

This issue's good steward is **Linnea Messinger**, our outgoing treasurer, who has faithfully served St. Paul's for the past three years. In that time, Linnea has helped get our finances in order and keep them up to date. It was a tough job, but Linnea always met the challenges with punctuality, determination and a smile. Thank you, Linnea!



## Calling All Young Adults

At some point this fall, Rev. Christine would like to organize a BBQ get-together for any young adults (EWU students and other 'twenty-somethings') to begin a discussion about how St. Paul's can be a better presence in your busy lives. If you would like to be a part of that discussion, or know someone who would, please contact Christine at [cjsoule@gmail.com](mailto:cjsoule@gmail.com).



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*"In this mortal life we can only travel by way of God's mercy and forgiveness, and they always lead us to his grace."*

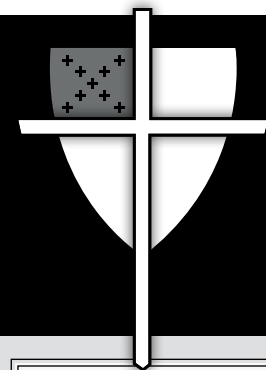
--Julian of Norwich

## Have Something to Say?

If you have an article, event or good steward nomination to add to *News from St. Paul's*, please write to Sam at [newsletter@stpaulswestplains.org](mailto:newsletter@stpaulswestplains.org), or you may drop your submissions into the box in the parish hall marked "St. Paul's Newsletter Submissions."

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# News from St. Paul's

August/September 2009

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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### Upcoming Events:

**Tuesdays** - Sewing Group Meets

**Wednesdays** - Fellowship Breakfasts

**Sept. 23** - EWU Fall Quarter Begins

## Campus Ministry, Young Adults & Youth

St. Paul's is in the process of building a relationship with the Campus Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran, Cheney. Our hope is to have St. Paul's open at least one day a week from September through June while EWU is in session. The building would be open for prayer, for study, for building relationships and a weekly service.

We also want to be able to provide social activities for the young adults in our congregation, both in college and working. Our young adults are from Cheney, Medical Lake and Airway Heights and lead busy lives as they meet today's challenges.

The youth in our congregation are largely older teens. We hope to be able to continue at least one larger activity away from the congregation combining these youth with the college students as we did very successfully when we all attended *Godspell* at Spokane's Civic Theater last spring.

## Church Leadership

For the remainder of 2009, in the absence of a vicar, George Durrie serves as President of the congregation, acting as liaison between the congregation and the clergy, and continues as liaison with the Diocese. Christine Soule serves as head of liturgy and worship, working with a Liturgy and Worship Committee whose members include Killy and Charlyn Balabanis, Kathy Lamphere, and Linda Manusia.

Please direct any questions you may have about these matters to either Christine or George.

## Financial Report

Our overall financial situation is positive as we pass the mid-year mark. Pledge income is slightly above where we should be at this time: as of July 22 we have received \$16,345 in pledge income against a total of \$27,404 expected for the year.

Reduced costs on the expense side allow us to forego having to fund-raise or dip into our budget reserves this year. Our clergy compensation expense is reduced considerably as we will complete this year using supply priests.

**George Durrie,**  
Senior Warden

## From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee met and determined the following distribution of the Second Quarter Tithe, totalling \$837.50:

- Episcopal Relief & Development for relief to Africa: \$400.00
- Cheney Outreach: \$200.00
- Cheney Food Bank: \$90.46
- Medical Lake Outreach & Food Bank: \$145.24

Cheney Outreach continues its operation out of donated office space at the United Church of Christ, the Cheney Clothing Exchange at the Methodist Church, and the Food Bank at the Cheney Recycling Center.

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## Sewing at St. Paul's

Please join us for sewing at St. Paul's on Tuesdays, August 11 and 25, from 3-5 p.m. We provide a fabric cutting area and iron/ironing board. You bring any personal, bazaar, charity or other project. Cookies and beverages provided.

We do not plan to meet during September due to busy schedules.

Autumn sewing gatherings are in the early planning stages and ideas are very welcome. We will probably alternate hand work days (knitting, crochet, etc.) with sewing machine days due to logistics. Also, we will probably meet at different days and times, including Wednesday mornings after the fellowship breakfast.

Please contact Linda Manusia with any ideas or questions

## Put a Can on the Can...

and drop a dime when you flush!

The theme for this year's Diocesan Convention is "Living Water for Thirsty People." There are two projects to prepare for as October approaches. First: we are being asked to set a can (or other coin receptacle) on the backs of our toilets and drop in a dime for every flush. The money collected will be taken for the offering at Convention. In this clever way, we will be able to share our abundance so that parts of the world that have little or no potable water to drink (let alone flush down the drain) can have access to this life-giving resource. The donation will go to Episcopal Relief and Development's (ERD) Clean Water Wells project. Of course paper money is also accepted.

Second: We are being asked to read and discuss (in our congregations and at the convention) *Troubled Waters: Religion, Ethics and the Global Water Crisis* by Gary Chamberlain.



## Thanks, St. Paul's!

Four charity cyclists from St. Luke's, Coeur d'Alene, led by Rev. Pat Bell, were very grateful for the generosity of those who helped them kick off a week-long ride through the Palouse last month. The long bike ride, which began with a dinner, overnight and breakfast at St. Paul's, was an effort to raise money and awareness for Second Harvest Food Bank. A "thank you" note can be found on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

## Spiritual Ponderings

*"When I love you, my God, I want to embrace it all, for I love you with all my senses in the creations of your love. In all the things that encounter me, you are waiting for me."*  
-- Jurgen Moltmann.

*"The belief that God wills the well-being of all calls forth the pivotal virtue of the moral life-gratitude."*  
-- Richard Gula

*"Thus far did I come laden with my sin'  
Nor could aught ease the grief I was in,  
Till I came hither: What a place this is!  
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?"*  
-- John Bunyan  
The Pilgrim's Progress

*"What enabled people to come right into the kingdom depended so much on a chain of witnesses who had helped people through various stages of belief to come to the point where they were ready to make that final decisive leap."*  
-- Geoff Pearson

## The Lighter Side

By Willie Brown, 41st Mayor of San Francisco, Calif.  
From *Willie's World, The San Francisco Chronicle*, June 21, 2009.

I know this is going to get me in a lot of trouble, but I heard this joke the other day and I just have to pass it on.

There are three good arguments that Jesus was black: He called everyone brother, he liked gospel, and he didn't get a fair trial.

But then, there are three equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish: He went into his father's business, he lived at home until he was 33, and his mother was sure he was God.

But then, there are three equally good arguments that Jesus was Californian: He never cut his hair, he walked around barefoot, and he started a new religion.

But most compelling of all are the three arguments that Jesus was a woman:

He fed a crowd at a moment's notice. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it. And even when he was dead, he had to get up because there was work to do.

Can I get an amen?

## St. Paul's Events Calendar - August/September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 August Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Christine Soule	3	4	5 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	6	7	8
9 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant: Rev. Christine Soule Preacher: Rev. Killy Balabanis	10	11 Sewing Group Mtg. - 3-5 p.m. Parish Hall	12 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	13	14	15
16 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant: Rev. Christine Soule Preacher: Rev. David Walker Bishops Committee Mtg.	17	18	19 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	20	21	22
23 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Jeffrey Neuberger	24	25 Sewing Group Mtg. - 3-5 p.m. Parish Hall	26 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	27	28	29
30 Morning Prayer - 11 a.m. Leader: Dale Lamphere	31 Nominations Close for Diocesan Positions	1 September Church Audits Due to Libby Beck	2 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	3	4	5
6 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Hasen	7 Labor Day	8	9 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	10	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Christine Soule Grandparents Day	14	15	16 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall	17	18	19
20 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Hasen	21	22 First Day of Fall	23 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall EWU Fall Quarter Instruction Begins	24	25 EWU Neighbor Festival (tentative) 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Campus Mall	26
27 Holy Eucharist Rite II - 11 a.m. Celebrant: Rev. Christine Soule Preacher: St. Paul's parishioner	28	29	30 Fellowship Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parish Hall			