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# Proclaimer

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I write this letter in the midst of preparation for the feast of All Saints which we will celebrate this year on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Feast of All Saints is not only a celebration of the saints who have already gone on to glory, but of the saints who are currently active in the Church in this world. Lesbia Scott wrote the hymn “I Sing A Song of the Saints of God” in the early years of the twentieth century to sing with her own children. The final verse is my particular favorite as it sings of a world that is full of the joyous saints of God who are just folk like me and you.

*They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes or at sea,  
in church, or in trains or in shops or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me ,and I mean to be one too.*

The work of doing Jesus’ will is done by all of the baptized, not merely the clergy. Through working together we can do marvelous things in our community, and discern with one another where and how we are being called to be God’s heart and hands in the world.

The vestry is the instituted ministry group that meets monthly to discuss the mission and ministry of St. Paul’s. While the primary responsibility of the vestry is oversight of our financial resources and the stewardship of our physical plant—the building and grounds, the vestry is also concerned with the spiritual health of the parish. In cooperation with the rector and leaders of other ministry groups the vestry lends support to the wide variety that is parish life. These include, but are not limited to the ministries of Christian education of all members (from ages 1 to 100), our liturgies, parish fellowship groups and events, and the welcoming of visitors and new members. The vestry, in cooperation with the rector, is the leading voice advocating the continued mission of

St. Paul's in supporting charitable giving in our community and around the world, as well as creating relationships with our neighbors locally and globally.

The vestry is made up of folks like you and me, elected by the members of the parish at the annual meeting held each January. In fact *all* of the ministries at St. Paul's are led by the same joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. As each of us prayerfully considers how we will support the Church of St. Paul financially in 2011, I would also ask you to consider how you might live into your baptism as one of the joyous saints of God today. If you are perplexed by this question, or are not sure what I'm talking about, give me a call! As your priest and rector I am always happy to engage in a discussion of the stewardship of *all* the gifts God has given us, and what God may be calling us to do with them. Your fellow saint through the grace of God,  
Rev. Stacy+

### **Adult Education Calendar**

**November 7:** Death Penalty Abolition Education and Information session. Guest Speaker: Colleen Cunningham. Ms. Cunningham is an organizer with Equal Justice USA, a non profit working to repeal the death penalty and increase services to victims' of homicide. Colleen currently works with the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and is a member of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago's Peace and Justice Committee. Working with these groups and Bishop Lee, Colleen helped organize a Diocesan-wide effort to reflect on the issue of the death penalty through Death Penalty Abolition Sundays. Prior to her work with Equal Justice USA, Colleen was the Executive Director of Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

**November 14:** Parish Craft Show—no adult education class today

**November 21:** Keeping Christ in Christmas: A discussion forum on preparing for Advent and Christmas including ideas for families with young children.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rector's Forum: Topic TBA

December: Theology of Advent and Christmas Hymns  
Bible Study discussion of Christmas readings

January: *Speaking of Faiths: Living Islam: Beauty, Truth, Compassion*

February: In preparation for Lent and World Mission Sunday, a book discussion of *Horizons of Mission* written by Titus Presler, from the Episcopal Church New Teaching Series <http://www.amazon.com/Horizons-Mission-New-Churchs-Teaching/dp/1561011908>  
<http://tituspresler.com/about.html>

March/April (Lent): A book discussion of *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgment*, written by Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams <http://www.amazon.com/Christ-Trial-Gospel-Unsettles-Judgment/dp/080282496X>

May: A screening and discussion of the documentary film *The Power of Forgiveness* [www.thepowerofforgiveness.com](http://www.thepowerofforgiveness.com)

## PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS



### **Food Pantry**

164 items were donated on October 10, bringing our year total up to 1509. The next Food Pantry Sunday will be November 14. --Pat & Vince McMahon

**And speaking of food.....**

### **Salvation Army Thanksgiving Baskets**

This year the collection date for Thanksgiving meal baskets will be Saturday, November 20. Watch for more information in the bulletin announcements and on the table in the parish hall! Collection boxes will be appearing very soon!



**Eucharistic Minister (sub-deacon) and Acolyte Meeting Sunday,  
November 21st, 2010, 11:45 A.M.**

Liturgy: from the Latin *laos* (people) and *ergon* (work), literally translated as "the work of the people"

Everyone currently serving in our liturgies in the roles of Eucharistic Minister and Acolyte are asked to attend a meeting with the Rector after the 10: 30 A.M. service on November 21st. We will discuss our movement in the liturgy (processions and serving at the altar) as well as the roles of the various ministers in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We will be making some changes from the way we do things now, so your attendance is strongly encouraged. Please RSVP to Rev. Stacy: revstacy@stpaulsdekalb.org, 815-756-4888

→**If you are not currently an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister, but would like to know more about serving in this important role in our liturgies, please plan to attend the November 21st meeting as well.**



**Report on The CROP Hunger Walk**

Considering the weak economy we are all experiencing, the CROP Walk was a great success! Our St. Paul's team raised \$1140!! This is a little short of our 2009 total of \$1230, but it is excellent! The total raised in the Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk of North DeKalb County was \$28, 697! The goal was \$30,000, and probably this goal will be reached as contributions continue coming in.

On-line donations can be made until March 31, 2011! To contribute on-line, go to [www.cropwalklonline.org](http://www.cropwalklonline.org) and find the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on-line team (Michael Duffy, Ellen Anderson, and Henry Leonard).

Also walking were David Anderson, Eva Leonard, and Marilyn Sjöholm. Also raising funds was Bob Brown. Thanks to all who made this achievement possible: Walkers, funds raisers, and contributors!  
Contributed by Henry Leonard

## **St. Paul's Annual Craft and Hobby Show**

The Craft and Hobby show is scheduled to be held November 14 in the parish hall. The show starts at 7:30 A.M. on Sunday, Nov 14 and stays open until noon.



The purpose of this show is to share our interests and crafts with our fellow parishioners. In the past we have had many interesting exhibits and products to both show and sell. Items do not need to be for sale. We are interested in seeing what you are up to.

Any person who is a member of the parish may exhibit and there is no fee or percentage charged.

Some of the exhibitors from past shows have been: Hazel and Larry and their collectibles, Bob Brown with his wonderful banks made from old time post office boxes, Rita Anderson with her pack of bears, Nan Mason showing the fabulous products of her sewing machine, Amy Franklin-Smith displays her jewelry as does Marilyn Sjöholm; Janie Torma offers homemade jams and jellies, Anna Dee Lastick has brought some of the splendid items she has picked up on her travels, Eva Leonard displays her collection of antique jewelry, Jo Abbott introduced us to her hobby of postcard collecting, Gail Sitzes has displayed her Christmas decorations and toys. Have I forgotten anyone? Oh yes-- Betsy Pool will be there with her pots.



So if you have a hobby, or produce items for sale please join us. Just let me know if you will need a whole table or partial for your display. Many of the exhibitors set up on Saturday afternoon. Visitors welcome.

--Betsy Pool, email mom@dmitech.net, 815 895 8271

## **Music Program Notes**

Special music for All Saints Sunday, 10:30 A.M. service, November 7.

The St. Paul's Adult/Youth Choir and Instrumentalists will enhance the service with music by Franz Schubert, Richard Proulx, William Mathias and others. Also included will be the "Song of Praise" (Canon)

by Johann Pachelbel, arranged by Hal Hopson.

St. Paul's is indeed fortunate to have a dedicated and talented volunteer Adult & Youth Choir which includes Rick Johns, Roy Mason, Bob Lastick, Maureen Gerrity, Linda Lorbach, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns and Carol Clark. The volunteer instrumentalists continue to add wonderful colors to the worship service. A special thanks to Michael Duffy, Trumpet; Kristin Duffy, Oboe; Linda Lorbach, Flute; Carol Clark Flute/Recorder; Michael Ouellette, Clarinet and Thomas Cappaert, Cello, for their incredible talent and generosity in sharing their gifts of music.

St. Paul's music program is looking for more musicians (singers and instrumentalists) to join us for the short or long term. We are posting flyers around the NIU campus and DeKalb/Sycamore area to invite interested adults, youth and children of all ages and musical abilities to come together to work and worship. Please share the news and flyers located in the parish hall.

The Adult & Youth Choir sings at the 10:30 A.M. service every Sunday And for most holiday services. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7-9. Join us for a week, a month, a liturgical season (like Christmas and/or Easter), or a year. Whether you are with the choir or in the pews singing, all are welcome to participate!

-- Lorraine Langer, Director of Music

## Transitions

### November Birthdays

Roger Larson, November 1	Clifford Cleland, November 3
Mary Keleher, November 3	George Nenonen, November 3
Jennifer Sitzes, November 3	Robert Harkness, November 6
Nora Duffy, November 18	The Reverend Stacy Walker-Frontjes, November 18
Robert Lastick, November 30	

November Marriage Anniversary: Glenn & Sue Ouellette, November 19

**DR. T. STERLING WETZEL** died at his home peacefully on Thursday, October 7, 2010. He served on the board of Beta Alpha Psi from 2002 to 2005 and as President during 2003-2004. Dr. Wetzel was the Wilton T. Anderson Professor of Accounting and Coordinator of the MS Program in Accounting at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. *He earned a B.S. and MBA at Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University. Prior to joining the faculty at Oklahoma State in 1986, he served on the faculty at Northern Illinois.*

Contributed by Jennie Cummings

**QUESTIONS REGARDING BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, OR OTHER RITES OF PASSAGE?**

Please contact Rev. Stacy for further conversation. The traditional dates for **baptism** are All Saints Sunday (Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010), Baptism of our Lord (January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011), Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011), and Pentecost (June 12, 2011). However other dates for a celebration of Holy Baptism can be arranged.

Although the Bishop will not make his next official visit to St. Paul's until 2012, it is not too early to discuss **confirmation** as other locations for this rite of passage are available in the spring of 2011.

Other events happening in your life that our Book of Common Prayer doesn't seem to address? Please don't hesitate to call Rev. Stacy for an appointment. Office: 815-756-4888, revstacy@stpaulsdekalb.org



**Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
**Feast Day: November 30**



Andrew the Apostle, called in the Orthodox tradition Protokletos, or the First-called, is the brother of Peter the Apostle. The name “Andrew” (from Greek Andreia, manhood, or valour), like other Greek names, appears to have been common among the Jews from the second or third century BC. He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Both he and his brother

Peter were fishermen by trade, hence the tradition that Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that He will make them “fishers of men.” At the beginning of Jesus’ public life they occupied the same house at Capernaum.

Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce Him to his brother, Peter. Thenceforth the two brothers were disciples of Christ. On a subsequent occasion, prior to the final call to the apostolate, they were called to a closer companionship, and then they left all things to follow Jesus. On the occasion of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, it was Andrew who said: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes: but what are these among so many?"

Andrew appears to have been part of an inner circle among the disciples -- only he and three others (Peter, James, and John) were on the Mount of Olives with Jesus when he foretold the destruction of the Temple and then received a lengthy discourse on the End Times and coming apocalypse. In early church documents Andrew's name is among the first on apostolic lists, possibly an indication of his importance. As one

of the Twelve, Andrew was present at the Last Supper; beheld the risen Lord; witnessed the Ascension; shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost, and helped, amid threats and persecution, to establish the Faith in Palestine.

When the Apostles went forth to preach to the Nations, Andrew seems to have taken an important part, but unfortunately we have no certainty as to the extent or place of his labors. According to the eastern church, Andrew preached in Asia Minor and in Scythia, along the Black Sea as far as the Volga and Kiev. Hence he became a patron saint of Ukraine, Romania and Russia. According to tradition, he founded the See of Byzantium (Constantinople) in AD 38, installing Stachys as bishop. Andrew is recognized as its patron saint.

*The Acts of St. Andrew*, an apocryphal work from the 3rd century, says Andrew was arrested and executed in 60 CE during the reign of Nero, by order of the Roman Governor Aegeates, while preaching on the northwest coast of Achaia at Patrae. A 14th century tradition says he asked to be crucified on an X-shaped cross, as he didn't feel worthy of being crucified on the same kind of cross as Jesus. He was tied to the cross, rather than nailed, and so lasted two days before dying. Today there is an X on Great Britain's flag representing Andrew, as he is the patron saint of Scotland. Both western and eastern churches keep 30 November as his feast. *Adapted from the Catholic Encyclopedia on line and from OrthodoxWord at wordpress.com.*

### **Lectionary for November**

You may read the lectionary selections online at <http://www.io.com>.

Wednesday November 3 Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600

1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16

John 17:18-23

Sunday, November 7 All Saints Sunday

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 18-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

Wednesday, November 10 Leo the Great  
Bishop of Rome, 461  
2 Timothy 1:6-14  
Matthew 5:13-19

Sunday, November 14 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Canticle 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

Wednesday, November 17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln 1200  
Titus 2:7-8, 11-14  
Matthew 24:42-47

Sunday November 21 Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Canticle 16  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

No service Wednesday, November 24

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day (10 a.m.)  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 100  
Philippians 4:4-9  
John 6:25-35

Sunday, November 28 Advent I  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
Psalm 122

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