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2005: Here's to your health (ministries)

New program can help congregations fill local health, well-being needs

By Dave Natzke

The issues of health care availability and cost have become state and national political hot buttons. And in an election year, everyone turns to what many consider "the great health care provider of last resort," the government, for answers.

While the health and well being of its citizenry should be one responsibility of the government, Christ clearly taught that our neighbors' health and well being is - first and foremost - our responsibility as Christians. Granted, our tax dollars are a means to that end but - using Christ as

the model - congregations within the Diocese of Fond du Lac are being asked to take a much more intimate and personal approach. Congregations are being asked to consider a ministry that is as old as the Church itself - that of Health Ministry.

In nearly all of Christ's miracles, there's one common thread: whether reaching out to the blind, the lame or the sick, Christ helped those with their physical problems and needs first. I don't believe Christ's miracles were meant just to show off his power (which they absolutely did). Those miracles were meant to serve as an example to each of us: we must heal the physical and mental wounds that can hamper spiritual connection and growth.

"Health Ministry happens when a local congregation commits to an intentional ministry focusing on both healing and health, combining the ancient traditions of the Christian community and the knowledge and tools of modern health care," said the Rev. Jean Denton, executive director, National Episcopal Health Ministries. "Health ministry is a witness to God's healing activity through the local Christian community, encouraging wholeness through the integration of body and soul, increased knowledge about ourselves, acceptance of appropriate personal responsibility for health, and interdependence among God's people."

Diocesan task force formed

Last summer, at the Bishop's request, a small group of health care professionals formed a Health Ministries Task Force within the Diocese of Fond du Lac. The membership of the task force includes: Nancy Conradt, St. Paul's, Suamico; Nancy Kuhn, St. Peter's, Ripon; Wayne Winistorfer, Trinity, Oshkosh; and Dolores Wiseman, All Saints, Appleton, who serves as the Health Ministry liaison within the diocese. Their mission is to promote a Health Ministry in congregations throughout the diocese, assisting them "to reclaim the Gospel imperative of health and wholeness."

The group has outlined four primary tasks:

- develop a congregational-based health ministry
- focus on body, mind, and spirit for health and healing

See **Health Ministry**, page C

What's a Health Ministry?

Each congregation's Health Ministry is a unique reflection of the resources, needs and passions existing and growing in that congregation. Health Ministry focuses on keeping the congregation well and offering care when there is disease or disability. It is a blend of seven principal areas:

1. Integration of health and our Christian faith
2. Focused pastoral ministry by clergy and church members
3. Health promotion and health education to be stewards of our bodies
4. Health-related counseling
5. Community-building through support groups
6. Referral to needed resources
7. Advocacy for individual needs and health care policy

It could include:

- Parishioner blood pressure screening after Sunday worship
- A church supper featuring healthy fare followed by a talk from a dietician
- Helping a family find the right nursing home
- A healing station as part of each Sunday's worship
- A congregation-wide letter writing campaign advocating accessible health care
- A congregation-run adult day care center

A community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus.

Taking steps toward being a community

Beloved in the Lord,

Let me first say I hope you all had a blessed Christmas, and may our Lord continue to bestow on each of you His grace and peace throughout the New Year.

In my Pastoral Address to the annual convention (a copy can be found on our Diocesan web site at www.episcopalfonddulac.org), I mentioned how I perceive some of the things we are doing and planning for in the diocese reflect the fulfillment of our diocesan vision statement: "to be a community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus."



A vision statement differs from a mission statement in that:

- a *mission statement* states what or why we do something.
- a *vision statement* states what we want to see.

I believe it would be helpful for each of us to try to picture what fulfilling our vision statement might look like. This can help us get a clearer idea of what that vision can look like. In this next issues of the *Clarion*, I will share what I believe it would look like if our Diocese vision statement were fulfilled.

What would the Diocese of Fond du Lac look like if we truly were "a community?"

One example was the idea of developing a Diocesan Center in a more central location (detailed in the December issue of the *Clarion*). At the convention, I said I thought a Diocesan Center would be an indication of us being a community, rather than a cluster of congregations in north-eastern Wisconsin.

A Diocesan Center could be a focal point for meetings of diocesan committees and commissions; it could be a place where members of the diocese could find resources for program needs; it could house the diocesan archives, making our history available to any who might have an interest. A Diocesan Center would include the offices of the Bishop and other diocesan staff.

I can see the such a place centralizing diocesan activities and resources, so members of committees and commissions would not have to travel as far to attend meetings. I see more appointments with the Bishop, because one would not have to travel to the southern-most end of the diocese. I see people just popping in to say "hi."

A Diocesan Center would be an outward and visible sign of "a community," more than just an office. But "a community" is not a building or location; it is a group of people that are in relationship with one another.

I will reflect on our relationship as "disciples" next month. But as "a community," we could have a stronger and better defined sense we are together in this Christian ministry, reflected in an episcopal ethos, polity and heritage.

If we better recognize we are in ministry together, we should be able to reduce or remove the sense that congregations are in competition with one another. If we better recognize we are in ministry together, we should be able to reduce or remove the sense that Christians are in competition with one another. Truly being "a community" would mean we wouldn't be anxious if a member transferred from St. Swithens to St. Athanasius, but would ask God to bless them in their relationship to Him.

Truly being "a community" would mean we would support, encourage and even participate in the ministry programs happening in other congregations; congregation 'A' would be willing to assist congregation 'B' with projects or problems they were facing, and vice-versa. It would mean we would all celebrate

each other's successes and share in the sorrow of each other's failures. It would mean the differences we may have would not overcome the unity we have in Christ and His mission that we share.

One place this is appears to be happening is in the congregations who are part of the Greater Green Bay Episcopal Ministry Group, who are setting an

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example for the rest of us. These congregations have been working together for more than a year at how they might do programming together' how they might support each other in their congregation's ministries; and at what the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the greater Green Bay area ought to look like. They are planning what it would look like if the Episcopal Church in that area was better "a community." I give God praise for this group and pray God will continue to bless the good work that has begun.

That's a simple view of what I think the Diocese of Fond du Lac would begin to look like if we fulfilled our vision to become "a community." I hope that in this New Year we can begin to take a major step in that direction. *Will you make it a resolution and offer prayers to Heaven to help make that happen?*

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Russ

The Clarion

Our ministry

The *Clarion* reviews and previews news, activities and events in and affecting the congregations and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac. It also serves as a means to create written dialogue on issues affecting the whole Church.

Our mission

The *Clarion* is written to, for, and about the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac. It is designed as a means for members of the diocese to communicate with each other; for the diocesan staff to communicate with members of the diocese; and to introduce new members and friends to the people of the diocese.

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Health Ministry Task Force provides resources

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- stress wellness, health promotion and disease prevention
- work together in sharing resources.

The Health Ministries Task Force featured an informational booth and video at the Diocesan Convention in October, and provided additional information at a Clergy Day in December.

What's being done?

One of the initial task force activities is to conduct a survey that helps identify a Health Ministry Resource Inventory within the Diocese of Fond du Lac. Each congregation should have received a survey seeking information on health care activities the congregation is currently providing to its members and/or the surrounding community.

Second, the survey offers a checklist of additional information and resources it can provide for congregations wanting to establish or expand current activities.

Forming your own Health Ministry

Individual congregations are encouraged to

identify a Health Ministry leader or leaders (see related article below).

Also vital to the success of the program is the establishment of a congregational advisory committee, task force, health cabinet or health commission. That group works in partnership with the health minister to assess needs, plan and implement health activities that meet the needs of the people in their congregation and/or the community.

An advisory committee is intended to function as a regular standing committee of the congregation, meeting monthly to fulfill its responsibilities and functions.

The primary membership qualification of a congregational committee should be based on interest in holistic health matters for the individual, congregation and community. Include people representing medicine, nursing, social work, rehabilitation and mental health, education, social ministry, church board, youth, elderly or outreach ministries. Committee size should vary depending on the needs of the congregation. A committee that is too large can be cumbersome. Include the rector or vicar and minister of health as ex-officio members.

Health Ministry leadership: do you have the gifts?

When a congregation makes a conscious decision to engage in Health Ministry, each member of the congregation becomes a health minister through their baptismal covenant. However, a congregation may choose to identify a person or several people to lead and coordinate its Health Ministry program.

Job description, activities

The health minister works with the rector/vicar and health committee to:

1. Identify congregational health needs and promote whole person health.
2. Provide and coordinate educational classes to enable wellness and prevent illness.
3. Provide personal health counseling, spiritual support, health screening and referrals for members of the congregation, as needed.

Personal qualifications

A health minister should have the following qualifications:

1. Articulate a call and commitment to service.
2. Have experience working with health and wellness.
3. Be a mature, sensitive, caring and spiritually developed person.
4. Be able to articulate and communicate effectively the interrelationship between body, mind and spirit to health and wellness.

5. Have good communication, interpersonal and caring skills.
6. Display leadership skills and the ability to work with others.
7. Have writing and speaking skills.
8. Be able to meet other requirements as directed by the rector/vicar or congregation.

Potential activities

The health minister is part of the pastoral staff. Activities may include, but not be limited to:

1. Act as personal health counselor, home health visitor and spiritual support provider.
2. Work with the health commission to develop and plan the congregational-based health ministry.
3. Plan and teach classes, schedule speakers and coordinate support groups.
4. Promote health education through the congregation's newsletter, bulletin and videos.
5. Offer regular health screening/monitoring
6. Recruit and train volunteers to help with health ministry activities.
7. Provide health referral information.
8. Serve as a liaison between the congregation and community resources.
9. Maintain appropriate health ministry records.
10. Other responsibilities as assigned by the rector/vicar.

WHO: Health Ministry Task Force of the Diocese of Fond du Lac

WHAT: Formed in the summer of 2004 to raise awareness of health ministries in the congregations of the diocese.

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- Nancy Kuhn, St. Peter's, Ripon, e-mail nckuhn@charter.net
- Wayne Winistorfer, Trinity, Oshkosh, e-mail oshfinn@aol.com

You may also want to check out the website of the National Episcopal Health Ministries at www.episcopalhealthministries.org

Getting started

Here are some steps to follow when beginning a Health Ministry in your congregation:

- 1) **Pray. Pray. Pray.**
 - 2) **Become knowledgeable.** Study the concepts in various materials now available.
 - 3) **Share your knowledge and enthusiasm** with other people in your congregation. Locate interested individuals in formal and informal leadership positions.
 - 4) **Use resource people** from programs and congregations currently active in Health Ministry. Contact them for more information and support, and begin the network process.
 - 5) **Convene discussion or forums.** This enables people to explore the concept and envision the potentials of this ministry.
 - 6) **Identify strategies** that have previously been successful in implementing a new ministry in your congregation.
 - 7) **Be patient.** This is about developing relationships, about re-learning our understanding of health and reconsidering the church's role in health and healing.
 - 8) **Make the ministry part of the gospel mission** to preach, teach and heal. When the mission is understood, the money will follow.
 - 9) **Be on the lookout for people** who might be part of the team for shepherding Health Ministry.
 - 10) **Explore the health and healing ministry** already in place within your congregation.
 - 11) **Listen. Listen. Listen.**
- (Adapted from "Health Ministry in the Local Congregation, An Introduction and Opportunity," Ulrich and Brown, 1997)*

Diocesan Vestry School is March 5 at DePere

With most congregations holding annual meetings and elections this month, many churches could have new lay leadership for 2005. The Diocese of Fond du Lac will hold its annual Vestry School in March to help train new and continuing senior wardens, junior wardens, vestry members, treasurers, clerks and clergy.

The Vestry School will be held Saturday, Mar. 5, 2005, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 347 S. Libal St, DePere. Hosted by members of the Diocese of Fond du Lac Executive Council, the Vestry School will help those in leadership positions better become "a community of disciples enthusiastically leading all people to transformation in Jesus."



Fred Swing

Management," by Fred Swing, regional vice-president of the Church Insurance Agency. He oversees the property and casualty protection for Episcopal entities in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.



Tim Vanover

• **"Well Rounded Benefits Solution,"** by Timothy Vanover, plan administrator for the Episcopal Medical Trust. He is additionally responsible for developing, marketing and distributing products underwritten by business partners, such as managed care providers.

Other workshops

Several other workshops will be held:

• **Treasurer's Workshop.** Almost everything you need to know about being a treasurer in the Episcopal church.

• **Vestry Primer.** Are you a new Vestry member? Wondered what you need to know?

• **Congregational Culture and the Search Process.** Find out how your congregation works. At some time your congregation will seek a new priest, so learn about what is done

Presentations

Three special presentations will be featured:

• **"Spiritual Leadership of the Vestry,"** by Bishop Jacobus. The primary role of a vestry is to work with the clergy to provide Spiritual Leadership in the congregation. How is this best done? Is it being done? How can the vestry work to develop this?

• **"Property, Liability Insurance and Risk**



Bishop Jacobus

The Diocesan Treasurer's Corner

'Restricted' giving earmarked for Outreach

By Jim Workman

Overheard at the most recent convention:
Delegate 1: "I never heard about [fill in the blank]."

Delegate 2: "It was in the *Clarion*."

Delegate 1: "I never read that."

Reading the *Clarion* is not required by any part of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and I can find no reference to it in the Book of Common Prayer. For those whose interest and involvement in the Episcopal Church does not extend beyond the activities of their own parish, it may not be terribly meaningful, though I would hope everyone would read what the Bishop has to say. If, however, you plan to



Diocesan treasurer Jim Workman is a member of St. Luke's, Sister Bay.

attend Diocesan functions, such as the Annual Convention, reading the *Clarion* is the best way to keep informed and up-to-date.

At the most recent Convention there was a lot of confusion relating to a resolution proposed

by the Bishop, Canon Payne and me relating to our pledge to the National Church. I think a few people understood exactly what we were proposing, and were in favor; a few people understood what we were proposing, and were not in favor; and most people were unclear about the nature and purpose of the resolution.

After much discussion, a modified resolution was passed that sets 10% of our prior year's operating income as a starting point for our pledge to the National Church, but then allows individual parishioners to "restrict" their giving to the National Church, which will reduce that 10% number. A clear example of this process can be found in last month's *Clarion*.

The question this presents is: What should the Diocese do with that part of the 10% which is restricted? At its meeting in November, the Executive Council decided that the Diocese should not "pocket" that difference, but should put it aside for Outreach that transcends our own operations.

Exactly what that might be has not yet been determined, but will be determined by further action of the Executive Committee, and will be published in the *Clarion*.

Of course, if you don't read it, that won't help you much.

WHAT: Diocese of Fond du Lac Vestry School
WHEN: March 5, 2005, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
WHERE: St. Anne's, DePere
WHO: New and continuing senior wardens, junior wardens, vestry members, treasurers, clerks and clergy
REGISTRATION: Deadline is Feb. 28. Cost is \$10 per person (includes lunch and materials).
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call (920) 921-8866 or e-mail diofdl@diofdl.org.

and how.

• **Proper Care of Clergy, Staff and Volunteers.** How can members of the Vestry support these ministries for the benefit of the Church?

• **Stewardship.** It's not just a "fall" thing, but something for the entire year! Learn how to be better stewards in life, decision making and finances.

• **Questions and Answers.** Maybe not all the questions or all the answers, but you'll find out where to go or who to ask.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person. The fee includes all supplies, resource materials, breakfast items and lunch. Expenses not met by fees will be covered from the Congregational Growth Fund of the Diocese.

Deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 28. To register, provide your name, congregation, city, e-mail and check (payable to "Diocese of Fond du Lac") to P.O. Box 149, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0149. For more information, call (920) 921-8866 or e-mail diofdl@diofdl.org.

'History of the Diocese of Fond du Lac' to be published

Attention history buffs and others interested in the Diocese of Fond du Lac. The long-awaited and wonderfully informative update of the *History of the Diocese of Fond du Lac* will be available soon.

The book will include an update (from 1925 until 2000) of the history of the Diocese, as well as each congregation.

The book will be a lovely addition to your private library or as a gift to someone who has an interest in the Diocese. Or, it could be a donation to your local library.

The cost of this volume will be between \$35 and \$50. The more copies we print, the lower cost per copy. Since the intention is to have only one printing, we will need to have an idea of how many copies will be printed.

To get an estimate of how many copies to print, we ask that you indicate your interest in purchasing your personal copy by sending your name, address, congregation and e-mail address to: **Carol Feller Gottard** at 312 Dorr Street, Antigo, WI 54409, or by e-mailing her at caroljfg@newnorth.net.

'Little Blue Box' a storehouse of blessings

By Nadine Doughty

To many women in the Episcopal Church, the little blue box of the United Thank Offering is very familiar. We know well the potential to build up funds in each box. We also recognize the power UTO has to change lives with its grants to projects throughout the world. Sometimes a grant will be given in Wisconsin, enabling an agency or grassroots organization to increase its services to people right here where they live.

I have experienced yet another benefit from the little blue box. About 30 years ago, I decided to jot down a line describing the cause of my thankfulness each time an offering was added. The money in my box went periodically into the UTO ingathering, but meanwhile, my collection of "thank yous" grew.

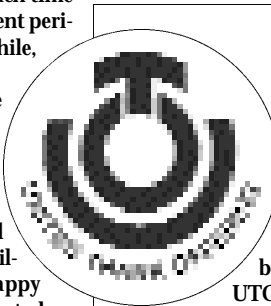
Today, I have a thick stack of papers, and the notes preserved in that stack provide a lively mix. Several notes give thanks for safe trips; others record simple things: the lost baggage being found or "for clothes dryer starting." Thanks for milestone birthdays and special weddings appear, as well. Births of grandchildren and happy vacations are noted, as well as health problems solved and work challenges met.

About the author:

Nadine N. Doughty is a member of Christ the King, Sturgeon Bay and Holy Nativity, Jacksonport.

This little stack of notes can provide a powerful antidote to depression. On days when I feel frustrated or weary, I can turn to this record of blessings – great and small – to gain perspective. In our busy, complicated lives, it's easy to forget about the experiences—both great and small—that cause us to fill our UTO boxes. Why not write a brief line as you add? Over the years, you'll harvest a treasury of joy.

You may make contributions directly to the United Thank Offering by sending a check payable to "DFMS" to UTO, Box 12095, Newark, NJ 07101. Please include a note with your name, diocese and congregation.



Diocese needs UTO Coordinator

The Diocese of Fond du Lac is seeking a diocesan United Thank Offering (UTO) Coordinator.

The UTO Coordinator simply compiles information from congregations and communicated between the national and provincial UTO office and congregations of the diocese.

If you have interest in serving, contact Barb Drewry Zimmerman at (920) 893-5189 or bzimmy@excel.net.

ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY

As children,
if life works out the way
it's supposed to,
we know that we are loved.
We know that we will be fed,
and quenched,
and soothed,
and nurtured.

With absolute certainty.

We know we will be taught;
we will be treasured;
we will be held up to the light
to be admired and valued by
those who love us.

Remember when you had no
worries –
no real worries –
because back home you had
parents
who loved you and took care
of you?

You had parents who could still
ease your pain,
chase away the fears and terrors,
hold you close to let you know
that this sickness would end
it would get better;
you could hold on.

This is faith; the only way I can
explain it.
Absolute certainty.

If you've never known this,
I don't know how to explain
God to you
or how to help you imagine what
Jesus means to me.

He is all this and more
because He never has His
interests at heart,
only mine.
He is never short-tempered
because He has bills to pay
or a mortgage to meet
or a deadline to make.

I know we all dream of growing up
and taking care of ourselves,
but the reality is,
we don't do it very well.

True freedom comes from
realizing this
and becoming dependent again--
much like childhood --
but on the One who meets
my every need,
the One who dreams my
dream life,
who knows every hair on my head
and loves me anyway.

Jane Johnson
St. Anne's, DePere

Clergy spouses conference: a journey

By Joyce Morehouse

Led by conference facilitator Janet Goulet Wilson, Diocese of Fond du Lac clergy wives took a spiritual journey through our lives during the recent Clergy Spouses Retreat. The program was held at St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Bailey's Harbor.

Goulet Wilson asked us to recall our own spiritual journeys by selecting three or four moments in our lives, beginning with childhood, when we felt we were in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Each wrote down those moments on a card, looked for a pattern and for ways in which we had changed, and then asked the question "What do I have to offer as a spiritual woman?"

Throughout the weekend, we were asked many ques-

tions of ourselves: "What are my gifts?" "How do I use them for the sake of the Gospel?" "What are the roadblocks that keep me from risking creativity?" "In what ways do I hide my light under a bushel?" We were given time to share our answers and lives with each other.

Our gifts varied. Some were aware of their passion for social justice. Some felt they had good listening skills and sensitivity to the needs of others; some were able to find humor and joy in the most ordinary aspects of daily life. All faced roadblocks to their creativity and spirituality that they wanted to overcome. As we shared not only our gifts, but also our frustrations and disappointments, we found new ways to express our creative and spiritual selves.

Saturday night included dinner in Sister Bay, where we continued to share our stories and our laughter. On Sunday morning, we gathered for worship and a final prayer for each other and ourselves.

Janet Goulet Wilson earned her BS in Elementary Education and taught in four states before earning her MS and Ed.D at Temple University. She leads workshops that explore spirituality and human relations. She also teaches courses in creative writing and has just finished her third novel, *Walk With Me*. She and her husband, Jim Wilson, live on Washington Island.

The 2005 Clergy Spouses Conference will again be held at St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Friday, Oct. 7-9, 2005.

About the author:

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ECW Calendar

Province V Meeting
March 11-13, 2005
Marriot West
Waukesha

Women's Mini-Week
June 23-26, 2005
Camp Webb
Wautoma

ECW Fall Meeting
Oct. 1, 2005,
St. John's
Wisconsin Rapids

ECW Province V meeting

The Province V meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be held March 11-13, 2005, at the Marriot West, Waukesha.

For additional details, call Barbara Drewry-Zimmerman at (920) 893-5189 or e-mail bzimmy@excel.net.

'Early nurturing' provided needed encouragement

I appreciated Dave Natzke's article ("Our future clergy must be nurtured early," November 2004 issue of the *Clarion*). Being one of those "nurtured young," I highly recommend it.

I was one of those kids who loved to participate in the liturgy of the church. As an acolyte, I would show up early for services even when I wasn't scheduled to serve, just in case someone didn't show up.

Noticing my interest, our rector began to acquaint me with some of the less glamorous aspects of church life – things like running the mimeograph machine (younger folks will have to look that one up) and printing and hand folding the Sunday bulletins. I also helped clean up and made sure we were ready for Sunday morning. That rector was a tremendous role model and by age 12, I felt a strong leaning toward becoming a priest like him.

Strangely enough, even at that young age, my parish family was highly supportive. Little by little it became assumed that I was seminary bound. In those days, discernment was the ministry of the entire congregation and I clearly felt their encouragement.

The diocese also got involved early on. I was drawn into the very active diocesan youth organization; I worked at the church camp; and, although I didn't know it was unusual at the time, the bishop admitted me as a postulant for Holy Orders when I was just 16.

During the high school and college years, I was given opportunities to preach (on youth Sundays), teach (Sunday school classes), and serve in a multitude of ways, including lay reading.

I have very fond memories of growing up in the church. Both the parish and the diocese did an

excellent job of incorporating me and all the rest of the youth. We didn't feel like outsiders looking in. There was a sense of unity and mutual purpose in serving our Lord.

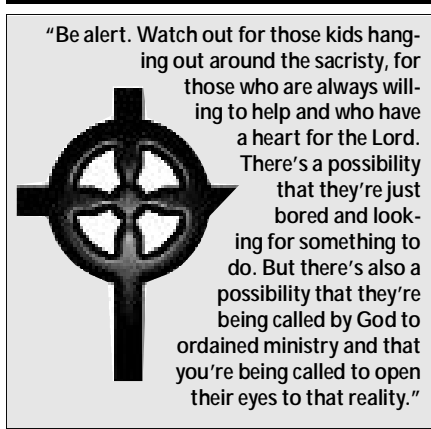
Growing up in the church, our spiritual lives were enriched with a variety of worshipping experiences. I can still vividly remember singing spiritual "camp songs" around the bonfire and the informal worship services in the old log chapel at the

church camp. And I can also remember the uplifting voices of the full church choir and the impact of kneeling before the altar carefully waiting to intone the Sanctus bell at the proper times during the consecration. I appreciated all those experiences. They helped form me and to this day I enjoy both the informal and the formal; the contemporary and the traditional. But then, as now, I feel we must be careful how we mix them lest we dilute them both.

When I finally went off to seminary, it was with the spiritual and financial help of both my parish and diocesan family. But, arriving at seminary, I began to realize that my path was not as common as I had supposed. About one third of my classmates were older and had come from other professions. Several of those my age felt lost and unsupported and the class itself was considerably smaller than in previous years. That was 1957, and the trend was just beginning leading to our present day situation where younger seminarians are a rarity and a serious clergy shortage is looming on the horizon.

While those coming to ordained ministry later in life bring a vast amount of experience with them, they also bring a reduced number of years of availability. By the time a younger person becomes a "seasoned" priest, he/she will be ready for another 20-plus years of service. By the time a late vocation priest becomes a "seasoned" priest, he/she is ready for retirement.

Dave is right. Our future clergy must be nurtured early. Be alert. Watch out for those kids hanging out around the sacristy, for those who are always willing to help and who have a heart for the Lord. There's a possibility that they're just bored and looking for something to do. But there's also a possibility that they're being called by God to ordained ministry and that you're being called to open their eyes to that reality.



Revisioning in St. Aelred Cluster

After much discussion, deliberation, consultation and difficult decision-making, the St. Aelred Cluster Ministry (**Ascension**, Merrill, **St. Ambrose**, Antigo, and **St. Barnabas**, Tomahawk) in northern Wisconsin is to be revisioned to better serve the ministry needs of that area. As Fr. Harlin Bemis stated in his letter to the members of the three congregations of the cluster, "while no plan is going to be optimal for our three churches by reason of our financial limitations, the following plan seems far more in keeping with the Mission Strategy of the Diocese."

The revisioning will have the cluster ministry continue as it is now. But at a date to be determined, **St. Barnabas**, Tomahawk will close. This change will allow a more intense focus on the continued development of ministry

in Merrill and Antigo. Fr. Bemis also shared that "it has become unrealistic for a small church at the beginning of the new millennium to rely solely on a priest for its nurture and ministry and growth. This is a relatively new and also ancient problem which needs to be faced head on."

Bishop Jacobus is fully aware that making

these decisions is "pastorally difficult but often necessary." Expanding on his comments from the Pastoral Address at convention, "the desire is to maximize the ministry that can happen in that area; but the need is to do it in a way that is realistic both in terms of a priest's time and fiscally feasible."

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About the author:

The Rev. Canon William Johnston is a retired priest canonically resident in the Diocese and Rector Emeritus of St. Thomas, Menasha. He is also volunteer deployment officer for the Diocese of Fond du lac.

Setting it straight

In the report on the Convention in the December 2004 issue, it was stated the convention was hosted by **St. Luke's**, with support from **Christ the King and Holy Nativity**. Actually the two congregations were joint hosts. *The Clarion* editor regrets the error.

Charity doesn't replace working for social justice

By the Rev. Dave Drebert

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)

"The problem with dealing with justice issues as people of faith is that it often brings us into the realm of politics. We become uncomfortable, perhaps because our concept of separation of church and state suggests that faith should just be a private matter, and not enter into our public discourse. But that does not mean that our political opinions should not be shaped by our understanding of God's desires for justice."

Most of us would accept an obligation to care for widows and orphans, the poor and the destitute. We share at least some of our resources with others, and may have already determined a certain level of charitable giving. Many of our community services, much

of our "safety net" for those who cannot make it on their own, as well as relief efforts for people in other countries affected by war and weather and disaster, all depend on our



charitable giving to others. This is a good thing for all of us to do, religious or not.

But charity does not take the place of justice. We can give to feed the hungry, or to help people who cannot afford health care, or to provide a night's stay when they have no shelter. Our charity in those cases helps to alleviate the symptoms of a system that allows people to not have enough money for food, or that cannot provide affordable housing to all those who need it. But charity does not change the underlying systems that allow economic inequities. For instance, there are 45 million Americans, most working at low wage jobs, who have no health care insurance, and thus only limited access to any kind of health care. We are not talking about the down and out here, but people who are working their guts out to make it. The salaries of our highest paid executives has reached more than 200 times that of average workers, an all time high. These are issues of justice.

When we give charity to lighten the symptoms of such systemic problems, we wound the dignity of the receiver, and risk making people dependent on handouts. Of course, there will always be those who cannot "make it" in our culture because of severe disabilities, inadequate education and resources, or even just getting bad breaks in life. Most of us who have done well like to think that we have done it on our own, forgetting the privileges of education and background we may have received, or the people who have taught us or mentored us or given us a break.

The problem with dealing with justice issues as people of faith is that it often brings us into the realm of politics. We become uncomfortable, perhaps because our concept of separation of church and state suggests that faith should just be a private matter, and not enter into our public discourse. But that does not mean that our political opinions should not be shaped by our understanding of God's desires for justice.

There are plenty of issues to choose from. It is clear, for instance, that Jesus has a preferential attitude for the poor. That suggests that justice for the poor should be part of our

agenda. How does our tax system deal with the poor? How do we provide help to the poorest nations in the world? We are called as religious people to be good stewards of the environment as God's creation. How do our policies help protect the environment? We are called to be a peaceful people; how do we project that desire to the rest of the world? These and many other issues are open to discussion from a religious perspective.

It is part of the responsibility of the Church to bring issues of justice to its people, to foster a dialog about them, and even to offer suggestions and opportunities for action. I understand that the Executive Council has formed a commission to do that.

Of course, we must continue to give to charity, but I hope we can all be open to the larger questions of how justice can be made real. It is part of the coming of God's kingdom and we are called to assist in that.

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The Clarion welcomes letters, opinions

As part of its ministry statement states, the *Clarion* seeks "to create written dialogue on issues affecting the whole Church." To that end, we welcome letters and opinions from readers.

The editor will make every effort to publish all of those that:

- 1) raise or respond to issues that are important to the Episcopal Church and especially the Diocese of Fond du Lac;
- 2) are respectful of others in the discussion;
- 3) in most cases are less than 350 words.

The editor is responsible for final decisions regarding publication of letters, and reserves the right to edit letters for length.

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Send letters to: *The Clarion*, 217 Mandella Ct., Neenah, WI 54956; fax 920-721-9255; or e-mail dnatzke@new.rr.com.

Diocese forms Christian social witness task force

At its November, 2004, meeting, the Executive Council of the Diocese of Fond du Lac passed a resolution that created a Task Force charged to:

- promote active Christian social witness and service among congregations of the diocese;
- report routinely to the Executive Council, and;
- through the *Clarion*, to feature such activities of social responsibility in the various congregations, thereby reminding us all of our obligation as Christ's witnesses.

The Rev. Sue Burman, Deacon, was appointed chair of the Task Force and is seeking names of those willing to serve. If you wish to become involved with this ministry, please contact Deacon Sue at (920) 922-4541 or e-mail edeaconsue@yahoo.com.

St. Matthias building campaign off to successful start

By Carol Feller Gottard

The faith and generosity of the congregation and friends of Saint Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua was overwhelmingly apparent in their recent annual pledge campaign and building campaign. Their efforts resulted in more than \$1.1 million in building fund gifts and pledges.

The campaign, titled "Drawing the Circle Wider" was designed not only to support the existing church but

also to expand the ministry and mission of this congregation.

Building plans include constructing a new church building and converting the existing church to a parish hall, and the current parish hall to use as Sunday School classrooms.

Grateful recognition is given to the efforts of the following hardworking and dedicated people: Roger Ganschow and Ken Ozinga, campaign co-chairs; leadership team members: Kit Hermanson, appeal secretary; Chris

Clark and Leo Kalmerton, publicity co-chairs; Joellen Bennet, Bob and Marcia Holt, spiritual emphasis co-chairs; Pat Pickert, fellowship event chair; Nancy Coleman and Betsy Matz, telephone coordinators; and to the telephone calling committee: Joellen Bennet, Le Ganschow, Nancy Hackworthy, Kathleen Marshall, Judy Ozinga, Sue Smith, Turi Stolen and Nancy Teodoro.

Carol Feller Gottard is resource assistant on the Clarion Committee.



St. Augustine's honors local veterans

St. Augustine's, Rhinelander, presented a program and a supper to honor local veterans on Nov. 12. The program included a social time when veterans displayed memorabilia and exchanged stories. The presentation of the colors included color guard members Jim Pelletier (WWII P.O.W.), Fred Godding, Bill Halverson, Dennis Reismann, and Russ Cavins. A

tribute to all veterans was read, and at the end of each verse the names of veterans were called by the Rev. Dean Einerson. The roll call consisted of the names of over 150 local veterans, going back to the Spanish American War. Local author and poet Carolyn Fogg read her latest stirring work "Some Gave All" which was followed by taps and then supper.

St. Ambrose, Aelred Cluster host Thanksgiving dinner

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14: 12-14)

Inspired by the Gospel a few weeks earlier, Fr. Harlan and Joan Bemis offered a free meal to anyone who would be alone on Thanksgiving Day at St. Ambrose, Antigo. The dinner was advertised in the local paper and through local contact with people helped by Fr. Bemis in the last few years. Twenty-eight people came.

The warmth and fellowship present among the people who helped prepare the meal with Joan made it all worth the work that went into the meal. Those who helped were from the three churches in the St. Aelred Cluster, including Barbara Wydeven and her daughter Leisa, from St. Barnabas, Tomahawk; Deacon Linda Schmidt from Church of the Ascension, Merrill; and Jean Wheeler and Tom and Tasha Crouse, from St. Ambrose, Antigo.

The positive feeling that was there that day as we sat among our guests and talked and laughed with them, it did not matter to anyone from where our guests came from or

what situation they were in, or why they were going to be alone on Thanksgiving day.

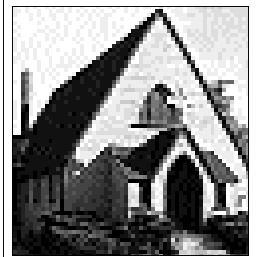
By inviting someone who could not invite you back, as a Christian you are following what God is telling each and everyone of us to do, feed our brothers and sisters if they too are hungry, and you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. They were a blessing to all of us, and the experience of being there for our brothers and sisters when in need, could never be measured.

Submitted by Joan Bemis

Clarion: funding appeal

As a member of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, you receive the Clarion at no direct cost. To help cover publishing and mailing expenses, we ask that household donate at least \$12 per year to assist in the important ministry of our Diocesan life.

An appeal (along with a self-addressed envelope) was mailed to each household receiving the Clarion in late November. If you did not receive an appeal, or it was misplaced, please send donations to: The Clarion, P.O. Box 149, Fond du lac, WI 55936-0149.



St. Boniface, Chilton, ends ministry

On December 26, 2004, the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, presided at a service of secularization for St. Boniface, Chilton.

St. Boniface had been yoked with St. Paul's, Plymouth with the Rev. Samuel Morrison serving as Vicar for both congregations.

During the summer, Bishop Jacobus and Fr. Sam met with the members of St. Boniface to examine the ministry situation in the area. After reviewing the past decade of ministry and examining the resources available to continue ministry there, the members of St. Boniface recommended to Bishop Jacobus that St. Boniface be closed.

St. Boniface began as Grace Church in 1896 under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Charles Chapman Grafton, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, with the name changed to St. Boniface in 1907.

Channel God's abundant love into environments

By Kay Drebert

On the way home from the last Cursillo weekend we were treated to a celestial light show unequaled in my experience. As we headed northward towards home the "Northern Lights" danced in celebration in a way that reflected my own joyous demeanor. Together, we enthusiastically proclaimed, "God is good - all the time!"

God's abundant love for us is expressed in a breadth and depth of ways that it can overwhelm us. Our cup overflows. Trouble is, most of the time, we are blind to the outpouring of His love. In the busyness of our everyday lives we turn our eyes towards more worldly diversions. The Cursillo movement is an effective method for making us continually aware of His loving presence in our lives, and in the lives of others. But it doesn't stop there. It empowers and calls us to act in

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response to this great love - and equips us to do so. The three-legged stool of piety, study, and action holds us accountable and sends us forth in a community of love and encouragement.

The joy I felt that Sunday evening was channeled into a variety of responsive actions on my part. First, I prayerfully reflected on how I could help build up my family, parish, diocese and workplace rather than complain about what I didn't like about them. Then, as my truck driver colleagues would say, I put the "pedal to the metal" and began to put plans in place to improve all my environments. It's a good thing that I know I am not expected to implement these plans without help from God and others!

And so I become a partner in the great dance. The following lines from Canticle 12 - "A Song of Creation" say it better than I can: "Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, O heavens and all water above the heavens. Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever... Let the people of God glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever. Glorify the Lord, O priests and servant of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever."

Epiphany good time to explore 'what it would be like'

Have you ever considered what it would be like to be free of worry, stress, anxiety, sadness, anger and fear? Have you ever dreamed of a time when you could live with a deep serenity, a sense of inner peace and a confidence that flows from your true identity? This kind of life is possible. We constantly see people discovering inner freedom and inner peace. They are creating a new life for themselves free from the stresses from the outside world. They are choosing to get free on the inside.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to peel off layers of unne-

cessary worry, overwhelming stress, anxiety about family, sadness from past losses, and anger at unfair situations.

The Epiphany Season can be a special time of seeing the light of Jesus, of inner healing, of experiencing inner peace despite outer chaos. We can get ourselves ready for this inner experience of peace by naming one inner feeling at a time, expressing it to a caring person, and then releasing it to the One who has set us free.

We do not have to let this be a time of overwhelming stress or heightened sadness or paralyzing anxiety. This is

meant to be a time of inner healing, a time when Jesus is revealed to the whole world and each person has access to the freeing power of his love.

What would it be like to live in true serenity and inner peace? Come and see. St. John's Center For Inner Peace in New London offers help in making this journey to true peace. Call retired counselor Madilene Stark at (920) 867-4770, or Certified Counselor Julie Feider at (920) 538-2286 or the Rev. Paul Feider at (920) 982-0970 if you would like to explore "what it would be like."

'Diocesan Common Fund' investment keeps money growing

By Mark Evans

The parable of the talents (Mt. 25:14-30) teaches us that we are expected to take those gifts that God has given us and stretch ourselves to improve them and grow them. The servants who did this were rewarded, while the servant who merely locked his gift away and returned it unimproved was punished.

It is notable that the rewards were not based on what the servants started with, but what they accomplished. The servants who started with 10 talents and five talents received the same reward. Presumably, the servant given one talent would have received the same if he had sought to improve his gift rather than hoarding it.

I believe this lesson applies to our church's finances. If we do not seek to improve and grow the funds that have been given to us, we are like

the servant who hoards the talent.

The Diocesan Common Fund is an investment vehicle that can provide income to a congregation of 4% per year from an endowment. It can be used to grow an endowment if the income from those payments is reinvested.

The fact that we should start NOW rather than waiting can be shown by the following illustration.

Church A begins an endowment project by contributing \$2,000 a year to an account that returns 6% per year. Unfortunately, after 10 years, they decide the \$2,000 annual contribution is needed to pay for a new roof on the parish hall and do not make any more contributions for the next 20 years.

Church B waits 10 years until they have the wherewithal to make the contributions and then contributes \$2,000 per year for the next 20 years

at the same 6% return. At the end of 30 years, Church A has a balance of \$84,539 from their \$20,000 invested, while Church B has \$73,570 from their \$40,000 invested. It is better to start early and small rather than wait.

If either church had continued the contributions for 30 years, the balance would have been \$156,116 from \$60,000.

We are called to think in terms of abundance, to make what we have better, not to think in terms of scarcity and merely hoard what we are given. As we plan our finances for 2005, I hope we keep that in mind.

About the author:

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Cursillo Calendar

Monarch Episcopal Cursillo Annual Meeting Jan. 9, 3 p.m. St. Mark's, Waupaca

Secretariat Retreat Feb. 18-19 St. Joseph's Retreat Center

Diocesan Ultreya Feb. 20, 3 p.m. St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids

Diocesan Ultreya April 17, 3 p.m. St. Paul's, Plymouth

Diocesan Ultreya May 15, 3 p.m. St. Paul's, Suamico

Diocesan Ultreya May 12, 3 p.m. St. John's, Wausau

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Holy Apostles' visitation

During the Bishop Jacobus' Visitation to Holy Apostles, Oneida on Oct. 31, candidates for first communion, confirmation and baptism were presented. They were:

Baptismal candidates: Sequoia Jordan, Shoshannah Jordan, Shania Jordan, Shenisse Jordan, Shantey Jordan

First Communion Candidates: Jasmine John, Sequoia James Rasmussen, Jordyn Taylor, Rasmussen, Isiah James Danforth, Asia Marie Champ, Tre' Lonnie Edwin King, Caelan

Hallie King, Lauren Wendelle McLester-Davis, Mattie Colin Holtz, Olivia Ashley Webster, David Royce White, Tony A. McNaughtan, Jr., Tyson Tony Allen McNaughtan, Brandon Mason Danforth, Shy Annalisa House, Sierra Kasee

Confirmation candidates: Tamara Elm, William John Peters, Jaymz Cornelius, Kyle William White, Brandon Cornelius, Marcus Donald Webster, Linwood White, Thomas Harold Elm

(Photo by Ray Dodge)



Holy Trinity visitation

At his visitation on No. 14 at Holy Trinity, Waupun, Bishop Jacobus welcomed a new member and confirmed another: Pictured above left are: (left to right) the Rev. Peter Bird, Vicar, Allison Dymond (daughter of Kristy), confirmand Kristy Koehler, Bishop Russell Jacobus and the Rev. Sue Bur-



man, Deacon. Pictured above right are (left to right) the Rev. Peter Bird, Vicar, the Rev. Sue Burman, Deacon, New andra Lee Abrahamson, and Bishop Russell Jacobus.

Baptisms

Mason William Cram
Son of Kelly
Oct. 17, 2004
Trinity, Oshkosh

David Jonathon Mangless, Jon Luke Mangless, and Michael Paul Mangless
Sons of Daniel and Patricia
Nov. 7, 2004
St. Anne's, DePere

Terrence Mathew Dart
Son of Ernest Dart and Amanda Snulligan
Nov. 7, 2004
St. Anne's, DePere

Joe Frank Hunt and Isabell Mae Hunt
Children of Joe and Barb
Nov. 7, 2004
St. Anne's, DePere

Christopher James Kurth and Isaiah Thedor Arthur Kurth
Sons of Patricia
Nov. 7, 2004
St. Anne's, DePere

The Clarion publishes baptisms, marriages and deaths from congregations throughout the diocese. E-mail information to: clarion@episcopalfonddulac.org.

For baptisms, provide name, date and parents' names. For marriages provide bride's name (maiden), groom's name and date of wedding. For deaths provide name and date of death.

Seen on church signs

"No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace."

—
"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins."

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

—
"Free Trip to Heaven. Details Inside!"

"Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily."

—
"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

Diocese of Fond du Lac Daily Cycle of Prayer

Day **Pray for**
 1 **St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac, Theodore McConnell, Dean**
 2 **St. Agnes by the Lake, Algoma; Precious Blood, Gardner: Robert Hoppe, Vicar**
 3 **St. Olaf's, Amherst; Atonement, Fish Creek: Supply**
 4 **St. Ambrose, Antigo; Ascension, Merrill; St. Barnabas, Tomahawk: Harlan Bemis, Vicar; Linda Schmidt, Deacon**
 5 **All Saints', Appleton: Patrick Twomey, Rector; Anne Lang, Deacon**
 6 **St. Anne's, DePere: Seth Richmond, Rector; Dale Hutjens, Deacon; Arthur Good, Deacon**
 7 **St. Mary's, Eagle River: Lawrance Glenn, Rector**
 8 **Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay: John Cell, Rector; James Fosdick, Deacon**
 9 **St. James, Manitowoc: Nancy Krueger, Interim**
 10 **St. Paul's, Marinette: William Bippus, Rector; Patrick Rudolph, Deacon**
 11 **St. Alban's, Marshfield: Supply; Georgeanne Cusic, Deacon; Walter Ives, Deacon**
 12 **St. Thomas, Menasha: Ian Montgomery, Rector; Ed Smith, Associate; Robert Frees, Deacon**
 13 **St. Matthias, Minocqua: R. Edgar Wallace, Rector**
 14 **St. James, Mosinee, Scott Thompson, Vicar**
 15 **St. John's, New London: Paul Feider, Vicar**
 16 **Holy Apostles, Oneida: Dewey Silas, Vicar; Edmund Powless, Deacon**

Day **Pray for**
 17 **Trinity, Oshkosh: Steven Powers, Rector, Nancy Behm, Deacon**
 18 **St. Paul's, Plymouth: Samuel Morrison, Vicar; Diane Murray, Deacon**
 19 **St. Augustine, Rhinelander: Dean Einerson, Rector**
 20 **St. Peter's, Ripon; St. Mary's, Wautoma: Kenneth Guy, Rector**
 21 **St. John's, Shawano: Malcolm Hughes, Vicar; Charles Daily, Deacon**
 22 **Grace, Sheboygan; All Saint's, Elkhart Lake: Charles Osborne, Rector; Michael Burg, Deacon**
 23 **St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls: Samuel Nsengiyumva, Rector; Greg Schultz, Deacon**
 24 **Intercession, Stevens Point: James Trainor, Rector; Mary Trainor, Deacon**
 25 **St. Luke's, Sister Bay: Barbara Sajna, Vicar; Dutton Morehouse, Deacon; Dillon Crager, Deacon**
Christ the King/Holy Nativity, Sturgeon Bay/Jacksonport: David Drebert, Vicar; Kay Drebert, Deacon
 26 **St. Paul's, Suamico, James Conradt, Vicar**
 27 **St. Mark's, Waupaca: Ray Ryerson, Interim**
 28 **Holy Trinity, Waupun: Peter Bird, Vicar; Susan Burman, Deacon**
 29 **St. John the Baptist, Wausau: David Klutterman, Rector**
 30 **St. John the Evangelist, Wisconsin Rapids, Vicki Natzke, Rector**

Day **Pray for**
 31 **The Bishop and Diocesan Family: Russell Jacobus, Bishop; Matthew Payne, Lay Canon; Marge Goelz, Secretary; Ross Doebler, Youth Ministry**
Sisters of the Holy Nativity
 Diocesan Seminarians: **Cliff Haggens, Daniel Repp, Karl Schaffenburg, Deborah Woolsey**
Deacons' School; Vocations to Holy Orders; Vocations to Religious Life
 Canonically Resident, Retired, Non-Parochial Clergy: **Richard Bennet, John Biggs, Robert Brown, Malcolm Brunner, Charles Cason, Sr. Hilary Crupi OJN, William Forrest OSB, C. Walton Fitch, Edward Franks, Gregory Fruehwirth OJN, Aelred Glidden OSB, Stanley Gregory, Samuel Hall, Russell Johns, William Johnston, Arthur Kephart, Jerome Kuehn, Arthur Mattox, Joseph Mazza, Robert Meyer, Joseph Minnis, Michael Minter, Wayne Mionske, Kenneth Okkerse, Alonzo Pearson, John Peterson, Nicholas Radelmiller OHC, Wilson Roane, Ray Ryerson, Ed Smith, John Splinter, Charles Thayer, Edmund Webster, David Wessell, Berry Whenal, MacDonald Wilhite**
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 Faithful Departed Bishops, Priests, Deacons & the People of God, especially: **John Henry Hobart Brown, Charles Chapman Grafton, Reginald Heber Weller, Harwood Sturtevant, William Hampton Brady, William Louis Stevens**

Ordination anniversaries

Patrick T. Twomey
 Priest
 Jan. 6, 1987

Sister Mary Frances
 Profession
 Jan. 6, 1958

Charles Osborne
 Priest
 Jan. 18, 1997

Ed Hook
 Priest
 Jan. 21, 1964

Lawrance Glenn
 Priest
 Jan. 28, 1999

David E. Wessell
 Priest
 Jan. 29, 1967

Summer Camp is less than 6 months away

Brochures will be mailed in February

By Ross Doebler

Snow is falling outside and people are scurrying about downtown Wausau. There are Christmas lights up in every window and greenery wrapped around every light pole. Actually the city has had the decorations up since the week before Thanksgiving. Hmmm, scurrying, holiday lighting, greenery. All this holiday cheer reminds me of ... Summer Camp!

I can see it all so clearly in my mind. There's no snow, thankfully, but there are youth and children scurrying about. There are Christmas lights and green trees and, like Christmas time, we spend a great deal of time thinking about Jesus. You see I'm not completely nuts – yet. So let's talk about

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Ross Doebler is the part-time Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator. He also serves part-time as the Youth Minister at St. John the Baptist, Wausau.

Summer Camp, specifically about some of the things that will stay the same and some that will change in 2005.

Summer Camp sessions will again take place at Camp Webb in Wautoma, but some of the session dates have changed.

- **Senior Session** (Sunday-Saturday, June 12-18, 2005) will be similar to last year. **Julie Feider, St. John's, New London**, will be session director and the worship team will be lead by **Rusty Leary and Kelly Varner**, both from **St. Thomas, Menasha**. It is for those completing grades 9-12.

- **Middler Session** (Saturday-Thursday, June 18-23, 2005) will have a few changes. **Deacon Diane Murray, St. Paul's, Plymouth**, will be the session director, and **Erin Murray, St. Paul's, Plymouth**, will lead the worship team. It is for those completing grades 6-8.

- **Junior Session** (Sunday-Thursday, Aug. 14-18, 2005) has some of the most obvious changes. I'm still seeking a director, but have someone very special in mind. The worship team will be lead by **Matthew Payne, St. Thomas, Menasha**. We have added a year for those attending Junior Session: it's for those completing grades 2-5.

- **KinderCamp Session** (Sunday-Tuesday, August 14-16, 2005) will overlap with Junior Session. This session will be co-directed by **Amy Heimerl, Ascension, Merrill**, and **Faith Sanders, Intercession, Stevens Point**. We have added a year for those to attend: KinderCamp:it is for those ages 4-7 and a parent/grandparent. The Session Director and Camp Director will be lining up Chaplains for each session in the next month.

Another area that definitely won't change is the need for volunteer staff. The hands of this volunteer-based ministry is essential to the Summer Camp's success. The volunteer staff works closely with the Camp and Session Directors and plays a key role in the positive experience campers have during their time at Camp Webb. If you are interested in serving on the volunteer staff or have questions regarding Summer Camp, please contact **Ross Doebler** at (715)-212-3340 or ross@diofd.org or contact the diocesan office.



Christian Family Weekend planned at Peninsula State Park

Come and enjoy a Christian family weekend in Door County! The **Church of Christ the King and Holy Nativity**, Sturgeon Bay/Jacksonport, have reserved a group campsite at Peninsula State Park in Fish Creek, Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 25-28.

Hiking, biking, swimming, and shopping are only a few of the activities you can enjoy. We will meet for Daily Offices and Eucharist, and a campfire at night, but the rest of the time will be free to relax.

The campsite is limited to the first 60 people who sign up, and is for tents only. Showers are available at the nearby Nicolet Bay camp-

ground. The cost will be about \$10 per person. State Park stickers are required.

If you would like to join us for our group time, but have a pop-up camper, or a travel trailer, please make your own reservations as soon as possible. Or if you are not a camping sort, there are many fine accommodations in the area.

Please call the **Rev. Dave Drebert**, Vicar at Christ the King and Holy Nativity, at (920) 743-3286, if you would like to join in.

For additional information on Peninsula State Park, log on to www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/peninsula.

It's back: Bishop's Night at the Ballpark

After a few years off, the Diocese of Fond du Lac will be hosting a night of fun, food and fellowship at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute (just west of Appleton). The Bishop's Night at the Ballpark returns, July 15, 2005.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person with seats behind home plate. Cost of ticket includes main dish (hamburger, brat or hot dog) and beverages

Tailgating begins at 5:30 pm in

the stadium parking lot; the game begins at 7:05 pm.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own utensils and plates, a blanket or chair.

Also, please bring food (canned or boxed) to be given to a local food pantry. They will be collected during the tailgate

party.

For more information, ask for a brochure from your church office, or contact the Diocesan Office.



Reminders: Upcoming events

(Upcoming events detailed in previous issues of the *Clarion*)

Healthy Connections for clergy spouses

A kickoff event for **Christos Ministries'** "Healthy Connections for Clergy Spouses" program will be held Jan. 15, 2005. The event will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the **Church of the Resurrection**, Pewaukee.

For more information, call 888-879-3000, e-mail churchprohelp@christosministries.org or log on to www.christosministries.org.

School for Christian healing

Another **School For Christian Healing and Spiritual Enrichment** will be held on three Saturdays, Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and Mar. 19, 2005. All sessions will be held at **St. John's Church and Center for Inner Peace**, New London, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

The sessions will be led by the **Rev. Paul Feider**. This school deals with topics such as: Scriptures on Healing; Understanding Disease; Spirituality of Healing; Inner Healing; Intercessory Prayer; Processing Feelings; and How to Share the Gift of Healing. Fr. Paul's newest book, "Resting in the Heart," is the main text.

The program is open to people of all denominations, but registration is limited to 50 people. Lunch is provided, along with some snacks. To register, send your name, address and phone number, along with the \$75 donation to: Mission Ministries, 1513 Pinewood Lane, New London, WI 54961.

For more information contact the Rev. Paul Feider at (920) 982-0970.

WCC Washington Island Forum

The **Washington Island Forum**, sponsored by the **Wisconsin Council of Churches**, will be held July 11-15, 2005 on Washington Island, off the tip of Wisconsin in Door County.

The 2005 forum features **Eugene Peterson**, Presbyterian pastor, theologian, best-selling author and teacher. Early registration is recommended. A \$100 deposit holds your registration. The total fee is \$200 before Mar. 1; \$225 per person after Mar. 1. Meals are available for non-registered guests.

For details, visit www.wichurches.org/events/evnt-wash.html or call Jan Johnson, Wisconsin Council of Churches, at (608) 837-3108.

The Bishop's Calendar

Listed on the "Bishop's Calendar" are Parish visitations, Diocesan functions (which the Bishop may or may not be involved in personally), and other events at which the Bishop is a participant. Personal appointments with individuals will never be listed publicly in this calendar.

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JANUARY

- 5-12 Bishop Jacobus vacation
- 9 Cursillo Annual Meeting, 3 p.m., St. Mark's, Waupaca
- 14-15 Deacons' School, Wausau
- 15 Child Abuse Prevention Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Thomas, Menasha

- 16 Visitation, St. Thomas, Menasha
- 18 Clergy Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Mark's, Waupaca
- 27 Executive Council meeting, 11 a.m., St. Anne's, DePere
- 30 Visitation, St. John's, New London
- 31-2 Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Norbertine Center for Spirituality, DePere

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FEBRUARY

- 4-6 Province V Youth Network meeting
- 9 Ash Wednesday
- 13 Visitation, St. James, Manitowoc
- 15 Church Secretaries Network

- meeting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Anne's, DePere
- 18 or 25 Celebration of New Ministry, 5 p.m., St. Luke's, Sister Bay
- 20 Diocesan Youth Praise Music Jam, 1-5 p.m., St. John's, New London
- 26 Clarion Committee meeting, 10 a.m., St. John's, New London

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MARCH

- 5 Vestry School, 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m., Green Bay
- 17 Executive Council meeting, 11 a.m., St. Paul's, Suamico
- 22 Diocesan Chrism Mass, 11 a.m., St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac

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APRIL

- 3 Happening Staff Training, 1-7 p.m., All Saints, Appleton
- 12 Clergy Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Paul's, Marinette
- 15-17 Happening #58, All Saints, Appleton
- 16 Child Abuse Prevention Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. John's, Wausau
- 22-23 Martin Consultation with Family-Sized Congregations
- 29-30 Tri-Diocesan Conference, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

JUNE

- 16 Diocesan Eucharistic Festival, St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac