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Proclaimer

A newsletter by, for and about the people of St. Paul's Church

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119: 105

Dear Friends in Christ,

The day I moved into the rectory was the first day of classes for students at NIU. Since then our youngest members have also returned to classes at school and Sunday school. I always enjoyed the first day of school. Living in a rural area I often did not see my friends much during the summer unless they were within a reasonable bike riding distance. Besides catching up with friends there was always an air of excitement about the new things we would learn, see, and do in the year to come.

Although adult education missed out on being part of our Kick-Off Sunday a few weeks ago, I think you will find this year's curriculum worth the wait. Adult education this program year will be a series of short courses in a variety of subjects related to Christian spiritual formation and practice. We will begin Sunday, October 3rd with "Sustainable Faith: God, the Environment, and Human Responsibility." This is a short course developed in partnership between Krista Tippet, host of public radio's *Speaking of Faith*, and Church Publishing. We will listen to selected audio clips from *Speaking of Faith* and engage in discussion around our role as stewards of Creation. This is a drop in course, with no preparatory reading required. "Sustainable Faith" is a good place for us to start our "school year" as the theme of our Diocesan convention in November is "Relate, Renew, Restore: Caring for God's Creation."

We will meet from 930am-1015am nearly every Sunday from now through the end of May 2011. Please join us when you are able and be a part of Christian Formation and Education at St. Paul's.

In Christ,

Rev. Stacy+

Adult Education, Sundays 930-1015am, Conference Room

October 3rd thru October 31st, From *Speaking of Faith* and Church Publishing: *Sustainable Faith: God, the Environment and Human Responsibility*. This course is designed in utilizing resources from public radio's *Speaking of Faith* hosted by Krista Tippett. "Discuss your role as a steward of the planet and how to make sense of the current climate of challenging political and environmental issues. Inspire conversation and introspection about the choices we make about nourishing ourselves, both nutritionally and spiritually. Hear from experts working to meet needs on the frontlines of suffering in both Africa and New Orleans. Meet a host of inspirational people brave enough to challenge the establishment to ensure that both the planet and the people who inhabit it are protected." For more information see www.churchpublishing.org/speakingoffaith

Adult Education Offerings in the year ahead:

November: Preparing for Advent and Christmas from age 1 to 100
Making your own Advent Calendar: An Intergenerational Event

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 of 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-Churches-](http://www.amazon.com/Horizons-Mission-New-Churches-Teaching/dp/1561011908)

[Teaching/dp/1561011908](http://www.amazon.com/Horizons-Mission-New-Churches-Teaching/dp/1561011908)

<http://tituspresler.com/about.html>

March/April (Lent): A book discussion of *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgement*, 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



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

PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, EVENTS



Food Pantry

193 items were donated on September 12. Total to date is 1345. The next Food Pantry Sunday will be October 10. --Pat & Vince McMahon

Fellowship Committee



R. U. Ready 2 Party??

Terry Dickow, co-chair of the Fellowship Committee, is organizing a FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON EVENT! Come to the parish hall on Saturday, October 23 from 1-3 pm. for a great time!

We will make a spooky decoration, decorate pumpkins without cutting or carving them, frost a pumpkin cookie and enjoy snacks. This is open to all ages, but if you want to decorate a pumpkin, you will have to let Terry know by Friday, October 22. Email him at dickow@comcast.net to let him know if you are coming and if you want a pumpkin!

Hope Haven “Necessities” Drive Report: St. Paul’s donated 69 items to Hope Haven Homeless Shelter through our fall “Necessities Drive”. Thank you for your excellent support of this project! The list of donated items follows:

Cleaning Supplies/Disinfectants - 7
Napkins - 2 pkgs.
Toilet Paper - 14 rolls
Paper Towels – 13 rolls
Dish Detergent – 1 bottle
Laundry Detergent – 1 jumbo size
Trash Bags – 1 large box 13 gal. size
Disposable Razors – 1 pkg.
Shaving Cream -1 can
Toothbrushes – 7; Toothpaste – 3
Dental adhesive - 1
Deodorant - 2
2 Pkgs. Diapers; 1 3-pack Baby Wipes
1 Bag Coffee
1 box Popcorn
Lunch Bags – 1 pkg.; Sandwich Bags – 1 box
Freezer Bags (gallon) – 1 box
1 Ream Copy Paper; 1 multi-pack Pens; 2 rolls Tape
1 box Staples; 1 box Paper Clip
1 Printer

Maureen Gerrity

Facilities Committee Report

Presented at the September 19 Vestry Meeting.

- A pine tree was removed from the southwest corner of the front yard. It was dying and was crowding trees around it.
- The church sign which faces Normal Road is being repainted.
- Carpets and chairs in the parish hall were cleaned.
- Playground equipment was purchased and installed.
- Rectory was professionally cleaned.

---Vince McMahon



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.

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

Transitions

October Birthdays

Dick Downen, October 3

Dan Guiborat, October 3

Henry Leonard, October 12

Rhys Prall, October 21

Audrey Brown, October 26

October Marriage Anniversaries

Adam Petty & Kim Bizer, October 10, 2009

Doug & Lynn Roberts, October 11, 2003

David & Ellen Anderson, October 21, 1978

Steve Dudgeon & Veronica Menchaca, October 24, 2009

Ty Fogel & Lindsey Anderson, October 30, 2006

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 7th, 2010), Baptism of our Lord (January 9th, 2011), Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 23rd, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- All Saints' Sunday: November 7. Service times 8 & 10:30
- Thanksgiving Service: Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day) 10 A.M.
- Annual parish craft show: Sunday, November 14
- First Sunday of Advent: November 28
- Blue Christmas Service: Sunday, December 5 at 4 P.M.
- Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24
 - Children's service at 4 P.M.
 - Festival Celebration of Our Lord's Nativity at 6 P.M.
- First Sunday after Christmas: December 26
- Rev. Stacy will be out of town.
One service at 9 A.M. Rite I with hymns.

ENCOUNTER ISLAM

A day and a half course offered by Seabury-Western Seminary

Friday & Saturday, October 22 & 23

St. David's Episcopal Church, Glenview, IL

Cost: \$75 (includes dinner on Friday, breakfast & lunch on Saturday)

Going beyond media images and popular stereotypes, *Encounter Islam* provides facts and information about Islam worldwide: its history, beliefs, and traditional practices, as well as political and social trends associated with Islam.

Encounter Islam

- * Surveys the basis of Islam and the meaning of faith to Muslims.
- * Confronts the sources of misunderstanding and anger between Muslims and the Western world.
- * Proposes pathways to cooperation in the workplace, schools, and civic life.

To register: Contact Seabury-Western Theological Seminary at seabury@seabury.edu or 847 328 9300, ext. 45.

For more information, please see the flyer posted in the parish hall.

A NEW ECW PROJECT

Episcopal Church Women is raising money to purchase copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* printed in Spanish for Spanish-speaking congregations. They would like to be able to purchase 1,000 prayer books at a cost of \$15.00 each. Here is an excerpt from a letter written by the ECW International Outreach Project and the Chicago ECW about this project:

"As Episcopalians, we wonder who and what we would become without our traditional Book of Common Prayer. Our biblical foundations, liturgies, and yes, common prayers, are shared by millions of Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world -- in many languages. In these times of immense economic struggle, each donation will demonstrate a spiriual concern for the expanding ministries of the Spanish speaking congregations of our Diocese."

Please complete one of the order forms on the table in the parish hall and give your donation to Rosemarie Ostberg or Ellen Anderson, or you can mail your order form and check in any amount to:

The Episcopal Church Women's Office, St. James Commons
65 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611-2718

There is a signup sheet on the table in the parish hall. You can contact Mike for more information or to volunteer at mduffyiv@yahoo.com.

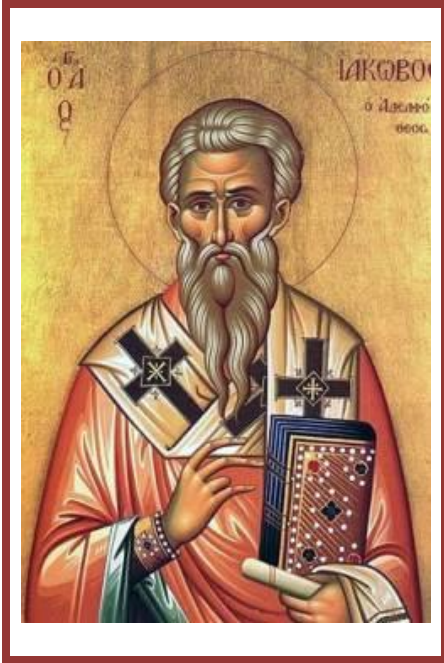
PLEASE NOTE!

This is NOT a St. Paul's project. Make your checks out to:
The Episcopal Church Women's Office.

Saint James of Jerusalem

Feast Day: October 23

(This article was adapted from the website of The Episcopal Church of James of Jerusalem in Long Beach, New York.)



There are several feast days commemorating Apostles this month, among them James of Jerusalem, also known as “James the Just”, the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who was James of Jerusalem?
What was his message?

The New Testament tells us that James was a near kinsman of Jesus who was favored with a special appearance of the Lord before his ascension (1 Corinthians 15:7). Eventually, he became the first Bishop of Jerusalem and presided there over the first church council,

when conflict erupted over whether Gentile converts should be held to the letter of the Mosaic law. James, a strictly observant Jewish Christian, exercised visionary leadership on a breathtaking scale, confirming the council’s decision with these words: “My judgment is that we should impose no irksome restrictions on those Gentiles who are turning to God” (Acts 15:19). For his wise guidance, purity of heart, and liberality of spirit, he came to be surnamed “the Just”.

In the epistle traditionally attributed to him, James urges us to the practice of real discipleship: Faith without works is dead. He warns us against destructive habits and attitudes that, if we don’t keep our eyes open, can creep in through the church’s back door:

formalism, which clings to ceremony but forgets love and purity of heart (1:27);

extremism, which uses religion as a pretext for violence(1:20);

worldliness, which gives preferential treatment to rich people and gives poor people second best (2:2);
false witness, which uses words to manipulate others (3:2-12);
party-spirit (3:14);
evil and divisive speech (4:11);
showing off (4:16);
and abuse of power (5:4).

And, in turn, he exhorts us to be supernaturally patient – in trial (1:2) , through performing good works (1:22-25), when provoked (3:17), when oppressed (5:7), when persecuted (5:10) – knowing that there is nothing to fear, for the Lord himself is near.

James’ epistle is also the chief biblical text for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. James writes:

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.” (5:14,15).

How are we being called to express the spirit, message and vision of St. James of Jerusalem – James the Just! – in our common life?

“Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.” (Lesser Feasts and Fasts, collect for Saint James of Jerusalem)



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