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Upcoming Events

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7 PM, Pennsylvania Hands,
Photographer Sally Grotta, Parish House
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7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
October 15: 7 PM, Antique Appraisal Night,
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7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
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October 28: 12:10 PM, Wednesday Worship
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
October 31: 9 AM—Noon, Fall Cleanup

Undie Sunday, October 4 and ECW Children's Project October 9 and 10th

On Sunday, October 4, the annual collection of underwear, socks, and sweats, commonly called "Undie Sunday" will be held during the 9 AM Worship.

For the 2009 Diocesan Convention, the ECW will be collecting sweatpants and sweatshirts (sizes 5 to 18) plus undies for children at risk. Each delegate should bring one package to the Diocesan Convention. Those items will be distributed to children at risk in Northeast PA. After collection from church members, our parish will then distribute the remaining items to Lathrop Street Elementary School, Montrose; Choconut Valley Elementary School, Choconut; Susquehanna Elementary School, Susquehanna; Blue Ridge Elementary School, New Milford; Mountain View Elementary School, Kingsley; and Elk Lake Elementary School, Dimock.

Many parishioners prefer to contribute money to help with the effort and fill in the inventory gaps.

Bring your contribution of underwear, socks, sweats of all sizes, and deposit them in the basket at the rear of the church. If you wish, you may contribute money, and we will do the shopping for you. Checks may be made out to *St. Paul's Undie Sunday* and placed in the offering plate. Of course, we take cash, too!

Your Vestry At Work Summary Of The September 14th Vestry Meeting

Accepted the mortgage proposal of Penn Star for purchase of the rectory. The proposed closing date is October 2nd. Current owners are correcting electrical and heating issues.

Announced that supply clergy has been secured through arrival of the new Rector.

Audit status – Audits complete for Rector's Discretionary Fund and the Payroll Account. Audits for St. Matthews and the General Accounts are underway.

Made necessary preparations for moving forward with the Call of a new Rector upon completion of the Search Process and review of terms for a proposed Letter of Agreement.

Noted the need to prepare of an office for the new Rector.

Complete minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Guild Room.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab, Clerk to Vestry

Search Committee Update

By the time you read this article the Search Committee will have completed all interviews and be nearing our recommendation to Vestry for the next Rector of St. Paul's. At that the Search Committee's work is finished and Vestry's work begins. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for us and for Vestry as we approach this final process. We are hopeful that before long there will be joyous news for St. Paul's.

Sandy Schwab on behalf of your Search Committee

Aluminum Can and Bottle Drive Update

We would like to thank all who participated in the Saturday, September 12th drive. It was a success! We have not separated and totaled up the collection yet, but it looks very good at this time.

We thought this would be the last drive of the year, but it is not really over. We ask that you still save the bottles and cans for St. Paul's. When you get a bag together bring them to St. Paul's. Put them in the Chestnut Street entrance, and we will remove them to Dick Schwab's barn.

Remember...all money made on the cans and bottles goes to offset the cost of the accessibility ramp. Do not crush the cans or bottles. We would ask that you rinse the cans.

If you have any questions, please contact Dick Schwab at 967-2962 or Jerry Sock at 833-4586.

The Bazaar at St. Paul's

Yes, Virginia, there will be a bazaar at St. Paul's this year. It will be on November 14th. There will be some changes, however.

We will be offering tables to people who wish to have their own little yard sale. The donation for a table will be \$15. Tables will also be available to those who wish to sell crafts or homemade goodies.

In addition, there will be the open kitchen. We will need volunteers to cook the chili and hot dogs etc. We will also need volunteers to sell those food items.

Anyone who is interested in having a table should make arrangements as soon as possible. Members of St. Paul's will have a head start, but the tables will be open to the public in October.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the bazaar or who has suggestions about the bazaar please contact Jane Chandler, Rita Leigh, or Ester Weldon.

Submitted by Jane Chandler

Finance Update

The past two months have seen significant activity at St. Paul's. As well as taking care of routine operation of the parish, we have been busy with completion of the Accessible Entrance.

The Colt-Sterritt loan was received from the diocese in August. At 3%, this ten year loan allowed us to pay the contractor (Broadline Construction) in full for the fine work done in the garth between the Church and Parish Hall.

As we approach the purchase of the new St. Paul's rectory (your rectory), there has been lots of activity to secure Diocesan approval for the purchase, and to secure the funds required for the down payment and closing costs as well as mortgage financing and insurance. At press time, things are on track to close on the rectory on October 2 as originally scheduled.

During the past month and a half, the church's books have been under-going review by a select team of volunteers from within the congregation. When you next see them, please especially thank the following parish members for donating their fine skills and substantial time to this arduous task: Janet Kuhn, Maggie Sock, Ed Stark, and Karen Wolfson. Also intimately involved in this annual process are Brenda Allen and Sylvia Baker. Once all reports are complete they will be submitted to Vestry for review and comment, with appropriate changes in practice made to comply with audit recommendations. Summary information will be made available to the congregation.

Mingled in among the other activities listed above, financial reports were provided to Archdeacon String-fellow in preparation for Bishop Paul's recent visit and meeting with Vestry and to the Diocesan Standing Committee in review of our request to assume a mortgage on the rectory..

All of this activity required support and input from the Property Committee, Vestry, and Finance Committee. I for one am very appreciative of their cooperation and support. Please thank them for their hard work on St. Paul's behalf. Elsewhere in this issue you will also find the August financial summary

Submitted by Richard Schwab

Directory Updates

Many addresses have changed this past year. You will soon be receiving a form requesting accurate addresses, telephone, email, and emergency information. This data is needed so that we can update our Parish Directory before arrival of our new Rector and also obtain accurate information for our mailings, emails, etc. Please be sure to complete this information and return it to the church quickly.

Submitted by Sandy Schwab

From The Junior Warden

Again this year, The American Legion Post 154 will be sponsoring Coats for The Community program. Last year the program was a big success distributing over a 1,000 coats to people in our communities. This year they will be distributing coats from 4 Episcopal Churches in Susquehanna County. The schedule for distribution, as of right now, will be:

Saturday, Oct 3rd from American Legion Post 154 on the Elk Lake to South Montrose road.

Oct. 6th, 7th and 8th from St. Mark's Church in New Milford.

Oct. 13th, 14th and 15th from Christ Church in Susquehanna.

Oct. 20th, 21st and 22nd from Christ Church in Forest City.

Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th from St. Paul's Church in Montrose.

Nov. 7th and 14th from the American Legion Post on the Elk Lake to South Montrose road.

Nov. 20th and 21st from Blue Ridge High School in New Milford.

Sherwood Farms in Meshoppen the date is pending.

Any volunteers to help with the coat distribution from St. Paul's the last week in Oct. will greatly be appreciated.

Fall clean up date is tentatively schedule for Saturday, Oct 31st from 9am to 12 noon.

The acquisition of the rectory is in the final stages. All the paper work is completed or in the process. The closing is scheduled for Oct. 2nd. After that we will have a few worker bees to spruce up the place and to do a few minor repairs. Then everyone can appreciate our new rectory.

Happy Anniversary!



Jerry and Maggie Sock will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on October 20, 2009

Mid-Week Worship

We continue to gather at 12:10 on Wednesdays for mid-week worship. Each week noon prayer is led by a volunteer from the group who prepares for the service in advance. This has proven to be very meaningful to attendees, as well as the individual leading the service. St. Paul's continues to move forward during this time of transition. Please join us for mid-week worship. Bring lunch and join us for great conversation immediately following the service.

Submitted Sandy Schwab

Congratulations And Welcome

Those confirmed and received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church by Bishop Paul on September 13th: Gordon Stanley, Catherine and Joseph McAleer, Richard Schwab, Carol and John Lasher. We also welcome Carol Marker, who will be received by Bishop Paul when he visits Trinity Episcopal Church in Athens on October 4th. *Submitted by Sandy Schwab*

Women's Resource Center

Last year, thousands of women and children were victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and were given shelter, counseling, and emergency services through the Women's Resource Center. It is through the support of individuals and businesses in our community that the WRC can bring help to these individuals as they try to start their lives over again. We at St. Paul's continue to support the WRC. There are baskets at the back of the Church, one is for the WRC and one is for the Food Bank. A wish list of items is attached to the basket, and one is on the bulletin board in the Guild Room. An easy way of thinking of what you could give is by imagining leaving your home in the middle of the night with your children and only the clothes on your back. You are scared and only know you must get out of the living situation you are in, for your safety and your children's safety. What items would you need to restart your life again? Like the Food Bank collection, it is asked that you bring something in on the first Sunday of each month. If you forget, bring it in any Sunday, but we will deliver the items to the local WRC following the first Sunday. Gift cards, phone cards, and monetary donations are also accepted by the WRC. If you wish to learn more about the WRC, go online to www.wrcnepa.org

Vespers Service

The Second Sunday Vespers Service will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Chestnut and Church Streets, Montrose, Pa. Alisoun Bertsch will welcome the congregation; The Reverend Chase Page will lead the worship service with Charlotte and Al Ellis as greeters. Sarah Bertsch will provide organ music. Benjamin Ely, 13, of Montrose is guest vocalist this month. Benjamin recently won the sixth annual vocal talent search at the Wyoming County Fair. He is the youngest winner in the history of the contest. A light supper consisting of a salad buffet will be served immediately following the service in The Parish House. All are invited and welcome to the ecumenical community service.

Food Bank Ministries

What a wonderful job we did with our September donations to the Food Bank. We went well above and beyond our normal donations. Well done!

Since most of the food being distributed to those in need now comes from the private sector, we just need to raise our perception of what NORMAL is. We hope that the cloth bags donated by ABC and Price Chopper were pleasant reminders of our commitment to the Food Bank. By no means do we expect each bag to be filled to the top each month. Let's try to be consistent in donating 1, 2 or 3 items per week. The more families participating the more food will be collected the first Sunday of each month.

Any way your family can participate is gratefully appreciated by all concerned with this special ministry.

This may be a good time to get children involved too. Perhaps they could pick out the item while you shop or you could give them an amount to spend and let them shop for the item for the "Food Bank Bag"....

Looking forward to a nice turnout of bags on October 4th. Thanks again!

Submitted by Rita Leigh

Listen to My Antonia on WPEL 800 AM next week!

Thanks to WPEL and our volunteer readers, the first twelve chapters of My Antonia will be broadcast on their AM channel (800 AM) from October 5th to October 9th. Tune in to 800 on your AM dial at 12:30 pm each day to hear that days segment.

Monday: Reverend Canon Charles Cesaretti
Chapters 1 & 2
Tuesday: Cornelia Page – Chapters 3, 4 & 5
Wednesday: District Attorney Jason Legg
Chapters 6 & 7
Thursday: Kathleen Harwood - Chapters 8 & 9
Friday: Pastor Blaine Detwiler
Chapters 10, 11 & 12

Music Tribute To Sarah Bertsch

On Sunday, October 4, 2009 a tribute will be given to honor Sarah S. Bertsch for her more than fifty years of music involvement in the community of Montrose. This musical program will be presented at the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose at 3:00 p.m. Todd Robinson will be guest soloist. Several musicians who have been involved with music programs with Mrs. Bertsch during this time have been invited to be a part of this tribute to honor Mrs. Bertsch. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Montrose Community Chorale

The Montrose Community Chorale, under the direction of David Andre, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 7 at 8:15 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church. Concert date is Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Montrose Area High School. Please register with Dave Andre (278-3469), Mary Ann DeWitt (278-2791), Duane Hinds (967-2612) or Louise Smith (278-1748) by October 1, 2009.

St. Paul's Church School

Church School is back in session! Dawn Washo, Lynne Graham and Mike Shingler are co-chairing the school this year and anxious to spend time with the kids. We still have a few open Sundays for special guests, so if you have a skill you think young people would enjoy, from cooking to telling jokes, please contact one of the teachers and join us!

CRAFTERS' CORNER STORE

is back

Join us on

Friday, **OCTOBER 2nd**
Friday, **NOVEMBER 6th**
Friday, **DECEMBER 4TH**

11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

FEATURING

Our growing list of area crafters offering
Unique gifts, decorations, &
shopping options

Our kitchen is open all day
Serving hot meals, snacks,
desserts & beverages

St Paul's Goes Electronic

Times are changing and so must we. Although a few currently receive their newsletter via email, nearly 250 are mailed each month. That adds up to a lot of postage over the course of a year. Commencing this month, if the church has an email address for you, you will be receiving your newsletter via email. Hard copies will still be available at the back of the church. Those who do not have email will continue to receive a copy through the mail. For our friends who wish to keep current on the happenings at St. Paul's via our newsletter, please email us (stpaulsmontrose@epix.net) or call the church office at (570) 278-2954. You can also view our newsletter on our website: www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org

Robert Grosseteste October 9, 1253

Robert Grosseteste is remembered in the Church calendar, on October 9th, the day of his death. He is remembered primarily for his work in calling attention to abuses within the Church, but he is also remembered as a pioneer in the development of the scientific method. His contemporaries, including his student, Roger Bacon, considered him the first physicist, and the first mathematician of his age.

He studied theology at the University of Paris and taught theology at Oxford; had wrote a text on astronomy and a work on optics later extended by Roger Bacon. He also wrote a paper on tides and tidal movements; and an important work on the use of mathematical reasoning in the natural sciences.

When he died, Robert Grossteste had been Bishop of Lincoln for eighteen years. Lincoln was the largest diocese, in area, in England. Grosseteste began his reign as Bishop by the unusual practice of visiting each of the parishes in the diocese. He found that many of the prominent clergy were neglecting their pastoral duties, and he removed them. When the clergy objected that he had no right of visitation, he overruled them, continuing to visit and evaluate them. He insisted that they spend their time in the service of the people, in prayer and in study. He also insisted that they be literate, and that they have some knowledge of theology.

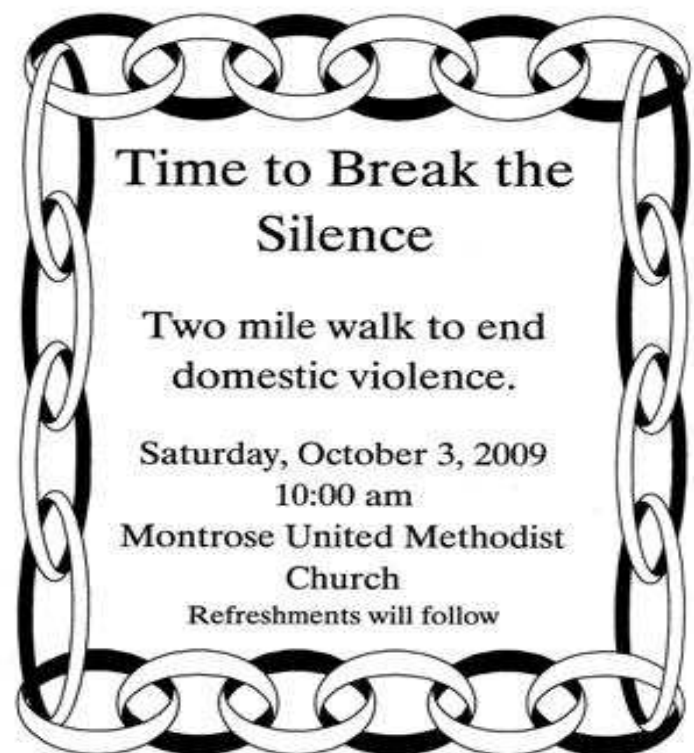
Grosseteste must have been a consummate politician, because he was able to argue successfully concerning church reform, not only with the King and the hierarchy of the church, but with the Pope himself, on a visit to Rome.

The Pope had assigned a number of Italian clergy to English parishes. The parishes were required to support these men, even though they didn't speak English, and had never set foot in their parishes. Grosseteste objected, and as Bishop of Lincoln, even rejected the Pope's nephew as an absentee clergyman.

Nobody seems to have called Grosseteste a 'Renaissance man', but it is clear that he understood, better than most of his contemporaries, that understanding God is intimately intertwined with an understanding of the universe He created. Perhaps he took seriously, The Psalm of David: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein;..."

As a branch of the Church we remember Robert Grosseteste because he was notable, among those others over the centuries, who were able and willing to remind the Church periodically, of its primary mission: "Love God, and love your neighbor as yourself". People like Robert Grosseteste are essential to the continued existence of the Church as God's instrument in the world.

Submitted by Edward A. Stark...and the Internet



Psalms and Music

There are one hundred-fifty psalms. All of them are associated with music. The difference that music makes in worship was graphically displayed on my older brother's and youngest sister's birthday, September 13th. (Of course, there is no logical connection between my sibling birthdays and my "AHA" moment.) The real connection was with the vesper service. Joe Weldon got a few of his buds together and there was a "Jazz" session. Oh, was there a Jazz vesper service! Thanks Joe and buds.

First of all, there were twice as many people as we normally see at our morning service. Second, everybody was tapping their feet or hands or something. I'm just saying, I think the missing link between me and the psalms is music. It was the vesper service's one-year anniversary. Thanks for the psalm-format A. B. (If you don't know who "A. B." is, come to the vesper service and find out!)

Physical Update: The surgeon says I'm the poster boy for the pituitary surgery. I consider myself blessed. The surgery removed most of the tumor just below my brain. The roto-rooter they used to get the tumor also cleared my sinus passage and Rita, my wife and lover, reports that I no longer snore. I've never heard myself snore so I'm reporting facts second-hand. (BTW, after we stayed over at his house one time, my brother-in-law got me a coffee mug labeled, "World's Greatest Snorer". That 's TWO second-hand sources!)

Got my teeth cleaned a few days ago.(There really is a point.) The dental hygienist announced that by not breathing so much through my mouth that my teeth were staying moister. Therefore, there was less plaque. When I told the nose specialist, he said that, coupled with the not snoring. they will have to charge me more. He WAS joking, right?

There's one last "but." There is still some residual tumor that they can't get through the nasal surgery. Normal. There will be some radiology (...and, oh joy, some more MRIs). The procedure is called cyber-knife. The Doc says the radiology should be done by cold weather. On Wednesday, September 15 I get my mask made (to hold my head in one place) and another MRI. Five days of 1 hour each and the treatment should be over. (Treatment is scheduled from September 21st through the 25th. Prayers worked in July; I suppose they will still work now.)

The place is as large as the parish hall and I'm to be in the middle on a table with the linear accelerator radiating in 360 degrees (I'd say 2 pi, but you would probably have to look that up.) Good coffee, though ... and the sunniest waiting room I've ever seen ... with a puzzle!

Back to the psalms. Amazon.com tells me that I can get the complete boxed set of sung psalms ... for only \$155.98! (Rita would kill me.) Guess I'm going to have to take Dave up on his offer and listen to his. Psalms = music.

Submitted by Al Leigh, BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)

"Bringing men and boys to Christ."

Adult Forum

Pastor Janet presented us with an outline of Mark's presentation of a map for discipleship in Christ. We hope to follow this up with some practical applications from the teachings of the Episcopal Church for this very important life-work in our upcoming series at the Adult Forum.

In the meantime, here are some insightful observations about discipleship from a sister church in the Abrahamic tradition: "One thing is true: although the teacher cannot give the knowledge, [s]he can kindle the light if the oil is in the lamp.

Commentary by Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan:

No one can give spiritual knowledge to another, for this is something that is within every heart. What the teacher can do is to kindle the light which is hidden in the heart of the disciple. If the light is not there, it is not the fault of the teacher. There is a verse by Hafiz in which he says, 'However great be the teacher, [s]he is helpless with the one whose heart is closed.' ...

In ancient times, the disciples of the great teachers learned by a quite different method, not an academic method or a way of study. The way was an open heart. With perfect confidence and trust they watched every attitude of the teacher, both towards friends and towards people who looked at him with contempt. They watched their teacher in times of trouble and pain, how [s]he endured it all. They said how patient and wise [s]he had been in discussing with those who did not understand, answering everyone gently in his own language. [S]He showed the mother-spirit, the father-spirit, the brother-spirit, the child-spirit, the friend-spirit, forgiving kindness, an ever-tolerant nature, respect for the aged, compassion for all, the thorough understanding of human nature. This, also, the disciples learned: that no discussion or books on metaphysics can ever teach all the thoughts and philosophy that arise in the heart of man. A person may either study for a thousand years, or [s]he may get to the source and see if [s]he can touch the root of all wisdom and all knowledge. In the center of the emblem of the Sufis there is a heart; it is the sign that from the heart a stream rises, the stream of divine knowledge.

Submitted by David Plank

St. Paul's Rose Window



The first chapter of Genesis tells us that **Light** was the first thing God created, when He created the universe. Scientists have studied light, systematically, for hundreds of years and it is still somewhat of a mystery, but that has not prevented us from manipulating it and enjoying it in its many forms.

The light we receive from the sun can be separated, as God demonstrated in creating rainbows, into what we perceive as many different colors. A favorite, traditional way of manipulating sunlight is in the production of stained glass windows, where colors are used to create impressions of familiar, and sometimes, not so familiar images; to set moods, and to tell stories. In fact, medieval church architects first used colored pigments to paint frescos on church walls, "for the benefit of the unlettered faithful" by depicting stories and events taken from scripture. When it became possible to build substantial walls with openings for windows, the window designers used these wall paintings as the basis for designs using the variety of colors available in stained glass.

St. Paul's has eleven stained glass windows, each telling a story, or depicting a person described in the Bible, and each dedicated to the memory of a person, important in the history of the parish. In addition St. Paul's has a rose window set in the wall above the main entrance to the church.

Our rose window doesn't look much like a rose but is typical of a window style developed during the Middle Ages, beginning sometime around the eleven-hundreds. Rose windows are circular, large, and contain a roughly geometrical pattern. Rose windows may, or may not, include a representation of a rose; if a window is large, and round, it is a 'Rose' window. *Cont. on page 10*

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The abbey church of Saint-Denis in Paris, the burial site of Saint Denis, a patron saint of France, is considered to be the first building representing Gothic architecture, and quite likely, the first building to contain a Rose Window. The church was completed in 1144 and served as a model for cathedrals and abbeys throughout Europe. Saint-Denis is 'Gothic' because it represents the beginning of an architectural style made possible by advances in building technology and inspired by changing ideas about God. Prior to the twelfth century churches, cathedrals and other public buildings reflected the Romanesque style, characterized by massive walls, rounded arches and barrel vaults. Romanesque buildings were designed to look like fortresses; but when architects and builders developed techniques permitting light-weight walls, high, pointed arches, and light and airy vaults, a new French, or Gothic style emerged. The light but sturdy wall structure, substituting buttresses for mass, permitted the design of large, light-transmitting windows; and the development of glass-staining techniques made it possible for designers to use those windows to portray the myriad of God's magnificent gifts.

Stained glass is used in many ways to facilitate our understanding of God and His universe. The rose window has been used to portray, first of all, with the circle, the unity of God's world and, with the many colors of the spectrum, the infinite diversity and harmony of God's creation.

Our rose window fits the architecture of our church, designed in the American Gothic style. The window relies heavily on geometric harmony in portraying its special message. We still don't know who designed our window, nor what ideas he or she decided to portray, but it's easy to see that it contains nine primary forms:

The large central design is surrounded by eight geometrical figures. These nine elements might well represent the nine dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America when it separated from the Church of England. The eight geometric forms surrounding the central figure reflect two distinct patterns, with four in each. Coincidentally, the number 'Four' is often used to represent, or to remind us of the four gospels and their four authors. These eight figures also reflect three distinct styles, and 'Three' is frequently used, of course, in reflecting the Trinity. Notice also, that each figure is made up of five circular elements; 'Five' is often used in Christian art and architecture to recall the five wounds inflicted on our Lord, on the cross.

The Rose Window is only one of many places in St. Paul's displaying symbols with special meaning for Christians. The layout of the church itself is a powerful symbol. The center aisle, and the space between the altar and the congregation represents the cross; the congregation is seated in the Nave, representing the ship in which we are all traveling on our journey through life, and the beams in the ceiling above us, represent the ribs of that ship.

As you meet, and as you worship at St. Paul's remind yourself occasionally, that the building is not just a *building*, but a rich repository of symbols reminding us of our relationships as Christians, with God, with the world, and with each other.

Submitted by Ed Stark

Ministry Fair Update – Finance Team

Parish members who signed up at the Ministry Fair earlier this summer to help with Sunday counting should contact Dick Schwab to arrange for a brief run through of the counting procedures and practices. Current members who are already on the counters' list may contact Dick at any time with questions regarding proper procedure.

August 31, 2009 Financial Summary**Income**

Pledges Realized	\$40,209.00	
Plate Offering	\$4,209.02	
Easter/Special Offering	\$816.00	
Flowers	\$1,245.68	
Outreach	\$11,347.56	
Memorial Fund	\$455.00	
Capital Fund	\$1,040.00	
Other	\$1,027.42	
Accessibility Ramp	\$25,588.08	
	Total Offering	\$85,937.76
Investment Earnings		\$97,170.13
	Total Income YTD	\$183,107.89

EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2009 **\$237,748.00**

Expenditures

Worship	\$3,370.66	
Flowers	\$1,153.06	
Education	\$541.61	
Outreach	\$29,194.45	
Administration	\$15,426.34	
Maintenance and Contracted		
Sevices	\$18,880.74	
Capital	\$47,654.14	
Wage and Salary	\$33,527.65	
Withholding and Benefits	\$16,511.95	
	Total Expenses YTD	\$166,260.60

RAS 9/24/09

October, 2009 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

4: Bernie Zalewski
11: Margie Baker
18: Else Brunner
25: Barb Buffington

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

4: Charlotte Ellis
11: Carol Lasher
18: Carol Marker
25: Colleen McAleer

Counters

4: Maggie Sock and
11: Karen Wolfson and Bernie Zalewski
18: Ed Stark and Jane Chandler
25: Warren Morgan and Dick Schwab

Eucharistic Minister

4: Bernie Zalewski and Esther Welden
11: Bob Arnold and Margie Baker
18: Jennie Bowen and Jane Chandler
25: Alma Shingler and Brenda Syle

Greeter

4: Carol Lasher
11: Jack Lasher
18: Richard Marker
25: Fraser Moffat

Lector

4: Jane Chandler
11: Ed Stark
18: Fraser Moffat
25: Jerry Sock

Usher

4: Al Leigh
11: John Finlon
18: Ed Ochse
25: Dick Schwab