

ST. PAUL'S BELL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
An open and inclusive congregation

Port Townsend, Washington

April 2011



Dear Saints of St. Paul's,

Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will refresh you.
(Matthew 11:28)

We are just about half-way through Lent on the Way to Easter now and these are the words that keep coming to me for us all in these days. This is our invitation to a holy Lent and Easter joy. This is what every Eucharist, every homily, every Wednesday evening series, every resource from our Lenten Reflection Book to our Ashes to Easter calendar is offering us.

Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will refresh you.

Come to me, all of you, for refreshment, says our God. Come to my table. It is for all of you. My refreshment is for everyone, without exception. Come, journey with me to the waters of Easter baptism, deep with new life. Come to hear and receive my Word with all your heart.

Come to me and I will give you exactly what you need to live, to be continually refreshed, to be truly rested from all you try to carry that is too much for you.

Saints of St. Paul's, this is what our journey through Lent is all about. This is what Holy Week is all about. This is what Easter is all about: coming home to our God for refreshment, for remembering who we are and whose we are, for exactly the emptying of old assumptions and entrapments from our weary, heavy-laden psyches and the filling of body and soul with the perfect, whole, healing life of our God.

Last year on one of our Wednesday evenings, Joe Nuber introduced us to a song based on the book and story of Hosea (from the Monks of Weston Priory in Vermont). Last Sunday, thanks to Shu DeLapp, we opened our Third Liturgy on the First Sunday of Lent with it. God's words from the life of Hosea are perfect for us, I believe ~

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart...
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak...
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
You shall sleep secure with me. Faithfulness will be your joy.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.
Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart...
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

Let us together live deeply our new life!

Elizabeth+

FROM OUR DEACON, KAREN



When you receive this Bell, we will have walked half-way through Lent, making our final journey towards Holy Week and Easter. I am reminded that the word Lent means spring, the time of longer days of sunlight and new growth. Daffodils are blooming, tulips are pushing their way out of the soggy-but-warming soil, and St. Paul's Community Garden is beginning to see sprouts of green garlic stretching towards the spring light.

I want to share with you that last year our garden produced approximately 15-20 pounds of potatoes, various herbs, zucchinis, and three very large pumpkins, all which were used for Just Soup Wednesdays.

This year Mahala Henry and her garden group report, "This spring onions and kale will be set out. The kale can withstand the cool spring weather and will be finished by the time the onions and garlic are maturing for a summer harvest. The intent is to use intensive planting methods, limit crop varieties per year, companion plant, and rotate crops from year to year."

Again, all these crops will be used directly for Just Soup Wednesdays, which continues to grow and serve all people who walk through our parish hall doors on Wednesdays. Two wonderful additions to Just Soup have been new pantry shelving, installed by Joe Nuber and Linda McKenzie, which you will find just inside the table storage closet in the parish hall. And too, we rejoice in the generous gift from the MacNair family who gave us their upright freezer. It is currently residing outside the back kitchen door and makes such a difference to storage, for soup made ahead and leftovers, for all kinds of events at St. Paul's. We also continue to receive donations of socks, coats, hats, and sleeping bags which are made available to anyone who may need them. I am always happy to collect them from you during the week or on Sundays and store them in my office.

So much new growth this Lent, this spring at St. Paul's; so much new Resurrection life, coming into full bloom. I want to share with you something Mahala Henry wrote for an article she has submitted to the *Episcopal Voice*, about St. Paul's Community Garden, that we hope to see published in the spring edition. It makes me think that a garden is a metaphor, an icon for our journey of hope through Lent into Easter, our journey from death to new life.

A garden is about place and faith. It is about hope and grace.

It is about nourishment and trust.

A garden is simple and complicated. It is inspiring and vexing.

It is peaceful and riotous.

A garden is. It has being and purpose that may be seen or unknown.

It is for us and our community a place of energy and repose, both physically and emotionally.

Wishing you a place, of faith, hope, and grace these last days of Lent, as we journey towards Resurrection light, given to us by our loving God, who has given us everything we need to have new life.

Karen

FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR, ANN



Preparation for the Most Sacred Mystery

April brings our most sacred mystery as Christians. The children of St. Paul's continue their preparation to enter into the sacred mystery of Holy Week and Easter. As begun in March, the children learn more about this baby, boy, and now young man, Jesus. The children take the journey with Christ toward the cross and resurrection.

On **April 3rd**, the lesson is **Jesus' Desert and Discovery Experience**. Children will see that Jesus learned more about who he was and what his work was going to be through the temptation in the desert. When the voice in the desert said, "Why don't you turn one of those stones over there into bread and have something to eat?" Jesus replied, "No. To be a real human being, we need more than just bread to eat." He tells the voice that we do not need to test God, and when the tempter tells Jesus that he could be the king over the entire world Jesus replies, "I am to be a king, but not that kind of king." These are words the children have heard in other lessons as well and take on new meaning as we approach Easter.

April 10th the children learn about **Jesus as Healer and Parable-Maker**. In this lesson the children learn about Jesus' work. As it says in the lesson, "His work was to come close to people, especially the people no one else wanted to come close to." The lesson shares that when Jesus comes close to people they change. They could see things they could never see before. They could do things they could never do before. They became well.

April 17th, (beginning at 9:30) is **Palm Sunday** and the lesson **Jesus Offers the Bread and Wine**. Children will join the Blessing of the Palms at the Community Center (across from Aldrich's Market) where congregations from several Port Townsend churches pray and sing together. Then the children will join the procession behind our own special banner, from the Community Center to the church. At this point parents enter the church and the children go to Church School. The lesson for April 17th begins with Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time during Passover, and the people thought Jesus was coming into the city to become a king. The lesson continues with Jesus' actions and the events of Holy week. The lesson ends with the Last Supper and Judas handing Jesus over to the Temple guards.

Saturday April 23rd – 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter- This year the children will help tell the story of Salvation history at the Vigil, the central festival and core of the Church Year. Children will help tell two stories: *The Parting of the Red Sea*, and *The Flood*. I will send an email and/or letter to ask if your child will be able to participate in this wonderful evening, and if so, attend a practice on Saturday afternoon. For Easter Vigil, **Children are invited to bring a pillow and a blanket and snuggle down in the pew should they need to rest during the service. Younger children may want to wear their pajamas.** This will be a chance for the children to witness and participate in the event they have prepared for during the previous six weeks.

Sunday April 24th- No Church School lesson, children may attend service with their parents.

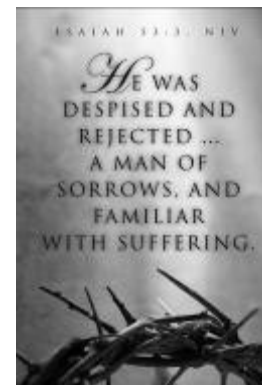
I look forward to helping children deepen their understanding of the Mystery of Easter throughout the coming weeks. My own faith deepens through this work of teaching our history and God's love for all people to the children.

What a blessing it is to work with the children of St. Paul's!

Ann Raymond



OUR SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK



Saturday	April 16	10:00 am	Passion Gospel Rehearsal for Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion	April 17	8:00 am	Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist <i>with reading of the Passion</i>
		9:30 am	Blessing of the Palms at the Community Center <i>and Procession to the Church</i>
		10:00 am	Choral Holy Eucharist <i>with reading of the Passion</i>
Monday	April 18	7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	April 19	7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	April 20	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
		7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with a Service of Reconciliation
Maundy Thursday	April 21	7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist with Footwashing <i>and Stripping of the Altar</i>
Good Friday	April 22	12:00 pm	Liturgy of Good Friday

Following this Liturgy, the church will be open throughout the afternoon for prayer and reflection.

Leaflets for Stations of the Cross will be available.

Holy Saturday	April 23	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word
		10:00 am	Easter Vigil & Baptism Rehearsal
		7:30 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter

Following the liturgy, the celebration continues with a festal reception in the Parish Hall.

Easter Sunday	April 24	8:00 am	Festal Choral Eucharist
		10:00 am	Festal Choral Eucharist

HOLY WEEK LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 18

EM, Jean Kaldahl
Lector, Sue Maxwell

Tuesday, April 19

EM, Sally Gooding
Lector, Bernie Stechman

Wednesday, April 20

EM, Margaret McGee
Lector, Joe Nuber

Maundy Thursday, April 21

EM, Peggy St. Clair
Lectors, Sally Gooding, Sharon Wahrle
Bread Baker, Peggy St. Clair
Acolyte, Peggy St. Clair

Good Friday, April 22

Lectors, Kathy Couch, Karen Barrows
Acolytes, Marie Bishop & Joe Nuber

Saturday Morning, April 23

Officiant, Kate Bast
Lector, Jane Griffith

Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm

EM, Will Kalb
Lector, Roberta Hiday
Greeter, Joe Nuber
Acolytes, Peggy St. Clair, Cody & Sarah Carpenter

NEED A RIDE?

At Mardi Gras, Elizabeth+ unveiled a new service, or rather a dandy device to coordinate a service the church has long done piecemeal and inefficiently.

Member A needs a ride to a church function for whatever reason.

Member B has an appropriate vehicle and can offer rides.

The Rides board helps A and B connect. This service should prove especially helpful as Holy Week approaches.

You can put your name up yourself to need or give rides, or call the office, 385-0770, and it will be put up for you.



Polly Fish tells us about
The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Paul's

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

Janet Bristow, co-founder of the shawl ministry



"Bless, O God our time together. Bless our hearts that they might be filled with your Spirit. Bless our hands that they might be touched by your creative power. Bless our knitting that the shawls may be filled with your love. We join our blessing, our prayer and our knitting with women and men all over the earth in this common effort to bring healing and wholeness, comfort and celebration. Amen."

With this short prayer, the St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Knitters begin their monthly morning together, creating shawls, mostly from donated yarns, to warm and comfort friends and fellow parishioners. "We've probably given about thirty shawls out in our almost four years together," Megan Chociey and Cajsa DeGregorio, who head up the group, concurred.

The shawl-knitting ministry began with two women in 1998 during the first Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. Soon other members of the Institute began to knit shawls. It took only a few years for this unique ministry to catch the imagination of knitters worldwide.

Although their number varies from month to month, six knitters came to the March meeting at St. Paul's. They talked for a minute while pouring their tea and then reached for their needles and began to count stitches. And those stitches are often "knit 3, purl 3" or to those in the know, K3P3. To many knitters, this basic shawl pattern symbolizes the trinity.

When a shawl is completed it is placed on the altar during a Sunday service to be blessed by Elizabeth+. A card with this inscription is included in the package with each shawl: May you be strengthened in your daily coming and goings, in your tentative new beginnings, in your unfolding new memories. May this shawl calm you when you are upset; may this shawl bring your sweet dreams when you are sleeping.

Cajsa, born and raised in Sweden, learned how to knit in school. "My early knitting projects were not without trial and error, and my first socks had needle marks like little ladders, down each side," she remembers, laughing. Her knitting became quiet sporadic and it was only when yarns became so unusual and stunning that she began again.

"My mother taught me how to knit," Megan said, "But I never knitted much until I decided to knit a sweater for my first boyfriend." Several boyfriends and finally a husband later, the sweater sat unfinished until her mother unraveled it and knit a sweater for her first grandchild.

Val Johnstone, who grew up in England during WWII, can't remember how or when she began. "I was little during the war, and remember my mother sewed or knit everything possible for our family. I probably learned by watching." Val had a hiatus from knitting for years but today knits her own whimsical socks and scarves.

Ten years ago Dwight Nicholson heard a request for knitted watch caps for the Seaman's Institute in Lower Manhattan. "I volunteered, as long as someone would teach me how to knit," he explained. If only that someone could see him now. He has 2 blue ribbons from the Jefferson County Fair, one of them for a stunning Norwegian Fisherman's Sweater.

Elouise Hepworth has lost count the blue ribbons she's won at the fair. "I've been knitting on and off again since I was in the 3rd Grade, and I really can't remember whether it was my aunt or grandmother who taught me." Either would be proud of all those ribbons, and no doubt amused at the menagerie she's been knitting lately ...to date, a praying mantis and a hermit crab.

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CREATION CARE CORNER

From St. Paul's Greening Task Force

Lent 4.5: Christian Simplicity

When you read this, Lent will be half over and you may be eagerly awaiting the day when your Lenten resolutions will be finished. But some actions—like protecting God's creation, embracing Gospel justice, and nurturing spiritual fulfillment—need to extend beyond Lent. For Christians determined to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, these are principles to live by every day.

Did you know that 12 million barrels of oil were used to make 88.5 billion plastic bags for the United States *last year*? Giving up plastic bags in favor of reusable cloth bags (or using no bag at all) is just one small thing you can do to make a big difference for our world.

Lent 4.5 (www.lent4.5.org) educates people about sustainability and social justice issues from a faith perspective. For each week of Lent, the web site has a reflection and *practical, concrete* steps one can take to care for creation.

Where does the 4.5 come from? If the Earth were equally divided among all of us, each person would receive 4.5 acres. Imagine that everything you need—food, energy, house, clothing, stuff—must come from those 4.5 acres. The average person in India requires only 1.9 acres, but in the United States we consume a whopping 22.3 acres to support our average lifestyle. No other country comes close to us in consuming the world's resources.

Christian simplicity, eating as a moral act, buying and wasting less, treating water as sacred, using energy efficiently, reconsidering modes of transportation, and taking responsibility for the common good are the topics the web site covers.

Earth Day is April 22!

Give the Earth a present by your commitment to a greener and simpler lifestyle.

Lori Lisowski



Knitters, continued

When Sue Maxwell was only 6 or 7, her grandmother taught her how to knit. Her first serious project was a sweater for a boyfriend that never got finished. "I knit a pair or argyles for another", she said smiling. "He couldn't even get his foot through the heel". She even started a baby sweater for a granddaughter. It's still in pieces, and the granddaughter is now 13. So, no more serious knitting for Sue until her first prayer shawl.

Of the numerous shawls this thoughtful group has given, the recipients that came most quickly to their collective memory include an Episcopal nun in a recovery program, an infant with a rare type of lung cancer (now a well 4-year-old), a woman who died wrapped in her shawl and who was wrapped in that shawl for burial, and, most recently, our own Patty Jarvis who is mostly confined to her recliner in Port Hadlock.

Those who knit or crochet and are interested in joining St. Paul's prayer shawl ministry can call Megan or Cajsja, or simply join the group in the Pollard Room the first Wednesday of every month.

Ministry	APRIL 3 Fourth Sunday, Lent	APRIL 10 Fifth Sunday, Lent	APRIL 17 Palm Sunday	APRIL 24 Easter Day
Acolytes 8:00 10:00	Joe Nuber	Virginia Macher	David & Lydia Hiday	TBA Virginia Macher
Eucharist 8am Minister 10am	Tom Dunkerton John Austin	Will Kalb Roberta Hiday	Margaret McGee Kathy Couch	Ginny Ford Bernie Stechman
Lectors 8am 10am	Sandy Dengler Judy Best Karen Barrows	Michael Bloch Helen Cleveland Scott Cassill	John Davis George Thomsen Christine Hemp	Jane Griffith Shu DeLapp Joe Nuber
Thurifer				
Prayers of the People				
Healing 8am Intercessors 10am	Lois Holly Jim Richard		Kate Bast	
Greeters Welcomers	Katie Fleming Ann Bambrick Mary Lee Pabst	Peggy St. Clair Ann Bambrick Mary Lee Pabst	Joe Nuber Ann Bambrick Mary Lee Pabst	Katie Fleming Ann Bambrick Mary Lee Pabst
Oblations 8am 10am		Meredith Lowry		Joyce Wenz
Bread Baker	Kathy Couch		Peggy St. Clair	Linda McKenzie
Ushers 8am 10am	Bill Lowry	Owen Mulkey	Bob Foster	Ray Wenz
Eucharistic Visitors	Katie Fleming Roberta Hiday	Patrick Raymond John Staples	Linda Nolan Kate Bast	Ginny Ford
Coffee Hosts	Val Johnstone	Joan & George Thomsen	Katie & Keith Flem- ing	Peggy St.Clair Candace Hulbert
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 6	Team 2 & 3	Team 2 & 3
Nursery Church School	Ann Raymond	Ann Raymond	Ann Raymond	Ann Raymond
Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent

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1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Psalm 23

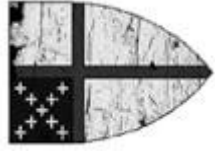
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-
27:66 *or*
Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 31:9-16

Acts 10:34-43
or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
or Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

APRIL 2011



ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS
 Mondays and Fridays, 5 pm: Overeaters Anonymous (PR)
 Tuesdays 3-6: Poetic Justice
 Thursdays 3:30-6: Bet Shira School; 7: Choir Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 8 Holy Eucharist I 10 Church School 10 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Sermon Reflection 12:30-2 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>4 3-4:30 Women's Spiritual Growth Group</p>	<p>5 3-9 pm Soup Preparation</p>	<p>6 9-2 Prep & Soup Lunch 10:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 11-11 Knitters' Group (PR) 6-7:30 Lenten Series</p>	<p>7 7-8 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9-12 Work Crew 10-12 Lay Weeders</p>	<p>8 6:30-9:30 Bet Shira</p>	<p>9 6:30-9 Second Saturday Potluck</p>
<p>10 8 Holy Eucharist I 10 Church School 10 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Sermon Reflection 12:30-2 Soup Kitchen 5-6:30 Third Liturgy</p>	<p>11 3-4:30 Women's Spiritual Growth Group</p>	<p>12 9-11 Staff Meeting 3-9 pm Soup Preparation</p>	<p>13 9-2 Prep & Soup Lunch 10:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 6-7:30 Lenten Series</p>	<p>14 7-8 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:15-7:45 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10-11 Passion Gospel Rehearsal</p>
<p>17 8 Holy Eucharist and Palm Blessing 9:30 Blessing of Palms 10 Church School 10:00 Choral Holy Eucharist 11:30 Sermon Reflection 12:30-2 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>18 12:30-2 Book Group (PR) 3-4:30 Women's Spiritual Growth Group 7-8 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>19 3-9 pm Soup Preparation 4-10 Community Pass-over Seder 7-8 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>20 9-2 Prep & Soup Lunch 10-11 Bell Folding Group (PR) 10:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer 7-8 Service of Reconciliation 7-8 Children's Choir</p>	<p>21 7-8 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9-12 Work Crew 10-12 Lay Weeders 7-8:30 Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing</p>	<p>22 12 Liturgy of Good Friday</p>	<p>23 9:30-10 Liturgy of the Word 10-11 Great Vigil Rehearsal 10-12:30 Bet Shira 7:30-9 Great Vigil</p>
<p>24 8 Festal Choral Eucharist 10 Church School 10:00 Festal Choral Eucharist 11:30 Sermon Reflection 12:30-2 Soup Kitchen 5-6:30 Third Liturgy</p>	<p>25 3-4:30 Women's Spiritual Growth Group</p>	<p>26 3-9 pm Soup Preparation</p>	<p>27 9-2 Prep & Soup Lunch 10-11 Bell Folding Group 10:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer</p>	<p>28 7-8 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p>	<p>29 6-8 pm Wild Men</p>	<p>30</p>

ECW WANTS GREAT RECIPES

We are planning an Episcopal Church Women's Cookbook that will feature the recipes for some of the great food prepared by the saints of St. Paul's.



Please choose UP TO FIVE of your favorite recipes among these categories: Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Vegetables, Brunch, Breads, Vegetarian, Cookies and Candies, International, and Miscellaneous. Include your name, the number of servings, and an optional brief note, and send them to us by one of these ways: In an email or as an email attachment

to merolson@olympus.net

OR legibly handwritten and placed in Val Johnstone's office box.

Please get them to us by JUNE 30. Thank you!

Contact Mary Ellen (379-0965) or Val (385-2830) for more information.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Our ECW get-together will happen on **14 April** at 1:00 pm at the home of Ann Bambrick - 260 Fairbreeze in Kala Point.

Please call her, 385-6634, so that she will know how many to prepare for.

Co-hostess will be Winnie MacNair.



O TOWELS, WHERE ART THOU?

A Great Disappearing Act is happening in the kitchen. Two or three large bath-sized towels have been missing for quite a while. Are they hiding at your house? Or maybe some other kitchen items? They would love to be returned to St. Paul's. Thank you!

SECOND SATURDAY

We welcome you to our monthly potluck for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered parishioners, partners, families, and friends. This enjoyable social gathering starts at **6:30, April 9**, in the Parish Hall and is open to all!



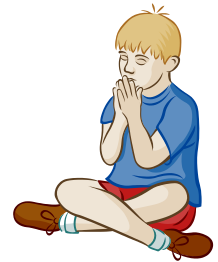
WILD MEN



Men of St. Paul's: You can spend big bucks traveling through Africa in a Land Rover with no springs, or you can enjoy just as wild a time Friday evening, **April 29**, at 6:30 in the parish hall. Steak, potatoes, salad, soft drinks, beer or wine, and dessert will be served for \$10 at the door. Please make reservations on or before Wednesday the 27th, to ensure there will be enough of everything.

For reservations or more info: Bill Dengler, 379-0836, bill_dengler@hotmail.com

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND, OR SOUL, ESPECIALLY: Patricia Smith, Jean Nelson, Robert Pettengill, Patty Jarvis, Robert Lewis, Polly, Ross, Heather, Cal, Jan Crutcher, Nancy Navasard, Alicia Townsend, Megan, Barbara, Bev Riley, David Patrick Jr., Stella, Norm Baker, Scott Wicker, Joan Sampson, Bernard & Michael Murphy, Dawn Madary, John White, Jerry Minchin, Brenna McGinnis, Teresa Minger, Jeremy Clevenger, Jody Newton, Lori Robb, Peter, Paul, Olivia, Amanda, Julie, Deborah Johnson, Elizabeth Kelly, Judy Best, Diana Anderson, Karen DeGregorio, Tricia, Terrie Roberts, Denver, Dorie Arnold, Pat Kelly, René Ellis, Dale Moffett, Suzanne Schindler, Bonita F., Larry McNulty, Hazel Mollica, Linea Pay, El Sims, Beth Marin Naiomi, Rob Crow, Daniel Bayless, Carolyn Busse, Dixie Romadka, David, Marion, Don, Douglas, Odawni, Vern Jones, Laura Marszalek, Bernadette, David and Larry Bueter, Olivia Rodriguez, Dan and Mary, Ruff, Dee Stewart, Barbara Murphy, Bev Leitch, and Pat.



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE CALLED INTO HARM'S WAY in service to this or any land, especially: Richard Pries, Scott McNabb, Carmen McKenney, Matthew Lowry, Blaine Holt, Cameron Holt, Hayley Adams, and Gabriel.

STEWARDSHIP AWAKENING

When we think of stewardship the first thing that comes to mind is an annual pledge drive that ends on one evening in October and then we can forget about it until the next year. Stewardship is not just one focus or event, but a daily response to God's grace with gratitude and generosity. There are many definitions of Christian stewardship but one of my favorites is "stewardship is the way you see your life in relationship to a giving God and how, in all aspects of your life, you respond to God's tremendous generosity". God has given us the wonderful things in our lives; church, family, shelter, food, health, security, and relationships so we in turn give thanks for God's generosity. The opportunity to give thanks to God is present in our everyday lives through our interactions with our loved ones, church members, those in our community and the greater world.

At St. Paul's, we have many things to be grateful for: worship, spiritual leadership, ministry, fellowship, sharing and giving. All of these are acts of stewardship to be celebrated with each other throughout the year. Everything we do as a church community relates to our stewardship of God's gifts to us. As we become more aware of stewardship in our lives we will see its importance in our faith-based journey, our church family and the greater community. Stewardship is a way of life; scripture tell us we are stewards of God's creation and gifts. It is not something we choose to be.

This year the Stewardship Committee will formulate and implement a year-round stewardship program to increase our awareness of God's generosity to our church community. Starting in May, on a monthly basis, we will recognize existing programs and help to initiate new activities at St. Paul's related to spirituality, ministry, finance, environment, outreach, and gratitude. All of these exemplify our stewardship of the many things God has entrusted to us at St. Paul's. By creating a year-round stewardship program we will build upon our effectiveness as stewards and realize how we are accomplishing God's mission at St. Paul's. Look for an upcoming monthly focus on the many ways we are stewards at St. Paul's, and the many ways we can give thanks to God.

Patrick Raymond
Stewardship Chair



As many of you know, St. Paul's has for the past five years partnered with the Episcopal church in Bay St. Louis on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, following hurricane Katrina. We're pleased to report that Christ Church is now rebuilt and doing well.

Consequently, the Outreach team has been looking at how we can participate in helping the people of Haiti since the devastating earthquake of January 2010. Our Diocese is partnering with several organizations to work with the Episcopal

Diocese of Haiti on rebuilding St Vincent's Center for Handicapped children in Port au Prince. Last year St. Paul's contributed \$1000 through the Diocese for the immediate needs for medical and school supplies.

At the same time, Val Johnstone, through the internet and correspondence with the Diocese of Haiti, found a small church which the Outreach Committee feels is a perfect match for St Paul's.

St. Paul's, Montrouis, Haiti

Yes, the name's the same! The Outreach Team selected St. Paul's, a parish in Montrouis, a small coastal town located 75 km north of Port au Prince. Through Rev. Kesner Ajax, the Partnership Program Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, we have been in direct contact with Pere Jean Jaques Dera-vil of St. Paul's.

St. Paul's of Montrouis has 300 active members and a school of 315 students, kindergarten to the 9th grade. The kindergarten classes function inside the Church because the building for the kindergarten was destroyed .

St Paul's needs

The urgent need is to build five classrooms: three for the kindergarten, one for the 9th grade and one as a computer room. The total cost of that project is about \$25,000. \$5,000 has been received to date from various sources in the USA and Haiti.

We are waiting to receive more details on specific needs and photos of the church and its buildings both before and after the earthquake. We'll update you with news and photos in the coming months.

Outreach Team

Birthdays			
2 Suzy Lauer	6 Joyce Wenz	15 Judy Best	
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5 Roberta Hiday	12 Franz Witte	23 Margaret McGee	
			
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Submitting Bell Material

The next deadline for articles is **April 16**. Send via email to sandydengler2@yahoo.com, mail to: Sandy Dengler c/o St. Paul's, or slip it into the editor's box in the office. Occasionally, I will edit for space or clarity. If you do not want to write an article, give me your info (379-0836). I will gladly prepare the article. **Bell folding day is Wednesday, April 27, at 11:00 am.**

ALL-CHURCH READ

"Have you heard the news? We're having an all-church read for Lent!"
Our book, *Lovesongs and Reproaches: Passionate Conversations with God* by L. W. Countryman, is now available in the church office for \$10. This is the book we will be reading for our 2011 Lenten Series, which will meet every Wednesday night between March 16 and April 13th. Treat yourself to this compelling collection of fifty poems of joy and lament as, together, we enter these poems alongside passages from the Scriptures.
Questions? Call Roberta Hiday, 683-9738



OUR 2011 LENTEN SERIES LOVESONGS AND REPROACHES

*Studying Scripture through "Passionate Conversations with God,"
using poetry from L. William Countryman's **Lovesongs and Reproaches****

April 6

XLI "The Twelve"
XXXVII "Bridegroom"
XL "Infinity"

Exploring passages from Mark, John, Matthew, and 1 John,
facilitated by Ann Raymond, Youth Director

April 13

XXI "A Voice in the Static"
XXXIV "Love"
XXXVI "Capturing the Light"

Exploring passages from Mark, John, Romans, 1 John, and Genesis,
facilitated by The Rev. Elizabeth Bloch

* Roman numerals indicate the individual poems to be studied. These will be available for everyone throughout the series study. There will also be copies of Countryman's book for those who wish to purchase one.

LAY WEEDERS

"Sumer is icumen in; sing, cuckoo"

Spring has sprung. So have the dandelions and chickweed, as well as welcome new growth. The Lay Weeders invite you to join them on the first and third Thursdays of the month, **April 7 and 21**, from 10:00 am to around noon. This coincides roughly with the Work Crew, who meet at about the same time.

Please come and dig, prune, plant, rake, water, and weed with us!
No experience is necessary – honestly.



Each year we put together a photo montage of the celebration that launches Lent. This year, we salute the people doing the hard work of preparation and cleanup. Sure, there's a king and queen. The serfs also earn accolades (P.S. Our queen was the hardest worker of all, before, during, and after).



These photos and many more, including pictures of the festivities themselves, may be viewed in full color on our website, www.stpaulspt.org.



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