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Church, It's Not Just for Sunday Anymore

A few years ago I wrote one of these where I called for us to put on our Rally Caps. No, there was no hope for the Sox that year, but we were about to be a church in transition.

The Rector's Corner

I rattled on about the unknown being exciting and how when we came out on the other side, we would be stronger. Then there were the meetings, and consultants, and more meetings. Self study was a buzzword. We needed to search ourselves before we could search for a new minister. So as a parish, we came up with a list of 'wants'. We wanted adult education as well as the children's Sunday school, youth groups, more music, more outreach. We wanted growth. Yes, we wanted it all.

Fast forward to now and the old saying "be careful what you wish for, you just might get it" comes to

mind. Who ever would have thought? Well, we did indeed get what we asked for. We have actual Christian Formation, small groups are starting up, the Sunday school is crowded and on occasion, we have PEOPLE IN THE BALCONY. Not to mention the choir, who had to wear their street clothes today as we ran out of robes. The list goes on. Instead of my obsessive head count to make sure all are present, I am counting heads and wondering how many more can legally fit.

Now, the question is what to do with all this change? Well, as I started, church isn't just for Sunday's anymore. The place is evolving. When you drive by on a week night and see cars in the lot, it probably isn't the soccer people using the space. It's us. We no longer need the rally caps to keep the place open and people in the pews, so save those for

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the boys of summer when the grass is no longer green. Momentum is here, let's keep it going. As hard as it can be to get off the couch on a cold New England evening or after a draining day at work, I can attest that once you get here, it's worth it. So hop on the bus and come along for the ride. New faces, new families, and not like *Casablanca* where they 'rounded up the usual suspects'. And did I really believe that stuff I wrote about the unknown being exciting and us coming out stronger? Well, sort of.

*-Abbe Moore
Sr. Warden*

Help Wanted

We are in need of someone to cut the grass at St. Paul's this summer. There is a lawn mower at the church that can be used. We just need someone who is willing to push it. A stipend is being offered. If you are interested, please contact Dick Shafner.



Preparing for Sunday

No more searching through different scripture passages to track down readings. St. Paul's now subscribes to 'Preparing for Sunday'.

By clicking on the Preparing for Sunday icon on the homepage of the St. Paul's website, you can view and print the current Sunday's readings as well as the previous Sunday's and next Sunday's. Readings automatically update each Monday morning.



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Who is a Minister?

The answer, I was surprised to learn, was me. And you too. If you turn to page 855 of the Book of Common Prayer it is right there, the first one listed, lay persons are ministers of the church. Say what?

That is why I was more than a bit intimidated when asking for a formation experience that would take me deeper into the Bible. I was led by Father Mike to a course called Education for Ministry (EfM). There is that M word. I just wanted to know more about the Bible, I did not want to become a minister. Going through the confirmation preparation last year and understanding the Baptismal covenant it became evident to me that we are all ministers representing Christ in the world.

Since last September nine of us from St. Paul's and two people from neighboring churches have been meeting on Monday nights to go through year 1 of EfM. This course was designed by the School of Theology of the South in Sewanee TN to educate the laity in the basics of our faith. Year 1 is Old Testament, Year 2 is New Testament, Year 3 is theology and Year 4 is Church History.

Year 1 has been a really interesting experience. We get little bits of the Old Testament every week in the lectionary reading, but it is different seeing the stories in their entirety. In some cases it is hard to read stories that come from prehistoric people trying to explain God moving in the world around them. Kind of like us trying to explain the Internet to a cave man. The EfM materials are really excellent to open the stories up and give the historical and theological backgrounds and make them understandable. In other cases, there are very familiar stories that I recognize from childhood, but am thinking about what it means for the first time in terms of what it says about God. You take a story like Noah's ark and the great flood or Abraham being asked to kill his son Isaac. It makes you think about what kind of God that is describing and whether this is the same God that Jesus knew as father. Would Jesus' God get so angry to hit the delete button on humanity or ask a father to kill his beloved son? It is shocking and unsettling. One of the biggest things I understand through these materials is that you can look at them for the shadows they cast or the light they shed. You can see God as cruel and punishing or you can see God as telling us in the context of attention-grabbing stories that He loves us and wants us to have faith and trust Him. I believe the latter God is who I hear and wish to follow. I have met Him in the stories of our spiritual ancestors.

The other part of the course is to help you understand your inner nature and particular strengths as a minister. This has been insightful for me and has also allowed me to get to know several of my fellow parishioners in a way I would not have in the context of Sunday worship or coffee hour or even outreach projects. I have never participated in such a small group experience before and it has been deeply rewarding and fulfilling. I have really come to love and appreciate my fellow EfMers and realize what a great family in Christ we have. I can see why people say that community is the place to learn to love God, others and yourself and discern God's will.

St. Paul's will be offering EfM next fall. If you are interested, please speak to Father Mike or any of the EfM'ers about their experience and look for an information session we will have this spring.

~ Jim Vath

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Walk for Hunger

Project Bread's Walk for Hunger



It's another chance to wear your St. Paul's T-shirt! On May 2, Project Bread will host the 2010 Walk for Hunger, the oldest continual pledge walk in the country and the largest one-day fundraiser to alleviate statewide hunger.

The 20-mile walk begins and ends on the Boston Common. Project Bread awards grants to food programs and provides funds to emergency food providers such as the Soup Kitchen at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church.

The parishes that comprise our Soup Kitchen Partnership (Medford, Melrose, Winchester and Chelsea) would like to see if there is enough interest in putting together and sponsoring a Team of Walkers.

St. Luke's has a large number of youth (30 people ages 19 and under!). Many parishioners from these churches have walked on their own from time to time over the years, but not as a group. Folks from St. Luke's are willing to complete the application for the team and do the logistics. At some date before the walk, there would be some time for our youth to share in fun and bonding.

If you are interested, please reply to Jen Vath at jen.vath@comcast.net no later than March 11th.

Saint Luke's / San Lucas

Enthusiasm for serving at Saint Luke's / San Lucas Soup Kitchen in Chelsea continues to grow within our deanery parishes. Epiphany Winchester recently joined the partnership and Grace Medford has taken on additional Saturdays. What people are gaining from this experience, they feel, is far more than what's put into it. My hope is that as we move forward, more folks from St. Paul's will see how enriching this can be.

Here are some highlights:

-Soup Kitchen is thriving—serving, fairly consistently, 110-120 meals each Saturday

-Funding is tight. Additional sources of funding are being sought but are not guaranteed.

-St. Paul's will need someone who has gone through Safe-Serv training

-On July 3rd, all the parishes will prepare and serve an Independence Day meal together

-Each parish will be responsible for a thorough cleaning of the Kitchen twice per year. Coming up in July or August. Are you a cleaner rather than a cook? Here's your chance! We need 4-5 volunteers.

We are actively seeking ways to strengthen our partnership. St. Paul's will be doing a food drive and a clothing drive for St. Luke's later this spring. After this weekend, March 6, the next date to serve is April 3rd, Holy Saturday.

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Habitat for Humanity Dedication



On February 21st, Habitat for Humanity dedicated the house located at 87 Camden Street in Lynn and St. Paul's parishioners, Dick Shafner and Carl Ogren, were in attendance. St. Paul's presented a small donation to Habitat for Humanity in the name of the new owners. This was done in recognition of the completion of this house and the St. Paul's support for the Habitat for Humanity ministry.

The recently completed house will be owned by Francisco Morel and Marilú López along with their two children Jonathan Morel and Onandy López. Francisco and his son, Jonathan, worked on the house, which not only fulfilled their sweat equity requirement, but also provided an opportunity for the father and son to work side-by-side.

Speakers at the ceremony included the mayor of Lynn and other politicians, as well as representatives from GE and Wells Fargo who have made large contributions to the project. In addition, the Reverend Daniel Velez-Rivera of Grace Episcopal Church in Salem offered the dedication, as the Morel family members are parishioners there.

As a side note, Andrés Martín Bojos, another of Fr. Daniel's parishioners and the owner of one of the Salem Habitat for Humanity units was also in attendance. On at least one occasion, Andrés was seen working on this project! It is really rewarding when a ministry like this comes full circle.

Spring Food Drive

Starting on Sunday, April 11, St. Paul's will be collecting food donations to be distributed at St. Luke's/ San Lucas in Lynn and Calvary Christian in Lynnfield.

Items needed include:

- Milk
- Tuna
- Soup
- Rice
- Vegetables
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food
- Vegetarian Foods

In addition, special items needed include:

- Spices
- Salad Dressing
- Mayo
- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate

Please leave your donations in the designated box located in the new room. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Vath.

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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar— April 2010

	April 4, 2010	April 11, 2010	April 18, 2010	April 25, 2010
Acolytes		Rebecca Sacca C Sarah May Sydney May	Patrick Scheeler C Sam Huebschmann Nathan Huebschmann	Alex Ofori C James Ofori Grace Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.		LEM Carl Ogren LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Tom Grilk	LEM Jim Rosato LEM Holly Bourdon Lector Gretchen Garlow	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Carolyn Shea Lector Karen McAlmon
Ushers		John & Carole Mason	David & Jackie Jamison	Evan & Shirley Colton
Altar Guild	Team Two & Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two
Flowers	Special Easter Flowers			
Coffee Hour	No coffee hour		Susan Cafazzo Erica Ciolfi	Jen Vath Nancy Olsen
Anniversaries		Ed & Linda Kleimola Bob & Tricia May Caroline & John Sacca	Paul & Maryann Goulet	Jennifer & Blaine McKenelley
Birthdays	Stephen Hansen Pam Simoneau Kathleen Manoogian Emily McKenelley Joshua Mentzer Dick Shafner	Albert Erickson Jonathan Savage Rose Keefe	Michael Bunar	Robert Barrett, Jr.
Recycling		Martha Ogren	Jim Vath	Priscilla March

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Important Dates

April 5, 12, 19 & 26 – EFM – 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 – Vestry Meeting – 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 21 & 28 – Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study Group immediately follows service

Tuesday, April 20 – Outreach Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Staff and Vestry

Clergy and Staff

Rector	The Rev. Michael B. Dangelo	781-334-4594
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Organist	Kathleen Surette	
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Clerk	Carl Ogren	781-334-6705

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Save the Date!



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.