



# Spirit in Motion

Parish Newsletter  
A Community of Hope Congregation

St. Bartholomew  
Episcopal Church

April 2009



Sunday worship....



Congratulations to our Community of Hope for Youth participants. See article on p. 6!



Why was Fr. Tom in the nursery?

- a. He likes the children.
- b. He wanted to brush up on his architectural skills with some block building.
- c. We need more staff for the nursery!!! See p. 6.

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## Parish Life

### **Women of St. Bartholomew- we have a special group for you!**

Episcopal Church Women-ECW If you are a woman at St. Bartholomew you ARE a member of ECW. Come and see what we are all about. Every 2nd. Tuesday. In March our own Diana Craft brought in boxes of silk flowers and helped everyone design and take home a beautiful centerpiece. Kim Killian provided all with a great chicken casserole. Join us on **April 14** when Beth Papazoglakis shares with us her journey to ordination. The ECW has supported Beth on her path to priesthood. Barb Lentz is back and will be the hostess. (Details to follow) Then on **May 12** we will have a Multi-cultural potluck. (Bring something associated to your own heritage). We will have an outside speaker from Trails to Bridges. This is a free trade store which offers crafts from women in third world countries. A short presentation on why they started and an opportunity to do a bit of shopping. **June 9** will be our annual Night-Out at the 5 o'clock Club in Pewaukee. Sign up sheets will be available stating in April.

#### MORE DIOCESAN ECW NEWS

**Wed. May 13** Altar Guild Trip-Wonderful opportunity to tour beautiful churches and have a marvelous lunch. Open to everyone, men, women, non-Episcopalians. Watch for applications. Limited space. **Sat. May 16** will be the Spring Diocesan Meeting at Resurrection Episcopal Church, Mukwonago. The main speaker will be The Rev. Shannon Kelly, New Christian Formation Director. Applications will be available soon. **September 17-20** Women's Mini Week at Camp Lakotah (former Camp Webb)

### **St. Bartholomew Family and Community Camping Week at Camp Bird: August 23-31**

This is a wonderful, affordable way to spend time with your family in community with your church family to relax, to renew, to recreate. Join us for part or all of this fun week. Reserve your cabin today!

Camp Bird is owned by Marinette County, located approximately 59 miles north of Green Bay, and is nestled in among Red Pines and Oak trees and sits on the shores of Sand Lake. The camp features a sandy swimming beach, docks, canoes, rowboats, stream and lake fishing, hiking trails, adventure course, nature center and recreation. There are log cabin style sleeping cabins, a dining center with modern kitchen facilities, sinks, showers, flush toilets, and electricity.

#### **What are the cabins like?**

The camp has 5 log cabins in each of 4 units. The cabins have lights and electricity and sleep up to 10 people on cots with cotton mattresses. Each unit has flush toilets, sinks, showers,

and a small lodge with an indoor/outdoor fireplace, lavatory and shower. Each family can have its own cabin.

#### **What is the plan for meals?**

The final plan for meals will be determined by the families that attend camp. Tentative plans call for breakfast/lunch foods to be available during specified hours and supper will be a communal meal. Families are welcome to bring their own food to store in the camp's refrigerator or freezer. There is a grocery store about 15 minutes away.

#### **What will we do when we are there?**

Many activities are available at Camp Bird: swimming, boating & canoeing, fishing (must have license), hiking, arts & crafts, campfires, ping pong, tetherball, challenge course and nature center. Nearby outings might include Thunder Mountain, a fish hatchery, county parks, or Pestigo River rafting. There will be opportunities for worship and a Eucharist on the beach.

#### **How much will it cost?**

Our goal is to keep this as affordable as possible. There is a fixed cost of \$6.50 for each camper per night. You can reserve a cabin for as many nights that you want. Additional costs for insurance, lifeguard, nurse, utilities, food and user fees will be determined after we know how many people will attend for how many nights.

#### **Is there anything else I need to know?**

Children must be accompanied by their own parents.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

No pets are allowed.

Firewood is provided.

Cars pulling campers my set up camp in the parking lot.

Sand Lake is too small for motorized boats. Canoes & rowboats are available.

State of Wisconsin fishing license is required.

Cell phone reception is "hit or miss".

Baseball & volleyball is available but you must bring your own equipment.

For more information: Contact Mike & Robbin Teicher (262-782-2735 or mteicher@wi.rr.com)

**Want to keep up with events at St. Bartholomew? Sign up to receive the This Week bulletin insert via email each week. To do so, contact the office or sign up on the sheet on the Communication Center in the Parish Hall!**



## Pastor's Pen

### IS CHURCH ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

Dear St. Bartholomew Community,

With some of our recent changes in service schedule, you might be tempted to ask, why is it so important to keep working at improving and growing the worship experiences being offered at St Bartholomew? Simply put, to become the fullness of the person that God has created you or me to be, we must be active in a community of people who gather regularly for worship. It is through this relationship that we are also strengthened in doing the sometimes hard work of loving one another as Christ has loved us. There is no more clear mandate on this than the words of Jesus found in Matthew 22: 36-40, NRSV;

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" [Jesus] said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Accordingly we continue with a vision that includes offering multiple opportunities for people to gather in community for this purpose. For some, more traditional worship supported by hymnal music played on the organ and led by the choir speaks to where they are in their journey, for others the more contemporary style works. Yet for a growing number of others, I get the sense that what might arguably be considered overly busy schedules is now also coming into direct competition with traditional Sunday morning worship.

A warrant for an approach to Evangelism that stays fixed on the message while staying flexible and adaptable on the method can be found in the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. What I believe Paul is telling the Church is that we need to be clear about our message and witness of faith, while being flexible in our means of finding places to connect with people to hear and connect with the Good News of Jesus Christ. By offering the new 6 pm service we add yet another option in support of those seeking to worship in community that responds to many of the current scheduling trends prevalent in our society.

Generally speaking it seems our society is quickly moving toward trying to fill every waking minute of every day. Families and friends are moving more often as well as moving farther apart, meaning it takes longer periods of weekend time to be able to get together. These shifts in lifestyle lead to greater difficulties in finding meaningful time for rest and true

Sabbath. The idea behind this new service is to provide an opportunity for people to stay connected in regular worship when Sunday morning is not an option for whatever reason or reasons. My hope is that this service will begin to catch on as a welcome alternative when Sunday morning is not an option and certainly in lieu of missing the opportunity to come together in worship on a regular basis.

Along this line I would like to share a special thanks to everyone for helping to make the transition to our new service schedule go so smoothly. Through our combined efforts we have been able to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> service on Sunday at 6 p.m. opening up additional opportunities for participation in weekly worship.

Moving the first Sunday morning service time to 8:30 has opened an extra 15 minutes of time between our main Sunday services, gently easing the Sunday morning schedule for worship and various other activities.

Additional Reading on this subject may be found at:

*Church: Why Bother?* by Philip Yancey

*The Church—Why Bother? There is no healthy relationship with Jesus without a relationship to the church.* by Tim Stafford

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2005/january/26.42.html>  
New Statistics on Church Attendance and Avoidance. March 3, 2008.

<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/18-congregations/45-new-statistics-on-church-attendance-and-avoidance>

In God's Peace,

Fr. Tom

## Mission and Outreach

### **MOPS – Mothers of Pre Schoolers**

Did you think about *who makes you smile* (even if you aren't a Mom of a PreSchooler)? Smile faces around church caught people's attention – we saw you looking! Thank you! The March MOPS meeting was energetic and fun – especially with three new moms to join us!

The next MOPS meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm-8:45pm (parish hall at St. Bartholomew). We'll be *Going Outside the Park* – that is - the “theme park of being a mother of a preschooler” and making prayer shawls for the prayer shawl ministry and stamping/paper crafting multi-use greeting cards for residents of nursing homes to send friends/family. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, socialize with other moms and realize that we're not alone in the adventure of mothering preschoolers. Childcare is provided. Dues are \$5 per month – but if this is your first time at a MOPS meeting – your first month is free!

If you have any questions, or know someone that we can extend a personal invitation to, please contact Becky Brand (262-370-2643) or Sharie Perugini (262-367-1837).

*Kid Idea:* Easter – April 12<sup>th</sup> – change up the Easter Egg Hunt this year – in addition to filling plastic eggs with candy and hiding them fill one egg with a small cross (paper, wood, plastic – whatever) this opens the door for an interesting conversation when you ask your child what “treasures” are inside their eggs.

*Book recommendation* – Trying to figure out how to introduce the celebration of the resurrection to a toddler? Try *What is Easter?* By Michelle Medlock Adams (available at Wal-Mart and Barnes & Noble)

**MOPS – Mothers Of Preschoolers.** We are a group of mothers who have at least one child age birth to kindergarten. We are working moms and we are stay-at-home moms. We are members of different churches of all denominations from the Milwaukee Metro area and have sister MOPS groups all over the world. We meet the second Wednesday of each month to relax, renew and develop new friendships to help ourselves and each other be the best moms that we can be because...*better moms make a better world.*

### **Looking for Gently Used (or new) Backpacks:**

We would like for you to look around your abode for gently used (or new) backpacks or small duffel bags that are sitting idle. These will be cleaned-up and distributed to homeless persons who stay in one of the Waukesha shelters and/or ex-offenders recently released from jail/prison. Often these neighbors of ours carry all their worldly belongings in plastic grocery bags or pillow cases. If you can help us with this ministry, please drop them in the marked box in the parish hall. Leave you name on a card in the item so we can send you a thank you. Any questions, see Dick Fox (262-547-2373) at the 11:00 service or Rick Knuese for more info.

### **Refugee Community Garden**

Many of you are probably aware by now that St. Bartholomew has exciting plans for the development of our west property. The project nearest and dearest to my heart is the creation of a vegetable and flower garden for use by the refugee families that our congregation has sponsored over the years.

This is an important project for many reasons. On a practical level, the garden will provide an economical source of food for families living on extremely tight budgets. Further, there are many practical lessons that can be taught with regard to gardening in our climate and simply taking responsibility for the garden space. Finally, and perhaps most important, is the sense of worth, pride and hope that our friends can gain during these difficult economic times just by doing something “useful”. A number of the adults are unemployed which I know is very hard on them because they desperately want to be contributing members of our society and set good examples for their children.

What can you do to help? While our goal is to have as much of the work as possible done by the refugees, you will undoubtedly see a number of announcements in the This Week seeking assistance with various tasks needed to make this project a success -- helping clear rocks out of the soil, erecting a fence, donating of gardening tools, etc. I truly believe that it is in giving of ourselves that we too receive.

I think it would be extremely cool to use these flowers to beautify our church and for our Refugee Dinner entrees to include some of the produce. I hope you see that this can really be a win-win on many levels for all involved and will consider helping us along the way.

~Rick Knuese



MARY MAUER, RN

## Update on the Bereavement Ministry

April 2009

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

Last year at this time I shared with you the beginning of the Bereavement Ministry here at St. Bartholomew. The ministry provides support to those who are experiencing loss and grief. The members of the Bereavement Ministry are graduates of Community of Hope, an international program for training lay pastoral caregivers. The needs of those grieving are varied as is the support provided by our Bereavement Ministers. Personal contacts are made and resource information is sent that can be read and / or shared with family members as needed.

Grief is the necessary and normal human response to loss – not only the loss of a loved one through death, but any loss – unfulfilled dreams, broken relationships, failure and change. Grieving is the natural way we go about adjusting to loss. *"it's the way we gradually come to know deep within ourselves – whether we like it or not – that the loss is real. Being cast about on the waves of grief begins to serve its purpose. Despite all the distress, painful emotion, and change, despite the ache in our hearts and often even in our bodies, we gradually come to pull our lives back together again. Though the loss may never be what we would choose, we begin to find that we can make it, we can go on with our lives."*

Grieving is hard work and no two people grieve alike. Everyone needs the freedom to grieve in his or her unique ways. The work of grief must be pursued within the heart of the mourner, and it cannot be hurried. It takes a great deal of time. That knowledge will not lessen your pain, or minimize your grief, but it may give you courage and hope.

One of the best known psalms, Psalm 23 tells us, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff – they comfort me." Grieving can be like walking a very lonely road in that dark valley. The Bereavement Ministry has been working together to become better equipped to provide the companionship for that journey. No, we cannot bring your loved one back or mend your relationships or broken dreams, but we can be a loving, listening presence during that time of healing. We can provide resources that help you discover that however it is you are grieving, it is normal for you.

If you, a family member, or friend could be helped by our ministry, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by contacting Mary Mauer, our Parish Nurse at 746-9168 or email her at:

[parishnurse@stbartspewaukee.com](mailto:parishnurse@stbartspewaukee.com). If you are interested in becoming part of this healing ministry, please contact Mary. Everyone experiences loss in their lives. May we walk together down the paths of sadness and loss.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation,*

*Who consoles us in all our affliction,*

*so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction  
with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.*

*For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,*

*So also our consolation is abundant through Christ.*

*Our hope for you is unshaken.*

*for we know that as You share in our sufferings,*

*so also You share in our consolation.*

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5,7

# Children's/Youth Christian Education

## High School Youth Group

St. Bartholomew's Pilgrims thank YOU!

As the Co-Chair of the Youth Group Fundraising Committee, I'd like to officially announce that we did it! And we couldn't have done it without you. The first International Pilgrimage in the history of St. Bartholomew was a complete success. The experience was one that has impacted the lives of the teens and adults who took this spiritual journey in numerous many ways, and it is a journey that we will never forget.

While in Ireland last July, we were immersed in the history of our faith, learning about the foundations of our Christianity and the impact it had on those who came before us. We learned of the sacrifices made, the challenges faced and the compassion of those who were striving to do God's work in places and situations that were not always favorable. We were guided to look inside ourselves and listen for God's word and to look outside and open our eyes to the wonders He has given us and to what we have achieved through His grace. This was truly a life changing experience for our youth and it is one that they will take with them as they continue to become the people God has created them to be.

We not only had many personal goals to reach in preparing for this journey but we had substantial financial goals as well. Everyone worked very hard to raise the funds necessary to make this Pilgrimage happen and we were able to acquire a great deal of it before we left. We did have a loan to repay after we returned and as of March 2009, we have fulfilled all of our financial obligations! Thank you ALL so very much for your prayers and support. Whether in time, talent or treasure, we are very grateful to the people of St. Bartholomew for helping us on this pilgrimage. It was an experience that will be reflected back to the church for years to come.

We would also like to thank Fr. Tom for his faith in God's plan, strength in leadership, and unending positive motivation, for without his unwavering faith St. Bartholomew's would not be the community that it has grown to be.

As we look ahead, we are now working to raise funds for the next Youth Group International Mission Trip in 2010. We are continuing our work at the Bradley Center and invite everyone to join us next season for this very rewarding program. I pray that all of you will encourage the teens in your lives to get involved in St. Bartholomew's unique, fulfilling and yes - very fun High School Youth Group program. Thank you all again for the support you give our teens. God's peace be with us all.

~Amber Close

## Community of Hope for Youth

### Sunday Middle School "Connections"

Since Feb. 8, the 5th-8th graders in the Sunday morning middle school class have been participating in the Community of Hope for Youth program. The curriculum follows much of what is taught in the adult formation program we offer twice a year here at St. Bartholomew, but things are presented at a more age-appropriate level for middle/high school youth. We learned ways to get closer to God in our own lives so that we can go out and be His presence for others. Contemplative prayer, Lectio Divina, and praying for others were just some of things the youth experienced and considered including in an individual "Rule of Life", a way to be purposeful in our lives to include God. We took a Spiritual Gifts inventory finding our strengths and weaknesses and how together, each of us with our gifts, make up the Body of Christ (ask a middle schooler about the Kool-Aid!). We also discussed listening skills, empathy, death/loss, grief, and the idea of "being vs. doing". We had twelve 5th-8th graders participate and they will be "commissioned" during the 11:00 service on March 29th. There will also be some service opportunities this spring (i.e. Interfaith Clean-up Day) to allow the youth to experience helping community in the "real world". This inaugural group for Community of Hope for Youth will hopefully be the first of many. As the teacher, I can say it was an honor and a learning experience to lead the middle schoolers through the "journey of being there". I hope they got as much out of it as I did! Special thanks to Cassie O'Connor and Tiffany Hameister for assisting, Beth Papazoglakis for being a guest speaker and sharing her faith journey, and the parents for getting the kids to class each week!

~Rachel Knuese

## Nursery Help Needed!

We are in need of additional nursery staff!! If you or someone you know (perhaps a college-aged babysitter or someone who currently works at a day care), would be interested in picking up a few hours of work here and there, please contact the office ASAP. Applicants should have some experience working with children (our nursery serves ages four and younger) and must go through a background check and the Safeguarding God's Children training. Hours are typically covering Sunday services (morning and evening), occasional evening events/classes and/or the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study.

## Mark Your Calendars

Please see the back cover for our  
Holy Week and Easter schedule!

**Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.** Rabbi Steve Adams will present information on the tradition of the Jewish Seder meal in relation to the upcoming Holy Week. Wine will be served. Child care provided upon advanced request. Please RSVP to the office (262-691-0836) by March 29th.

**Sunday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. Continuing the Journey through Israel** We have an incredible privilege at St. Bartholomew to "walk" through the Holy Land with a seasoned expert in the Holy Land, Dr. Richard Lux from Sacred Heart School of Theology. He will talk about significant sites of the Holy Land and the events during and since Biblical times. He will discuss the current difficulty in that area and give his expertise about the region.

**Monday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. Seder Dinner** Join us for a Seder Dinner. Tickets are \$15/person (limit 60). Ages 12 and older are welcome. RSVP by March 30.

**Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 Healthy Congregation/Pastor Relations Workshop** Registration forms and workshop schedule available on our website [www.stbartpewaukee.com](http://www.stbartpewaukee.com) or contact the office. Workshop is ideal for clergy, staff, vestry and other church leaders and will help parishes:

- Understand some basic concepts of family systems theory and apply them to congregational life.
- Manage pastoral transitions more effectively.
- Improve support systems for pastors.
- Institutionalize healthy conflict procedures.
- Understand "leadership through self-differentiation."
- Refocus on your congregation's mission and purpose rather than having energy being drained by contentious issues.

**Saturday May 30, 2009 Revolutionary Parenting (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)** What are the greatest challenges to raising godly kids in today's world? Great kids don't just happen. Parenting requires tough work, a lifetime commitment and a revolutionary mindset. There are no quick fixes, but there is hope! Join us for this satellite broadcast offered through the Church Communication Network. Check our website for other CCN broadcasts as they are added.

**Saturday, June 6 Ordination and Celebration:** Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m. for the ordination of Beth Papazoglakis to the diaconate. The ordination will be at All Saints Cathedral at 804 E. Juneau in Milwaukee. A party will be held at St. Bartholomew immediately following the ordination. Beth was sponsored by St. Bartholomew, her home parish, where she has served from the past five years as Music Director and Organist. and she would like to share her joy with her parish family. All are invited to attend both the ordination as well as the party following.

**June 15-19 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 National Training** The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children ages 3-12 based on the conviction that God and child are in relationship. Inspired by Montessori methodology, this ever-evolving catechetical approach had its beginning in 1954 when Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator, founded the Good Shepherd Atrium in Rome. The Level 1 course is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Brochure with training schedule, fees, etc. is available on our website or through the parish office.

**June 22-26 Youth Mission Trip** Local mission trip with high school youth serving The Gathering, Milwaukee Rescue Mission, local food pantries, Interfaith, and youth detention centers.

**August 23-31 Camp Bird** An affordable way to spend time with your family in community! See p.2 for more info. or the brochures available on the Communication Center.

**September 25 Brewers w/the Bishop** Tickets \$65 per person and includes a t-shirt, buffet and drinks. This is a fun, diocese-wide event. Sign up for tickets on the Communication Center in the Parish Hall and make checks out to St. Bartholomew with "Brewers" in the memo and place in the Offertory basket or basket on the office desk. Contact John Bussey with questions.

### April Birthdays

Karen Tredwell	Heidi Rheingans
Allie Filmanowicz, Chuck Filo	Justin Burns, Brett Bardenwerper
Joan Hart	Ken Stock
Jim Price	Anna Fris
Holly Filmanowicz	Michelle Kronshage
Cole Knuese, Tyler Kopka	Barb Lentz

### April Anniversaries

Jack & Maxine Peacock  
Brad & Michelle Kronshage  
Karla & Ross Blank

Why no dates?

It's come to our attention that there are internet scams that use people's birthdays and since we post our newsletter online, we thought it best to keep that info. private.

To be added to the Birthday/Anniversary list or to make corrections, please contact the office.

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**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
(Organ and Choir)**

**11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service  
(Praise Band)**

**6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service**

**We're on the web!**

**[www.stbartspewaukee.com](http://www.stbartspewaukee.com)**

## **Holy Week & Easter at St. Bartholomew**

### **Palm Sunday, April 5th**

**Liturgy of the Palms & regular Sunday services (8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.)**

### **Holy Thursday, April 9th**

**7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar**

**8:00 PM-6:00 AM Friday- Prayer Watch in the Chapel; sign up for a one-hour shift on the Communication Center**

### **Good Friday, April 10th**

**6:00 AM - Liturgy of Good Friday & Reserve Sacrament Communion**

**5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross**

**6:00 PM- Hot Cross Buns**

**7:00 PM - Liturgy of Good Friday & Reserve Sacrament Communion**

### **Saturday, April 11th**

**9:00 AM - Liturgy for Holy Saturday**

**8:00 PM - Great Vigil of Easter**

### **Sunday, April 12th**

#### **Easter Liturgy Services:**

- 8:30 AM (organ & Choir)**
- 11:00 AM (Praise Band)**
- 6:00 PM**

**Note: Nursery is available for children ages four and under at the special weekday services upon advanced request. See the sign-up sheet outside the nursery door.**