



News from St. Paul's

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Cheney, Washington

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church is called to be a welcoming haven, nourishing all God's people in body, mind and spirit.

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Campus Ministry

Holy Grounds is a spiritual discussion group for college students that meets for coffee and conversation at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the EWU Pence Student Union Building (PUB).

Hosted by Rev. Paul Rodkey, pastor for United Ministries at EWU, Holy Grounds seeks to bring students, professors and people from the campus community together to talk about Christianity in today's world and provide a safe environment for individuals to ask important questions about faith. Each week's discussion is followed by a 6 p.m. dinner and a short worship service St. Paul's for those who wish to participate.

Holy Grounds is a joint campus ministry program put on by United Campus Ministries at EWU in association with Episcopal Campus Ministries, Lutheran Campus Ministries, and Methodist Student Movement.

Young Adult Group

Last month, Sam and Heather Buzby hosted what will hopefully be the first of many gatherings for young adults at St. Paul's. The BBQ brought together six individuals to share a meal and a discussion about what they can do for the community, and how they can fit St. Paul's into their very busy lives.

Focusing on giving back, the group quickly came to the decision that a periodic volunteer project would be a great way to help the community. The group also hopes to start a regular spiritual discussion, perhaps by taking part in Holy Grounds on Thursdays at EWU.

The next young adults meeting will be 6 p.m. Friday, November 6 at the home of Steven and Sara O'Donnell and will include a bonfire, marshmallow roasting and games.

For more information about campus ministry, young adult and youth ministries, and to find

out how to get involved, please contact Rev. Christine Soule, community priest for St. Paul's, at cjsoule@gmail.com 509.235.6150.

From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee met and decided the distribution of the Third Quarter Tithe, \$656.20, as follows:

- **Episcopal Relief & Development** for emergency relief in the Philippines: \$301.20
- **Cheney Outreach Center:** \$175
- **Cheney Food Bank:** \$90
- **Medical Lake Outreach & Food Bank:** \$90

Cheney Outreach continues its operation at United Church of Christ; the Food Bank continues at the Recycling Center. The Clothing Bank, temporarily operating out of the Methodist Church, has been closed for the time being. All relief centers look forward to a permanent home hopefully near one another for the most effective service.

Memorial Funds

St. Paul's has been the past recipient of funds contributed by three families as a remembrance of the passing of one of their respective family members. The Messex, Johnson, and Knight families established memorial funds and restricted their use to particular purposes:

- **The Memorial Fund** is restricted to expenditures for items used in worship services.
- **The Library Grant** is restricted to expenditures for parish library books.

If you would like to permanently remember a member of your family by making a special memorial contribution to one of these funds, or to another restricted purpose of your choice, please contact Lea Simpson or Rev. Christine Soule at 509.235.6150.

From the Senior Warden

Our New Treasurer and Clerk are in Place

I am very pleased to announce that our new Treasurer, Lea Simpson, and our new Clerk, John Graves, are in place. Please thank them for assuming the duties of these very important parish ministries. Lea, of course, has served as parish clerk for the past several years.

Stewardship Campaign Underway

As you are aware, our 2010 Stewardship campaign is underway. The Stewardship Committee urges you to return your pledge and time/talent forms just as soon as possible. Please give serious consideration to your pledge and offering of time and talent. Your generous support is needed as we anticipate entering discussions with prospective candidates for the permanent position of priest-in-charge at St. Paul's.

Diocesan Convention

The 2009 Diocesan Convention meets October 16-18 in Lewiston, Idaho, hosted by the Clearwater Deanery. Susan and I are St. Paul's delegates this year. We welcome any inquiries, requests for information, etc., you might want us to convey to convention offices. Also, in keeping with the theme of this year's convention, "Living Water for Thirsty People," please bring your 'Can on the Can' collections to church no later than Sunday, October 11. We will also submit St. Paul's United Thank Offering at the ingathering on Sunday, October 18.

Enhanced Church Security

The Bishop's Committee, at its September meeting, voted to have dead bolts installed in the three doors of the church. Always looking to support local firms, the Committee awarded the job to Cheney Glass. This additional measure of security is meant to prevent the kind of forced entry that befell St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Moses Lake earlier this year.

Please note that everyone currently holding a key to the church will have to obtain a new key once the work is completed. The good news is that you will need only one key for both the handle lock and the dead bolt lock to both the main entrance and parish hall doors – a single key for both doors! The work will be done in the third week of October. Please be patient. We will make this transition as smooth as possible.

Financial Report

Our overall financial situation is once again positive as we near the three-quarter mark of the year. Pledge income remains above where it should be at this time: as of September 16 we have received \$20,860 in pledge income against the total of \$27,404 expected for the year.

Fall Church Clean-up Day: November 7

Fall clean-up in preparation for the winter season is just around the corner! Please mark your calendar and sign-up on the sheet in the parish hall for 9 a.m., Saturday, November 7. The leaves will be down by then, so bring your rakes, shrub clippers, and assorted tools as we scratch and trim the grounds to match the new layer of beauty bark we are hauling in on October 13 (we still could use volunteers to help spread the bark beginning around 1 p.m.; for more information speak with or call Dale or George). Other areas needing attention are: cleaning the kitchen cupboards, replacing ceiling tiles, installing new ballast units, cleaning the roof, etc.

George Durrie,
Senior Warden



Spiritual Ponderings

***"In pursuit of knowledge,
every day something is acquired.
In pursuit of wisdom,
every day something is dropped."***

-- Lao Tzu
6th century Chinese philosopher

***"Better is one hand full of quietness than two hands
full of toil and a striving after wind."***

-- Ecclesiastes
Chapter 4:6

"Just to be is a blessing; just to live is holy."

-- Abraham J. Heschel
20th century Jewish theologian and philosopher

***"Let us remain as empty as possible so that God
can fill us up. "***

-- Mother Teresa
20th century Roman Catholic nun and humanitarian

St. Paul's Events Calendar - October/November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 October Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	2	3 Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.) Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
4 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>Rev. Christine Soule</i> <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> - 12 p.m. UTO offering boxes due	5	6 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	7 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	8 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	9 <i>2010 Stewardship / Time and Talent forms due</i> <i>Coats for Kids due</i>	10 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
11 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>Rev. Frances Harland</i> <i>"Can-on-the-Can" offerings due</i>	12	13 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	14 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	15 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	16 <i>Diocesan Convention</i>	17 <i>Diocesan Convention</i> N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
18 <i>Diocesan Convention</i> Morning Prayer - 11 a.m.	19	20 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	21 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	22 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	23	24 <i>EWU Homecoming</i> N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
25 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant: <i>Rev. Christine Soule</i> Preacher: <i>TBA</i>	26	27 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	28 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	29 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	30	31 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall <i>Halloween</i>
1 November <i>All Saints Day</i> Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>Rev. Christine Soule</i> <i>Bishop's Committee Meeting</i>	2	3 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	4 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	5 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	6 Young Adults Dinner - 6 p.m. <i>O'Donnell's Home</i>	7 Fall Clean-up - 9 a.m. N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
8 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>TBA</i>	9	10 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	11 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	13	14 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
15 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>Rev. Elizabeth Hasen</i> <i>Bishop's Committee Meeting</i>	16	17 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	18 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	19 Holy Grounds Coffee - 4:30 p.m. EWU PUB Dinner - 6 p.m. Parish Hall	20	21 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
22 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>TBA</i>	23	24 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Advent</i> Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: <i>Rev. Christine Soule</i>	30	31 N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall	Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	Thanksgiving Day		N.A. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Good Stewards

For this issue there were two groups nominated as good stewards, so rather than choose between them we will recognize them both! First, thank you to **those who have volunteered to be on Kathy Lamphere's discernment committee** as she begins the journey to becoming a deacon. This is very important to Kathy, and St. Paul's joins in her heartfelt thanks. Second, thank you to **Gaye Hess, David Tiffany and Kathy Lamphere** for all your hard work spent faithfully keeping the Altar Guild alive and well at St. Paul's. Your ministry is appreciated more than you know.



Have Something to Say?

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All Creatures, Great and Small

... are welcomed to attend St. Paul's with you on Sunday, October 4 for the annual "Blessing of the Animals" in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. The ceremony will take place in the church parking lot following the regular 11 a.m. service. So bring your two- and four-legged scaly, furry or feathered friends for a blessing as we give thanks for being part of our magnificent world and a presence in our lives.

Coats for Kids Drive

Autumn has arrived! The leaves are beginning to change color; that brisk fall air has returned to our area and that means it's time for the annual Cheney Coats for Kids Drive. If you have a gently-used winter coat that you no longer use and is taking up space in your closet, bring it to St. Paul's by Friday, October 9. After being sorted and cleaned, the coats will be distributed from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 at Salnave Elementary. All coats collected in Cheney will be made available to any Cheney resident in need of a coat.



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A Prayer for Autumn

Lord, we come before you in thanks for the gifts you have given. The colors of the autumn season remind us of the beauty you alone can create. We are thankful for the food you provide in the harvest. You filled the earth with your gifts and have blessed us. We will never stop singing your praises.

Amen