

## Spring Reading & Discussion

*The Shy Person's Guide to Evangelism* compiled by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Have you received your copy? We have enough for every member to have their own. A variety of times are set aside to discuss this pamphlet so that you can find the time that suits you best (see calendar). The discussion topic at each meeting will be: How can we apply what we have read to our own congregation?

## Summer Reading & Discussion

*A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends and a Spiritual Journey* by Brian McLaren. Holladay will order copies from Amazon so that all will have the time to read ahead before the discussion in late June.

In this season of transformation, we can come together and ponder the changes that Christianity faces today. Brian McLaren is a primary leader in what is called the Emerging Church. *A New Kind of Christian* is an introductory and readable way to explore some of the shifts and changes in which the present church and world finds itself.

**Stay tuned on the web page and in the bulletin for discussion times and other information.**

This issue's good stewards are **Levi Mazurek, Preston Terry** and **Crystal Feller** for keeping the music alive at St. Paul's during the choir's winter sabbatical. Your talents as musicians continue



Thanks  
for being  
a  
Good  
Steward

to amaze all who hear you. Thank you for filling our church with your songs of faith and spirituality.

## Spirituality Ponderings

*"You know, organized religion is a troublesome term. I mean -- would you prefer 'disorganized irreligion'?... Overorganization or underorganization would be problematic. But I don't think organization is the problem."*

*... "Then religion is the problem?"*

*... "The old Latin roots simply mean re-connecting, you know -- broken ligaments, severed connections, being reconnected and defragmented. That sounds like exactly what we need, don't you think? We're 'deligamented', disconnected, fragmented people who need to be 'religamented', reconnected, put back together with God, with one another, reintegrated within ourselves, reconnected to the world we are a part of."*

*— A New Kind of Christian by Brian McLaren  
San Francisco: Jossey Bass. p. 103*

Amen

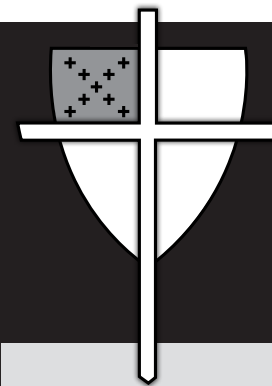
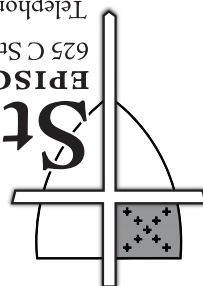
Lord, You have arisen forever in my heart.  
May the sunrise remind me to shine in  
Your light. May the caress of a gentle breeze  
remind me of Your compassion. May the  
fragrance of a flower remind me to blossom  
in Your love. May the singing of birds bring  
a song of joy to my lips. And in the closing  
of each day, may I remember to quietly  
pray. Wherever I am, whatever I do  
may my thoughts in joy return to You.

An Easter Prayer

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# News from St. Paul's

April/May 2009

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Cheney, Washington

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### Upcoming Events:

**April 5:** Bishop's  
Visit and Palm  
Sunday Potluck

**April 12:** Easter  
Sunday Celebration

**May 4:** College  
Student Dinner

## Holladay's Message

Dear People of St. Paul's

As April begins, we are in one more transition time... in more ways than one. Of course, as Lent ends, the most glorious transition is the journey we're taking together through Jesus' Passion to the celebration of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12!

Our Holy Week and Easter schedule can be found in the newsletter and you can also check it on our new sign!! We will be working hard to keep that updated as we proceed through the week as Easter nears.

If you have missed the Lenten Study, you have missed some great discussions. You do have the opportunity to read what Ms. Dozier has to say about following Jesus versus worshipping Him. A copy of Verna Dozier's book, *The Dream of God*, can be found on the library shelf in the parish hall. She has some provocative ideas about God calling us to live lives of justice and love.

I write this as it snows over the whole Inland Empire area. It is overcast and grey and very hard to believe that spring can possibly be around the corner. The gloom seems to reflect some of the doubt that hung over the disciples when Jesus puzzled them from time to time with his declarations of the suffering that awaited him. They were so wrapped up in the suffering that they could not hear the promise of rising again.

In the midst of the gloom, it is a challenge to imagine the joy of the Easter celebration with bright colors and flowers blooming and the Alleluias that we will say again in a couple of weeks!! As the night fell on Good

Friday, Jesus followers couldn't imagine any kind of bright future in store for them; only grief and fear.

Ever with a book to share, I recommend to you *The Magdalene Gospel* by Mary Ellen Ashcroft. It is a short book written as the women sit together between Jesus burial on Friday until they leave for their return to the tomb on Sunday morning. Different women share the stories of their encounters with Jesus and how he touched their lives.

Strengthened by the ways in which Jesus has touched them, they finally leave for the tomb and we know what awaits them: the dawning of Easter... just as Jesus promised... and the beginning of new life and lives renewed by Jesus' presence in them.

The Great Fifty Days until Pentecost await us after Easter Sunday. We have 7 weeks to ponder the gift of Jesus' resurrection to us all as well as our own call to share that gift with the world somehow. How shall we share the stories like those women did around the fire during the dark days? How shall each of us let others know how Jesus has touched our lives? How shall we share our stories, each of our stories, so that someone else hear and know Jesus as we do? How shall we overcome our fears and invite others into our faith community so that we can share the new life that we enjoy together?

How shall we share the Good News? He is Risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,

## An Easter Message



The light returns and the days lengthen, even if it remains startlingly dark as we rise these days -- daylight savings time is not always a blessing so early in the year! Christians, however, look for light even in the midst of darkness, for we know that darkness will not overcome it. The rising of the Son brings light into lives filled with grief, agony, and despair. Are you searching for the light of new life?

Easter recollects us and reorients us toward God's eternal light of truth and peace and love. The resurrection is the ultimate proclamation that nothing can separate us from that light, not despair or destruction or death. We see hints of that resurrection all around us once our eyes have learned to look, and we continue to hope for its fullness, for the blessing of a light so encompassing that there can be no darkness or separation. Lent has been a willingness to experience the darkness of our current separation and tune our yearning for that light. Carry that yearning into Eastertide, and beyond, that we and the world around us may know the blessing of the light of Christ.

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**  
Presiding Bishop  
The Episcopal Church

## Quarterly Budget Update

The following is a summary of church income and expenditures for the first quarter of 2009:

**Pledge Income for '09:** \$27,404  
**Pledge Income Received, 1st Qtr.:** \$7,770.

This represents 28% of our pledge income received in the first quarter. We are on target for the year.

**Total Income, 1st Qtr.:** \$11,390.95  
**Total Expenditures, 1st Qtr.:** \$13,153.64

Our income was \$1,762.69 less than our expenditures for the quarter. This is essentially a cash-flow difference. Some expenditures are simply higher in the winter months.

On the income side, we have not received a quarterly installment from the Diocese for campus ministry, and we have neither transferred a quarterly amount from the Reserve Fund nor have we sought fund raising income as budgeted.

Please consult the monthly posting of the budget report available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you want more detail. Direct any questions you might have to either Linnea Messinger or George Durrie.

**George Durrie**

## From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be meeting this week to determine the distribution of the First Quarter Tithes. At least half will be divided among Cheney Outreach, Cheney Emergency Food Bank and Medical Lake Outreach & Food bank, with the remainder going to Episcopal Relief to help fight world hunger and poverty. Postings of distribution will be on the church bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Due to roof damage of the Wren Pierson Building, Cheney Outreach is temporarily housed at the United Church of Christ, 423 North Sixth Street, Cheney. Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Their phone number remains 235-8900. The Cheney Emergency Food Bank is relocated at the Cheney Recycling Center, 100 Anderson Road, Cheney. Hours: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Clothing Bank is relocated to the United Methodist Church, 4th & G Streets, Cheney. Hours: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Crop Walk 2009



The 2009 Annual Crop Hunger Walk, an ecumenical, interfaith community event under the sponsorship of Church World Service, will take place on Sunday, April 26. Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. When you walk in a CROP Hunger Walk, you walk with the world. For detailed information on time and place and/or to register your support, please contact Susan Durrie, 235-4273.

## Relay for Life 2009

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life comes to Eastern Washington University Friday and Saturday, May 15-16.

During the Relay, there is a Candlelight Luminary Ceremony to honor loved ones and friends who have had cancer or in memory of those who lost their battle. If you would like to make a donation to the Relay, or have a luminary made in honor of a friend or loved one, please contact Janyce Johnson at 838-0758.



## Love to Garden?

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cheney is looking into starting a community garden on its grounds and is looking for volunteers who would like to help. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, please leave a message for Mary Fryling at the church at 235-6300.

## St. Paul's Events Calendar - April/May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 April</b> Palm Sunday & Bishop's visit 11 a.m.	6	7	8 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	9 Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.  Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.	10 Good Friday Service 1, Noon  Good Friday Service 2, 7 p.m.	11
12 Easter Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule	13	14	15 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	16  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	17	18
19 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Sanderson	20	21	22 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	23  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	24	25
26 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule	27	28	29 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.  Reading & Discussion, 6 p.m.	30  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	<b>1 May</b>	2
3 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Sanderson	4 College Student Dinner Parish Hall 6-8 p.m.	5  Reading & Discussion, 6 p.m.	6 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	7 Reading & Discussion, 6 p.m.  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	8	9
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24 Morning Prayer 11 a.m.	25	26	27 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	28  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	29	30
31 Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Rev. Soule <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>1 June</b> College Student Dinner Parish Hall 6-8 p.m.	2	3 Fellowship Breakfast 7 a.m.	4  Eco-Justice Dinner, 6 p.m.	5	6