

# St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar



St. Paul's will have its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov 22. We are asking for donations of baked goods, craft items, etc., as well as help setting up the day before and working the bazaar. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Lamphere (509) 624-8400.

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

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**Save a tree!** If you would like to receive *News from St. Paul's* via e-mail, please write to Sam at [sam.buzby@gmail.com](mailto:sam.buzby@gmail.com).

This issue's good steward is our Deacon, **Christine Soule**, for her many years of ministry at St. Paul's leading to her Ordination to the Priesthood next month. Congratulations, Christine! We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.



Thanks for being a Good Steward

## Time is Running Out!

The Bishop's Committee asks that you review your third quarter pledge statement to make sure that you are on schedule to complete your pledge by the end of December, 2008. We base our operating budget expenditures on our expected income, the largest portion of which (66%) comes from our pledges as members of the congregation.

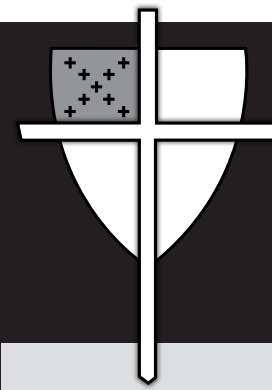
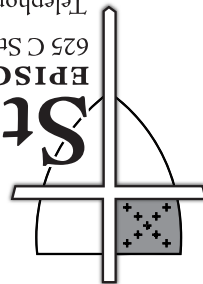
Please make every effort possible to fulfill your pledge of support to our shared life and ministries at St. Paul's.

*A Prayer for our country...*

**H**eavenly Father, You are the real foundation of the nations, raising them up to serve and care for the people dwelling in their boundaries. We thank You for making us citizens of this land of freedom and unlimited opportunity. Send forth your Spirit to this country and make it a source of wisdom and strength, order and integrity throughout the world.

*Amen.*

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# News from St. Paul's

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Cheney, Washington

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### Upcoming Events:

**Oct. 17-19:** Diocesan Annual Convention

**Nov. 3:** College Student Dinner

**Nov. 15:** Christine Soule's Ordination

**Nov. 20:** Discussion of *The Shack*

**Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Lutheran

## Holladay's Message

Dear People of St. Paul's

October has begun and fall is in full swing. We are in the midst of a busy season. This season in particular involves our formation as individual ministers, as the people of St. Paul's, and as members of the Anglican Communion. Different opportunities for formation are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Most especially, as our first year together draws to a close, we are preparing to share a community occasion of particular joy.

Christine Soule has been called by this congregation and the diocese for ordination to the priesthood. Bishop Waggoner will be with us here at St. Paul's to ordain Christine on Saturday, November 15!! Since we are in the greater Spokane area, it would not be unexpected for us to be called upon to welcome a large number of folks into our midst that day. Given the unique challenge of our limited space at St. Paul's, we will be working as a community to creatively celebrate this joyful time in Christine's life and in the life of our congregation!

When Christine is ordained, her title will be Community Priest. She has been called forth from two communities: the community involved in her prison ministry and our own community here at St. Paul's. In addition, she will of course continue at Lutheran Community Services. As we go forward after November 15, we as a community will be able to joyfully explore together what our shared ministry will look like.

This past year has been a time for us to get to know each other. We have discovered the changing patterns of our lives; we have experienced the challenges of the weather (all that snow!!); we have learned

together; and we have celebrated our life together. The change in Christine's ministry is a reminder to all of us that God is always calling us into some kind of ministry. What will the next year hold for us as a community and as individuals?

One year is ending and a new one is beginning, even as our liturgical year is changing. In our political life, we cannot escape the word "change." We live in a community where change is happening all the time. Transition goes on regularly right across "C" Street at EWU. So who shall we be? Who is God calling us to be? To what ministry are we being called? Cooking? Praying? Caring? Tending? Writing? Cleaning? Drawing? Counting money? Singing? Speaking? From the variety of that list, we can see that ministry is not restricted to the worship service. There really is no limit to the ways in which God can call us to live out God's love.

All the same there are new listings, called Competencies, for worship ministries like Eucharistic minister and worship leader. These competencies are objective measures required of those who are called to the Worship Ministries of the church. Over the next few months, a few people will begin exploring their individual ministries. If you haven't talked to me about a worship ministry you would like to explore, it's never too late to begin. God is constantly involved in our lives, calling us forth to love and serve God in an infinite number of ways.

As we near Christine's ordination, I invite you to ponder our life as a community. I invite you to ponder who we have been and how God might be calling us to go forth into our future.

In Christ's love,

*Holladay*

## Formation in the Fall

### Episcowhat?

Who or what are Episcopalians?

What makes us Anglicans?

How are we connected to Celtic Christianity?



Explore these questions and more with **dessert** and **discussion** through a series of three videos entitled:

- 1) *The Church in England including our Celtic Heritage*,
- 2) *The English Reformation and the Episcopal Church*,
- and 3) *The World-wide Anglican Communion: A Global Family of Mission*.

These videos will be presented in three installments at two separate meeting places and times to fit as many people's busy schedules as possible. One session will be held in Cheney at St. Paul's, the other in Medical Lake at the home of Evelyn Graves. **The schedule for the sessions are as follows:**

**St. Paul's** – Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Video 1: October 9**

**Video 2: October 23**

**Video 3: November 6**

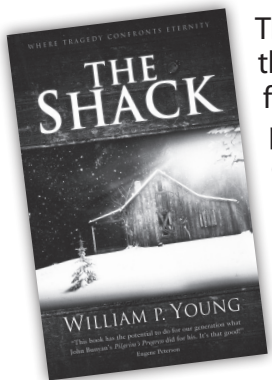
**Medical Lake** – Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Evelyn Graves home, 636 N. Martin Street

**Video 1: October 21**

**Video 2: November 4**

**Video 3: November 18**

### Book Discussion: *The Shack*



The Shack has been at or near the top of the best-seller list for a number of weeks. It is a provocative story that helps us explore where God is when we have to face evil in our lives. The main setting is familiar to us: northeastern Oregon.

**Thursday, November 20**

St. Paul's sanctuary, 6-7:30 p.m.

## Spiritual Ponderings

“Can you give some of your time to God? God always has time for you.”

– family wisdom shared by a parishioner in the diocese

“Nothing is sweet or easy about community.

*Community is a fellowship of people who do not hide their joys and sorrows but make them visible to each other in a gesture of hope. In community we say: “Life is full of gains and losses, joys and sorrows, ups and downs – but we do not have to live it alone. We want to drink our cup together and thus celebrate the truth that the wounds of our individual lives, which seem in tolerable when lived alone, become sources of healing when we live them a part of a fellowship of mutual care.”*

“Community is like a large mosaic. Each little

*piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shinign gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That's community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world.”*

“In our community there are many parties.

*Parties are usually happy events, during which we eat and drink, sing and dance, give speeches, talk and laugh a lot. But a celebration is something more than just a party. A celebration is an occasion to lift up each other's lives – whether in a joyful or a sorrowful moment – and deepen our bonds with each other. To celebrate life is to raise up life, make it visible to each other, affirm it in its concreteness, and be grateful for it.”*

– **Henri Nouwen**

from *Can You Drink This Cup?*

Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 1996, pp 57-58

## St. Paul's Events Calendar - October/November/December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 October Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland	13	14	15 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	16 Eco-Justice Student Dinner	17 Diocesan Convention	18 Diocesan Convention
19 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland  Diocesan Convention	20	21 1st Anglican Video Session at Evelyn Graves' home 1-2:30 p.m.  Rooted in God Mtg. 5:30-8 p.m.	22 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	23 2nd Anglican Video Session at St. Paul's, 6-7:30 p.m.  Eco-Justice Student Dinner	24	25
26 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland	27	28	29 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	30 Eco-Justice Student Dinner	31 <i>Halloween</i>	1 November
2 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Sanderson  All Saints Day	3 College Student Dinner  Parish Hall 6-8 p.m.	4 2nd Anglican Video Session at Evelyn Graves' home 1-2:30 p.m.  Rooted in God Mtg. 5:30-8 p.m.	5 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	6 3rd Anglican Video Session at St. Paul's, 6-7:30 p.m.  Eco-Justice Student Dinner	7	8
9 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Harland	10	11	12 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	13 Eco-Justice Student Dinner	14	15 Ordination of Christine Soule to the Priesthood St. Paul's, 11 a.m.
16 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule's first celebration of Eucharist	17	18 3rd Anglican Video Session at Evelyn Graves' home 1-2:30 p.m.  Rooted in God Mtg. 5:30-8 p.m.	19 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	20 Book Discussion <i>The Shack</i> St. Paul's, 6-7:30 p.m.  Eco-Justice Student Dinner	21	22
23 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule  Christ the King Sunday	24	25 Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Lutheran, 7 p.m.	26 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28	29
30 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule  Advent I	1 December College Student Dinner  Parish Hall 6-8 p.m.	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	4 Eco-Justice Student Dinner	5	6
7 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Sanderson	8	9	10 Fellowship Breakfast in the Parish Hall, 7 a.m.	11 Eco-Justice Student Dinner	12	13