of all the rectory windows.
- The large cross on the front of the church has been re-painted.

--Vince McMahan



### **Fellowship Committee Report**

The annual church picnic was held in July. Good attendance, good food, and the long-awaited announcement about our new Rector combined to make it a wonderful morning. Thanks to Betsy Pool and a host of helpers for making this a special, fun event.

The Kick Off Sunday brunch/UCM Picnic will be held September 12th (see separate article). Please plan to attend and help get our new program year started. Look for sign-up sheets in Parish Hall. Ellen Anderson and Peg are coordinating.

Terry has an idea brewing for a Fall Family Fun Fest to be held in mid to late October. Something about pumpkins and other seasonal stuff. . . stay tuned!

Some of the Fellowship groups are meeting regularly and doing just fine. If your group is struggling to get organized, here's a hint from the established groups. One or two members take responsibility for organizing the dates/places. Each group is unique, so the trick is to find what works for yours. Maybe one person wants to do it, or maybe the duty could be shared and members could sign up for their turn. If you'd like to join a group, please let Peg or Terry know. We hope to have everyone who wants to participate in Fellowship groups assigned and active by the end of 2010.

--Peg Newby/Terry Dickow - Fellowship co-chairs

## Magnetic Church Committee



### **Nametags**

There are new name tags nicely printed and ready for your use. To help Mother Stacy, Father Rich and visitors learn our names it would be nice if we all get into the habit of using these. Think how you'd feel having to learn the names of 60 new faces!



### **St. Paul's Greeter Ministry**

We are a very welcoming church and to complement that, the Magnetic Church Committee has created some strategies to have our welcome be more intentional. We are asking everyone to read these. It is everyone's job to reach out to our visitors. People serving as ushers are being asked to add a few more steps to their Sunday service.

- After introducing yourself, encourage visitors to sign the guest book that will be placed in a prominent location. This will provide us with important contact information.
- Be sure to give them the new St. Paul's brochure, in the rack on the south wall. We will soon have welcome bags to for ushers to distribute to visitors that will include St. Paul's information.
- When a family is visiting it is important that they know that children are most welcome during our services and that we have a family area with toys and a rocking chair if they'd like to use it. Also we have a nursery staffed by a highly competent child care provider.
- You may ask if they have attended an Episcopal church before. If not, it might be helpful to point out in the bulletin, the two books we use, *The Book of Common Prayer* and Hymnal.
- Be sensitive to the person's needs. If they seem interested, engage them, if they seem to be seeking quiet time to pray, be respectful of that.
- At the end of the service invite them to the coffee hour and then be sure to introduce them to others at coffee hour.

Questions? Contact Ellen Anderson.

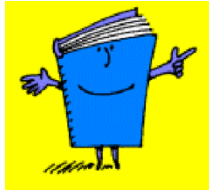
## **Hope Haven Necessities Drive**

We are going to help out the homeless shelter in our neighborhood by collecting items they need on a day to day basis to help their many clients.

This Sunday, September 12, you will find bins in the parish hall for the items you donate to this very worthy cause. Maureen Gerrity is coordinating, and she will make sure that the items are delivered to Hope Haven after the late service on Sunday, September 26. Below is a list of suggested items:

- Cleaning supplies (Pine Sol, Windex, bathroom cleaners)
- Napkins
- Toilet paper/paper towels
- Dish and laundry detergent
- Trash bags (33 gallon and 13 gallon)
- Lunch bags and sandwich bags
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Other non perishable personal items, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste
- Canned food or nonperishable food items, such as rice, beans, noodles
- Coffee, sugar, creamer
- Lunch meat
- Kool-Aid
- Women's sanitary products
- Freezer bags (gallon size)
- Food serving gloves
- Office supplies (pens, white copy paper, tape, staples)
- Diapers, baby wipes

Also needed are a copier and a printer.



### **The Big Read**

The DeKalb Public Library will hold programs at St. Paul's on all the Tuesdays of October. Kathy Keyes, librarian, confirmed that the first session (on October 5) will be a lecture session in the sanctuary, at 7 p.m., and the remaining sessions (October 12, 19, & 26) will be discussion sessions in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is "The Call of the Wild," by Jack London. Mike Duffy is coordinating this event, and is looking for volunteers to help. You can contact him at [mduffyiv@yahoo.com](mailto:mduffyiv@yahoo.com).

### **Planning a party?? Need a caterer??**

The church has had two events in the last couple months catered by Sunn Flower Gourmet. Many of you know Terri Mann-Lamb who works at NIU in the Nutrition and Food Science Program. This is her catering business. The food is delicious, she is very flexible, the prices are very reasonable and she makes awesome cakes in all shapes and sizes!! 815-761-4545. Her business cards are on the table in the Parish Hall.

---Ellen Anderson



**This is YOUR newsletter.** The next issue of the *Proclaimer* will be out on or around the beginning of October. Please send in your articles or announcements by September 15. Thank you!



## Transitions

### August Birthdays

Brad Cripe 8/27  
Sue Ouellette 8/31

### September Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Lana Prouty 9/6      | Lorraine Langer 9/18 |
| Bill Cummings 9/7    | David Anderson 9/19  |
| Margaret Russell 9/7 | Puzz George 9/24     |
| Brenda Leonard 9/15  | Pat Brown 9/25       |
| Rob Russell 9/15     | Peg Newby 9/26       |
| Janice Guiborat 9/16 | Vince McMahon 9/28   |
| Kristin Duffy 9/17   | Jennie Cummings 9/29 |

### August Marriage Anniversaries

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rick & Freyja Johns 8/3        | Jim & Janie Torma 8/16       |
| Bob & Anna Dee Lastick 8/17/02 | Dick & Sharon Downen 8/22/70 |
| Roy & Nan Mason 8/25/63        |                              |

### September Marriage Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Henry & Eva Leonard 9/4/54 | Bill & Jennie Cummings 9/4/04 |
| Dick & Thea Beard 9/6/52   | Roger & Janice Larson 9/10/?  |
| Bob & Lana Prouty 9/16/67  |                               |



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