

# It's that time again!

Fall quarter at Eastern Washington University starts Wednesday, Sept. 24. That means thousands of students, new and old, will be returning to Cheney. Please help us welcome them as St. Paul's takes part in EWU's annual 'Good Neighbor' event in the campus mall on Friday, Sept. 26. Also, our monthly college student dinners will start up again on Monday, Oct. 6. To get involved, please contact Holladay (208.755.4338) or Christine (509.235.5953).

## Have something for St. Paul's newsletter?

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Thanks for being a Good Steward

This issue's good steward is our Junior Warden, **Rob Wiseley**, for taking the lead in getting the church resided and the parking lot repaved and restriped. Because of his hard work over the past year, St. Paul's is looking better than ever. Thanks, Rob!

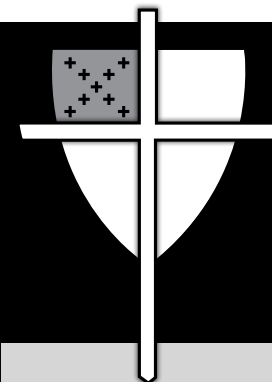
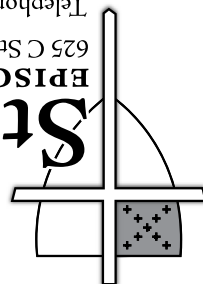
## Church in the Park - Sept. 7

Join us for some fun and fellowship Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. in Sutton Park (corner of Sixth St. and Washington St., Cheney) to celebrate coming back together as summer vacations come to an end. We will have our regular Sunday service in the park's gazebo, followed by a potluck picnic and discussion of St. Paul's evangelism efforts in the community. Sign-up sheets for the potluck will be in the Parish Hall. See you there!



*A Prayer for the Parish...*  
 Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family of St. Paul's. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Church; through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

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# News from St. Paul's

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Cheney, Washington

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### Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 17: Bishop's Committee Meeting
- Sept. 7: Church and Picnic in the Park
- Sept. 21: Bishop's Committee Meeting
- Sept. 22: EWU Good Neighbor Event
- Oct. 6: College Student Dinner
- Oct. 17-19: Diocesan Annual Convention

## Holladay's Message

Dear People of St. Paul's,

Time is such an amazing concept. As I write this letter, I'm in the final preparations to travel to North Carolina where Sandy and I will be spending some good family-and-fun time. Atlantic Beach, here we come!!

When you read this, we will have returned and I'll be on retreat.... back at work on my continuing education work: pondering and reading about youth ministry, the emerging church and postmodernism and its connection to our faith journeys in the 21st Century. North Carolina and the recreational time will be a wonderful (I hope!!) memory.

Time can fly past or draaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaag on and on and on and... The future becomes the past all too quickly. And yet the memories remain and carry us forward to anticipate what is to come. Time seems to connect all on one place: past, present and future. Our Eucharist is much like that. It's a mysterious time when we remember what has gone before and when we experience Christ With Us as we share the meal. And too, this meal we share anticipates the future meal we will share at the fulfillment of time.

Past- Present- Future. We are in a time between times as summer ends and the fall is approaching. We find ourselves in a mysterious place of possibility. The "Rooted in God" group still meets with a focus towards our mission, though some time off has been scheduled for the summer. Different clusters of St. Paul's folks wonder and talk about possibilities in campus ministry or communication or evangelism or worship... The turnover of our lives from

recreation back to our regular schedules is fast approaching. And there are still many questions to answer.

What is next for us? What heavenly banquet awaits us here on earth in the months ahead? What does the future hold? Our future is not just in God's hands. We also bear some responsibility for our future as the people of God in this area.

As we proceed together on our Christian journey, we walk with our loving God who cares intensely about our life together. We are a people who are in a mysterious process of becoming the people God is calling us to become. It is tempting to seek quick answers in the face of the challenge of digging deeply to discern what God has to tell us about the direction we are to take together.

Who can say what we will hear. Will we be called to refocus our commitments to our worship life? Will we feel a pull to engage in (or even design or adapt) some kind of formation as the people of God? Are we being asked to develop the hospitable task of inviting others to worship with us? What ministry is it that Cheney and Medical Lake will identify with St. Paul's?

I commend the remainder of the summer to you. I pray that all of us will find that time we need to be still and listen; to ponder and talk with each other. And I look forward to sharing the fruits of our refreshment and renewal in the Fall.

In Christ,

## From the Senior Warden

This summer continues to see some aesthetic and operational improvements at St. Paul's - and it's not over.

I believe you will agree that the results of the project to patch, seal, and stripe the parking area further enhances the appearance of the re-sided church. In addition, we ramped the main and parish hall entrances, thereby removing what our insurance risk-assessors consider hazards to injury. Once again, our thanks are extended to Rob Wiseley for overseeing this project through to completion.

A Signage Committee chaired by Dale Lamphere, consisting of Marty Seedorf, Killy Balabanis, Sam Buzby, and Jan Johnson, was charged with developing a comprehensive plan to improve the visual identity of St. Paul's as an Episcopal Church. The proposal, presented to and adopted by the Bishop's Committee at its July meeting, features as one of its centerpieces a two-way, lighted sign located on the "C" street side in front of the sanctuary. There is ample space for a prominently displayed Episcopal shield, the pertinent church service information, and changeable spiritual messages.

The aesthetic centerpiece is a cross mounted with subdued back-light that will be placed between the two windows of the parish hall facing "C" street. There are other signs that welcome our visiting brethren and direct them to the main entrance of the church. Our existing wood signs will be restored as needed and kept in service.

The Bishop's Committee authorized spending up to \$13,000 for this project. The project should begin relatively soon. As we discern our mission at St. Paul's and reach out to the community in the name of this mission, the church itself, with these physical and aesthetic improvements, will project the warm and nurturing spiritual home that we know it to be. Our thanks go out to Dale and his committee for their fine work in developing this proposal.

Finally, I want to compliment Lea Simpson, our Treasurer Linnea Messinger, and Audit Committee members John Graves and Susan Durrie for their diligent review of our 2004 financial accounts. This audit report was recently submitted to the Diocesan offices. The Audit Committee met July 29 and completed their review of the 2005 financial accounts. The committee will continue the review process until we are current. Many, many thanks to this committee and its leadership for this herculean task.

Regards,

*George Durrie*

## Spiritual Ponderings

“*Faith doesn't try and give you an alternative theory about the mechanics of the world; it invites you to take a step further, beyond the nuts and bolts, even beyond the Big Bang, to imagine an activity so unrestricted, so supremely itself, that it depends on nothing and is constantly pouring itself out so that the reality we know depends on it. Creation isn't a theory about how things started; as St. Thomas Aquinas said, it's a way of seeing everything in relation to God.*”

“*Each one of us is already in relationship with God before we've ever thought about it.*”

“*The slogan of the Church's life is 'not without the other'; no I without a you, no I without a we...The difference between I and you remains real difference – otherwise there would be no challenge about it...So believing in Church is really believing in the unique gift of the other that God has given you to live with. The New Testament sees the Church as a community in which each person has a gift that only they can give into the common life.*”

“*Life in the Holy Spirit is life where Jesus is alive in the company of others; life where each person by the energy of the Spirit, gives the promise and possibilities opened up by Jesus to every other... Each person becomes fully himself or herself in being the channel of Christ's action to the community – the believing community in the first place, but the whole community of creation as well... So to say the Church is where Jesus is visibly active in the world is to say both that it shows to the world the face of Jesus and that in its own internal life it embodies the life of Jesus, flowing between believers.*”

-- **Rowan Williams** (Archbishop of Canterbury).  
From *Tokens of Trust: an Introduction to Christian Belief*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007. p. 37, 35, 206, 135.

## St. Paul's Events Calendar - August/September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Can. Sanderson	4	5 Rooted in God group mtg. 5:30-7:45 p.m.	6 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	7	8	9
10 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland St. Paul's Cheney Care Center Service 3 p.m.	11	12	13 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	14	15	16
17 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Can. Sanderson Bishop's Committee Meeting	18 Questions on the Way 5-6:30 p.m. Reading & Dessert 6:30-8 p.m.	19	20 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	21	22 Bishop's All Star Weekend Aug. 22-24 Oroville, WA	23 Bishop's All Star Weekend Aug. 22-24 Oroville, WA
24 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland	25	26	27 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	28	29	30
31 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Can. Sanderson Diocesan Office Nominations Due	1 September	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	4	5	6
7 Church in the Park and potluck picnic, 11 a.m. Sutton Park, Cheney	8	9	10 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	11	12	13
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21 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Can. Sanderson Bishop's Committee Meeting	22	23	24 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m. EWU Classes Begin	25	26 EWU Good Neighbor Day Audit Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	27
28 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland	29	30	1 October Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	2	3	4 Bishop's Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. Touchet Valley Golf Course, Dayton, WA