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Money Isn't/Is Everything

***Under One Roof* Workshop on Stewardship and Planned Giving at St. Paul's, September 20**

On Saturday, September 20th, *Under One Roof* will offer a special workshop to explore the role that money plays in our daily lives and in our faith. *Under One Roof* is the partnership of the parishes in the Northern Tier of the Diocese of Bethlehem.

We live in a money-dominated culture. We are constantly told that the amount of money we earn determines who we are. We are promised that having more money will make us happy. Yet the relentless focus on money and accumulation of wealth can fill us with anxiety and self-doubt that rob us of the peace and contentment that Jesus promises in his Sermon on the Mount.

As Christians, we must wrestle with some of life's most basic questions: How much money is enough? Who is master: my money or me? What do I truly rely on for security: money or God?

By examining our beliefs about money, and what Jesus had to say about money and wealth, we can start to live in ways that are connected, passionate, meaningful, and -- most importantly -- free. We can learn how to help our communities of faith engage in the work of changing lives and challenging the status quo, just as our Lord did on this earth. We can participate in building the kingdom of God.

Join Dan Charney and Char Horst, Missioners for Stewardship and Development, respectively, in open and frank discussion about the meaning of money and its role in life and ministry. All are most welcome!

To register, contact Brenda, 278-2954



My dear Friends,

What future do you think God sees for your child(ren)?

We recently read in our Sunday lessons the account of the child Moses being placed, and found, in the reeds on the bank of a river in Egypt. What a wonderful and graphic story this is.

To avoid Pharaoh's command that all Hebrew male children should be killed, Moses' mother hides him in a basket at the riverside, watched over by his sister. When Pharaoh's sister goes down to the river to bathe, she sees the basket, has it brought to her, and instructs her servants to arrange for a wet nurse. They arrange with Moses' sister for the nurse, and she summons her mother. This begins one of the most amazing stories in the Scripture.

Now, everyone in the story has an agenda: Moses' mother wanted to save her son; his sister wanted the same; Pharaoh's daughter wanted a son. What was God's agenda? Well, we know, don't we? Our Scripture tells us the whole Moses story.

What is your agenda for your child(ren)? I suspect that you will care and nurture your child to grow and achieve happiness and success -- education, sports, healthy relationships, security, encouragement, experience, and financial success. That's a good start. But, what do you think is God's agenda; and, what are you doing to discern God's role in it?

Sometimes we do all the right material things to help our children grow, but we forget the spiritual things. Sometimes we get seduced into thinking that we can offer and provide everything our child (ren) need. We forget that along with the physical care of our children, we are entrusted with their spiritual care and growth, too.

How are you doing with your child's prayer life? How are you doing with their ethical and moral development? How are they learning about forgiveness, justice, and mercy? Whose helping them reflect on good and evil? Are you feeding their soul as well as their bodies?

This year St. Paul's will be celebrating the Year of the Child. This year will allow us individually and corporately to ask and answer some of these questions.

It took a number of people to help Moses to live and grow and make it to the mountain top. There was his family, Miriam his sister, Pharaoh's daughter, Jethro in the desert, Aaron his right hand helper. They were all a part of God's plan -- all part of God's big agenda for rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt, leading them through the desert to the Promised Land.

Do you think that God has an agenda for your child(ren)? I do.

Charles Cesaretti

Letter from the Senior Warden:

It has been an incredibly rewarding and spirited summer at St. Paul's! From music camp with 65 local children to the wonderful presentation by Art Femenella about Tiffany windows, we have opened our doors to all ages. The Spirit of Summer was alive and well in Montrose—many thanks to all the people that made this experiment a success!

At the August meeting, the Vestry began to tackle some larger issues that are significant as we look to the future. The Finance and Property committees have been working together to map out a long term plan to rehabilitate and renovate our beautiful, historic church. From exterior painting to the accessibility ramp, no area of the church has been excluded from this planning adventure.

This type of maintenance assessment allows us to plan for tomorrow, next year, and the future. Planning of this magnitude is labor intensive but very rewarding. Soon, we will begin working through ways to fund the necessary work. You'll remember the promise of the vestry not to withdraw funds from the principal of our endowment. Though we are fortunate to have these resources, a withdrawal of principal would have far reaching side effects including lowering of our overall investment value and also the yearly DIT income. We remain committed to exploring all of the other options available.

A discussion of finances leads directly into the upcoming annual fund drive (did you hear STEWARDSHIP in your mind?). In September, St. Paul's will welcome the Diocesan team in for a workshop entitled "Stewardship and Planned Giving." With our Episcopalian friends and neighbors, we will walk through some of the challenges and blessings of fund raising in a community of faith. This will prime the vestry for their September meeting where planning for the annual fund drive takes precedence.

In October, the Search Committee will take the spotlight as they present the Parish Profile for acceptance. We will want to provide the clearest, most accurate picture of our church, parishioners, and place within the community. In this arena, I ask your support and participation. As we engage in the search process, we must be aware that the message can be clearly communicated without a words uttered aloud. What may seem small (the return of a congregational survey, attendance at a parish meeting, or the percentage of pledge forms returned) is actually an indicator to a potential candidate of the health and vitality of our congregation. **So I implore you during this critical time please be present, faithful, and committed.**

With blessings,

Rachel

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Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, Sept. 14

The Third Annual St. Paul's Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, on the lawn at St. Matthew's Church, Stevensville, beginning at 1:30 PM. All members of the parish, their families, and friends are invited to the annual event.

At the BBQ grills again this year will be John Finlon and Mike Shingler. The parish will provide the chicken. If you wish to bring something special to prepare for yourself or for your children, a grill will be available for you. Also provided will be rolls, condiments, plates, and napkins.

ALL are asked to bring: non-alcoholic beverages, bottled water, wet wipes, as well as lawn chairs for yourself. Plus, bring something to share:

- desserts, such as cookies, cakes, fruit, and brownies;
- starters, such as chip, dips, veggies, cheese & crackers, deviled eggs; and,
- salads, such as green salads, cold salads, bean salads.

Last year we had a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to this "homecoming" event again this year.

Rain date: Sunday, September 21.

Remember: St. Matthew's is on Rt. 706, about 17 miles east of Montrose.

A Community Vesper Service Begins September 14 at St. Paul's

On Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m., the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church launches a historic venture in evening worship. It plays host to a community-wide Vespers Service, which will be regularly scheduled the 2nd Sunday of each month. Following the service will be a fellowship meal prepared by members of participating churches.

Vespers is a traditional evening service first mentioned in the Rule of St. Benedict in the 6th century; it continues to be used today in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Anglican Churches (Evensong); and, it is increasingly finding its way into the liturgical life of other Protestant churches, particularly the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Some community Vespers Services serve simply as time for quiet contemplation in the evening hour. It is typically held on Sunday evenings, although some churches (National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Trinity Church in Princeton), schedule vespers 4 or 5 times a week. It typically uses the Psalms, both spoken and sung, to consecrate the evening to God. Evening prayer, like Matins the Morning Service, can be led by a layperson.

Representatives from several churches in Montrose requested the use of St. Paul's because of its interest in community-wide ministries. The proposed monthly service will include prayers, time for silent meditation, readings, reflections and music. Mary Ann DeWitt and Sarah Bertsch are providing the music on September 14; parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church are providing the meal.

All are welcome to attend Vespers and the light supper following.

Saturday Worship at St. Matthew's Ends September 6

Although the Annual Parish Picnic will be held there, Saturday, September 6 will be the last Worship of the season at St. Matthew's, Stevensville. It has been a wonderful summer at St. Matthew's. The highlight of the season has been the hosting of the Summer Picnic of the Diocesan ECW, on August 13, where people from across the diocese enjoyed a picnic luncheon on the lawn, and the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Paul as the Presider and Preacher.

Circle Saturday, July 4, 2009 on your calendar for the beginning of summer worship at St. Matthew's next year.

Year of the Child

Talking with Children about God

Children are spiritual beings who have



an innate connection with God through their vulnerability, openness, and their ability to experience awe. Often, children understand

some of the great mysteries of the universe far better than most adults.

Children have an innate connection to God. As they live, learn, love, and experience, they seek meaning in their lives and in the wider world. They begin to wonder about the world God created and about themselves as people created in God's image.

It's good to talk theology with children, not to lecture them, but to have a conversation. Ask one another questions. Wonder together. Explore together. Pray together. Let the children and youth in your life know that you are on a faith journey. Share your beliefs with them and be ready to hear about theirs.

Be sure to leave room for questions. Some questions have specific answers – Where was Jesus born? Who were Jesus' disciples? How did Jesus die? But most faith questions have many answers – I wonder what it was like for the shepherds to hear the angels singing about Jesus' birth... I wonder what people thought about Jesus' teachings... I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus appeared to them after Easter morning... Questions allow room for us to grow together in faith.

Children's Services

Where: St. Paul's Church

When: 9/28—9 am, 10/26—9 am, 12/24—5 pm

What it is: A special service highlighting the children in our congregation. The scholars will serve as assistant ushers, greeter, lectors, and junior choir members. There will be a special children's sermon. Afterwards, we will gather in the parish hall for yummy treats!

So, invite your friends and neighbors and

Come and Grow and Share...

UNDIE SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 28

On Sunday, September 28, the annual collection of underwear, socks, and sweats, commonly called "Undie Sunday," will be held during the 9 AM Worship. This is the Sunday we will be having our monthly "Children's Service."

The clothing will be delivered 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.

You may not want to wait until Sept. 28! 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!

Church School Calendar of Events: Fall 2008

Worship for Life (WFL) excerpt:

While bringing children to church may not always be an easy task, we need to remember that attending worship is an extremely important part of a child's spiritual growth. Children learn what it means to worship God by observing the examples of adults. **The presence of children in the life and mission of [our] faith community is an opportunity that should be taken seriously as we respond to the call of raising the next generation of God's people!** (p. 105, unit 1: Worship, Logos Productions Inc.)

Date	Time	Plan	Contact
September 7	10:15	Registration	Rachel Bartron (RWB)
September 14	10:15	Worship for Life (WFL)	RWB
September 21	10:15	WFL	RWB
September 28	9 am	Children's service	Dawn Washo (DW) and RWB
October 5	10:15	WFL	RWB
October 12	10:15	WFL	RWB
October 19	10:15	Fabric painting with Mrs. Finlon	Nancy Finlon
October 26	9 am	Children's service	DW and RWB
November 2	10:15	WFL	RWB
November 9	10:15	Cooking with Mr. Finlon and Mr. Shingler	John Finlon, Mike Shingler
November 16	10:15	WFL	RWB
November 23		Rehearsal	
November 23	3 pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving service	DW
November 30	10:15	WFL	RWB
December 7	10:15	Wooling with Mrs. Welden	Esther Welden
December 14	10:15	Wooling with Mrs. Welden	Esther Welden
December 21	10:15	WFL	RWB
December 24	5 pm	Children's service	DW and RWB
December 28		Holiday break	

Education Committee report

As we approached our "Back to School" issue of the St. Paul's Newsletter, we thought about what guides our church school education and formation program. Following are the primary principals that spiral through our curriculum:

Openness and Participation: When the children bring friends to Church School, they are embraced and integrated. When a new family is greeted at the door, welcomed and offered coffee after the service, the message is sent that our doors are open. Each time we greet a guest or a friend, we model how to be kind, welcoming, and friendly to our children and each other.

Generosity of time and talent: Last year, the church schoolers spent a great deal of time sharing their time and talents: some examples include hosting the Easter Egg Hunt, singing in church, and making scarves for the Seniors at Christmas. They are committed to giving back to their church, their families, and their communities. As adults, we can model generosity by participating in the service, hosting coffee hour, volunteering during blood drives, crafters corners, and so forth.

Generosity of resources: A very powerful message is sent and received when families see the outreach efforts from St. Paul's parishioners. Through both Heifer International and the Trehab Food Bank collection, our children see how both giving and receiving have immediate and long term impacts. When bags of food are collected for the local food bank, when lotions, shampoos, and diapers are given to the Women's shelter, and when underwear, socks and sweatpants are donated to local schools, it is a concrete example to children that we share what we have.

Stewardship of resources: At our last church clean up, the children were fantastic! They were invested in cleaning up the garden (and playing with their friends in a safe and beautiful place), scrubbing the Sunday school rooms, and snacking in the kitchen. Adults can model stewardship by being present, involved, and enthusiastic in our next clean up and in other church events.

Our Education and Formation program has an amazing potential for growth—both within and outside our community of faith. In these turbulent and uneasy times, we can find *and* share solace, peace and joy. But an active, healthy, energetic congregation is KEY to our growth and success! If you find yourself saying "I already did that, it's someone else's turn," we ask you to look in the mirror and say "What Would Jesus Do?"

Come, grow, and share...

Rachel Bartron and Sarah Warriner

Sunday Adult Forum Resumes September 14

The Adult Forum, which has been on summer holiday, will resume on Sunday, September 14, following the 9 AM Worship in the Parish House.

The topic of the Forum will be: *No Experience Necessary*.

Focusing on the Gospels and more, the Sunday sessions will explore how our purpose in life is connected to God's multifaceted mission.

Sunday after Sunday, we come to hear the Word of God. But how many of us actually *hear* God speaking to us personally? The goal of the Forum will be to enable us to understand that God is communicating to us through scripture as we are seeking God's will. The Forum is designed to help even the most inexperienced Bible reader understand that God speaks to them.

All are welcome to the Forum. A resource book will be provided.

“Under One Roof”

St. Paul's is on the threshold of a new phase in its life as an Episcopal parish. We have been blessed, for close to two hundred years with the leadership of many full-time, part-time and interim priests, each exceptional in his or her own way. More important, St. Paul's has been the church home of hundreds of communicants having almost that many levels and kinds of spiritual, intellectual and economic development. Through the years St. Paul's has enhanced the lives of each of these. And those around them, through worship, teaching and nurturing, and by constant adherence to the mandate, “Love God; Love your neighbor”. The continuation of St. Paul's impact is assured by the variety and the depth of the talents available within the parish.

By Episcopal canon, a parish is led by an ordained priest, either a Rector or a Vicar, sometimes with one or more ordained Assistants. The Rector/Vicar/Assistants work with Vestry and the congregation in developing, articulating and implementing a mission reflecting a mixture of responsibilities including worship, teaching, learning, evangelism and outreach. Outreach includes physical, spiritual and emotional support for the people in, around and beyond the immediate congregation.

Each parish is an integral part of the Kingdom of God, with all of the gifts and responsibilities we associate with God's Kingdom: ‘God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son....’ ...and his Holy Spirit... that his will might be done on earth, ‘as it is in heaven’.

Tradition has given a major part of the work of the Kingdom to those ordained for leadership, but equal responsibility has always resided with individual communicants, according to their talents. The manner in which those responsibilities have been exercised - or neglected - has depended to some extent on the prevailing circumstances, but to a large extent, on the perception by individual parishioners, of those responsibilities.

Next year, as our Interim Rector attempts to truly begin his well-earned retirement, St. Paul's, Christ Church and St. Marks will surely find themselves, ‘under one roof’. While each parish would probably like to return to the ‘Rector-takes-care-of-everything’ paradigm, that luxury (more accurately, ‘cop-out’) is not likely to be available.

In this geographic area, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, when ordained clergy were few and far between, the members of St. Paul's, St. Mark's, Christ Church, St. Matthew's, Grace Church and St. Andrew's sustained their worship, teaching, learning and outreach responsibilities with periodic and frequently minimal, hands-on, direct support by the assigned clergy. In fact the symbols we tend most strongly to associate with our first Rector, the Rev. Mr. Marks, are his saddle bags: the Rev. Mr. Marks was a circuit-rider – and the ‘circuit’ wasn't electrical! For many years worship, teaching, fellowship, mutual support and outreach were primarily functions of individual lay people, living out the mandate they had acquired at baptism.

Today's parishioners are similarly challenged, similarly called, and similarly gifted, each in his or her own way. Also, each parishioner, now as then, is empowered by the Holy Spirit, but we at St. Paul's are further blessed and empowered by the spirit of achievement imparted by our Interim Rector.

Submitted by Ed Stark

The Search Committee Report

The Search Committee has been working hard to get together a profile of St. Paul's. We need to know who we are before we can figure out whom we want.

Many of you have been asked to describe groups of which you are a member/leader. Thank you much for responding expeditiously.

In addition to working on the profile, we have contacted the diocese a number of times and even spoken with the Bishop. We are seeking help from everyone.

We will keep you informed as we move along.

Have you returned your questionnaire to the Search Committee? Next Sunday, August 31, is the deadline for returning your response to the Search Committee. Your participation in the search process is the vital first step in the calling of a new rector. Your information, comments, and suggestions help lay the groundwork for the Parish Profile and the Job Description for a new rector. Copies of the questionnaire are available at the rear of the church.

“CCS” Second Season Opening

Friday, October 3, 2008

Crafters' Corner Store
Historic St. Paul's Church
60 Church St., Montrose, PA

First Friday of the Month
October – December

Many wonderful crafters display and sell their items

Refreshments
Brunch 10 am – 2 pm / Supper 2 pm - 6 pm
“Browse, buy or make special order”
or
just enjoy meeting these talented people.

October 25

**The Bazaar is coming;
the Bazaar is coming!**

The Bazaar is coming again this year in October. Please get ready to bake and find items to be sold. Please make sure the items you donate are reasonably clean and unbroken. All the money made at the Bazaar this year will be donated to the Friends of St. Paul's.

Enamel Plaques of Jacob, Rachel, Leah and Laban

The two enamel plaques on the East and West walls at the front of the Nave (east and west), were given to St. Paul's by Mrs. Samuel D. Warriner, wife of the donor of St. Paul's parish house.

The enamels depict an event, reported in the Old Testament lessons from Genesis which we read this summer at Worship services.

Jacob, son of Abraham, loved Laban's youngest daughter Rachel, but Jacob was tricked into working fourteen years for Laban, and marrying Leah, the older daughter, before he was allowed to have Rachel for his wife. Eventually, of course, God re-named Jacob, Israel after wrestling his one night in the desert; Jacob and Rachel became the parents of Joseph; Joseph acquired a coat of many colors, and eventually saved Egypt – and his family -- from famine.

Erin Elzi of the Frick reference museum in New York tells us that our enamels represent an artistic style developed in Limoges, France some four hundred years ago, and revived in the nineteenth century.

During the middle ages a number of artists had portrayed the story of Jacob, Laban and Rachel in oil paintings, and some of these paintings were used, in turn, as the basis for enamel-on-copper works like those given by Mrs. Warriner. As yet we don't know when, where or by whom the enamels were created, but they serve as a colorful reminder of God's constant concern with each of our lives, and of the way that concern influences us and our world.

The Montrose Community Chorale

The Montrose Community Chorale will present their Christmas program on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Montrose Area High School Auditorium. A provision has been made for people who love to sing but are unable to stand for the performance by having special seating available on stage. Rehearsals begin Wednesday,

October 8 at 8:15 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church sanctuary.

Contacts: Dave Andre, 278-3469; Mary Ann DeWitt, 278-2791, Duane Hinds, 967-2612, and Louise Smith, 278-1748.

Otha says, “Look for the small shark teeth”

Otha was a grizzled hexagenarian when I was a pup of 40. I was the new kid in town ... his town. He was a senior technician inspecting electronic products for AT&T in North Carolina. He was the senior technician when I was the new senior engineer in the department. I was still a pup ... wet behind the ears, you know. I got paid more; He KNEW more. I finally convinced him to let me shadow him and pick up some practical wisdom.

Before we ever went to the factory floor he asked me a question. “Do you ever go to the shore looking for shark teeth?” I allowed as how I did. He said that most people go looking for LARGE shark teeth and don't find any. “The secret is to look for the SMALL ones. One day you'll get that large shark tooth.”

So what does that have to do with the book of Revelation? Good question! In one of my lighter moments, I counted all the words in Revelation. It is a measurable thing to do ... just under 12,000 words. There are 22 chapters and 405 verses...or is it 404 verses? I took the time to count the words and verses in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). Put the numbers on a spreadsheet and let the spreadsheet do the math...405 verses.

I also just got a New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV. In the first paragraph about revelation there was a small note about the “404 verses.” My count was 405. I double checked, triple checked and let the spreadsheet do the math ... again ... still 405 verses. My first inclination was to say that I must be doing something wrong. Then I found the LARGE shark tooth. I offer it to you for review.

Check your NRSV version of the bible. Look at the end of Chapter 12 and the beginning of Chapter 13. The first line of Chapter 13 has the superscript “18”, THEN the superscript “1”. It would appear at first blush that the difference of one in Revelation verse count could be attributed to this printing anomaly. The person looking for the last verse number could get confused and say that Chapter 12 had 17 rather than 18 verses. To add to the puzzlement, I checked my NIV translation of Revelation and did not find the same printing anomaly...17 verses. Strange.

More than one person has suggested that this is another one of those discussions like, “How many angels fit on the head of a pin?”. That may be true. So we're off by one. Who cares? Small shark tooth, Al. Right? Maybe it's the 9 commandments. Or maybe God has 4 persons, not 3. It's only off by 1.

Cardinal John Henry Newman once said, and I'm paraphrasing, “The truth cannot be contradictory to truth; the truth often appears contradictory; when that happens, patience is needed to explain the differences.” Maybe the 404 vs. 405 verse count is just God's way of bringing an apparent contradiction to our attention so that we will look deeper into Revelation. I like that explanation.

Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA) for St. Paul's Sept. 2008 newsletter BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(study, prayer, service)

HYMN STORY:**My Faith Looks Up to Thee (691)**

Ray Palmer was a rather unhappy and lonely young man teaching school in New York City when he was inspired to write the words for this song. He wrote the words in a notebook that he kept in his pocket, and didn't give the matter much more thought.

Two years later while visiting Boston, Palmer happened to run into his friend, Lowell Mason, an accomplished musician. Mason said that he was getting ready to publish a hymnbook and asked if Palmer had anything he would like to contribute. That caused Palmer to remember his poem, so he pulled out his notebook and showed Mason what he had written. Mason copied the words and set them to music.

Later, Mason said, "Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best-known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'"— and that is, indeed, how it turned out.

When I read that story, it made me reflect on the fact that the Spirit sometimes touches our lives in ways that we could not have predicted. In those moments, our lives become unusually blessed — and convey unusual blessings to others.

JEROME:

Translator

Language permits one person to influence the thoughts, ideas, concepts and, in the final analysis, actions of others. Most languages, and especially those used by people in our part of the world, are dynamic and ever-changing. Frequently, and probably more frequently than most of us would like, someone needs to remind us of the impact of accumulating changes and to bring our language up to date.

St. Jerome, working in the 5th Century, was one of those people. Jerome was working as secretary to Pope Damasus I from 382 to 384 when he realized that the Latin used in the current translation of the Bible was significantly different from the Latin – the *Vulgate* - used by the people in their daily lives. In *Classical* Latin, the relationships among words in a sentence are expressed using different word endings, while in the language being used by the common people, or *Vulgate* Latin, these relationships were beginning to be expressed with prepositions, and with word-order.

To make the Bible more meaningful to the common people, Jerome produced the translation, from the Hebrew, called the *Vulgate* Bible. Jerome's translation was not only more useful, but like many translations made since his time, Jerome's translation, made greater use of original sources not available to earlier translators.

Even today, Bible scholars employ recently-discovered archaeological findings to ensure the greatest accuracy possible. In addition, they constantly attempt to express scripture in terms understood by modern readers. While the result is, usually, an increase in accuracy, it also results inevitably, as we well know, in comments about "change for the sake of change"!

Even Jerome, translating from the original Hebrew, was faced by opposition, especially in his translation of the Psalms. Like the rest of Scripture, the Psalms were read in Jerome's time as translations from the Greek, but the Psalms were especially familiar because they were constantly sung in worship services. As a result, Jerome had to retain the Greek translation, including his translation from the Hebrew in an Appendix to his *Vulgate* Bible. (1928 Prayer Book, anyone?)

St. Jerome is remembered in the Church calendar, on September 30th, the day of his death.

Provided by James Kiefer, on the Internet

**September 2008
Lay Ministry Schedule**

Altar Guild

7: Carol Marker
14: Ellie McKeage
21: Betty Smith
28: Helen Viteritto

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Coffee Hour

7: Bernie Zalewski
14: Sandy Schwab
21: Helen Viteritto
28: Betty Smith

Counters

7: Ron Chandler and Karen Wolfson
14: Dick Schwab and Ed Ochse
21: Ed Stark and Jane Chandler
28: Sandy Schwab and Bernie Zalewski

Greeter

7: James Cain
14: Nancy Finlon
21: Ellie McKeage
28: Fraser Moffat

Eucharistic Minister

7: Bob Arnold and Margi Baker
14: Jennie Bowen and Jane Chandler
21: Alma Shingler and Esther Welden
28: Bernie Zalewski and Brenda Syle

Lector

Sunday,
St. Paul's 9:00 am
7: Brenda Syle
14: Bernie Zalewski
21: Mary Jane Syle
28: Richard Marker

Saturday,
St. Matthew's 5:00 pm
6: Mary Jane Syle

Usher

Sunday,
St. Paul's 9:00 am
7: John Finlon
14: Al Leigh
21: Ed Ochse
28: Dick Schwab

Saturday,
St. Matthew's 5:00 pm
6: Hap Syle

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