



# The Epistle

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*September 2011*

## What's Your Draw?

The game of golf has always been a mystery to me, even when I tried to play the game. The courses are some of the most beautifully kept parks you could imagine. It is a pleasure just to walk there. But the game itself is puzzling to me. What is its draw?

For me, no matter how badly I played there was always that one shot that felt just right, that soared so beautifully in the air and went in the right general direction. That was the come on. It was like an opiate. I was hooked. The same thing is true of my experience of the Episcopal Church. I know there are plenty of negatives I could discuss, but when I ask myself what draws me to the Episcopal Church I have to say there is something I experience here among my fellow church members that keeps me coming back.

What inspired this line of thinking is the goal we have set for ourselves in this parish. **“To make the treasure of our tradition accessible to new people through our worship, education, fellowship and outreach.”** I can imagine some people saying, “Treasure, what treasure?” That’s the people I want to talk to. Yes, there is a treasure. And I’ll say right off that the center of my affection is the wonderful relationship I have with God the Father through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. However, my affection had to come in a community of believers. In my case it was the people of St. Luke’s in Kearney, Nebraska.

Many of those who shared the treasure of the Anglican tradition with me were just folks who came and worshipped and did their jobs. But, oh what style and grace they had! They gave of the best so that we could join in the worship of our God “decently and in order.” I was an acolyte and choir member. I went to Sunday School and Youth Group. But the moment the sale was closed was the moment that Jack Shofstall handed me a pledge card and said, “Here, you’re old enough to take on some responsibility.” I had never thought of my belonging as a matter of choice, but now I was being asked to put my money where my mouth was. What I want to say is my experience of the church is a package deal. It’s a way of life, and that same gruff man was also the one who invited me to breakfast with the brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

Today, I am still learning the many facets of the treasure that was given to me years ago. I am so grateful to Jack and Helen and Marybeth and Miriam and Mom and Dad for sharing the treasure with me. Being part of this church is a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you, Jesus.

*Fr. Tom*



### ***Senior Warden's Notes***

Summer is over and the students are back. Takes a little longer to get places now! Be sure to allow some extra time to get to your destination.

Speaking of students, it has been an ongoing practice for someone(s) from St. Paul's to provide a meal for the KSU Canterbury students one Monday a month, typically the second Monday. In December it will be the first Monday as students will be leaving for Christmas break after that. It would be great to start this ministry in September if someone is willing. A sign up sheet will be in the Common Room for anyone interested. It's a great opportunity to mingle with the peer ministers, KSU students, Nic, and Father Michael. You are always welcome to stay for the program following the meal. Dinner is usually served at 6:30. Canterbury House is located at 1823 Laramie.

Looking forward to participating in the Purple Power Play on Poyntz for the first time. We will be handing out bottled water both evenings (September 1 and 2 between 6 and 9 p. m.). We could use volunteers to help set up around 4:00 each day, to hand out water, and then take it down each evening. If you didn't have a chance to sign up to help, it would be okay to just show up!

David Littrell and his Stewardship Committee will be gearing up for their campaign soon. Watch for the communications from this group as this is a really important ministry for St. Paul's.

Mark your calendars for the evening of October 23 as the Evangelism Committee will be hosting another "Meet and Greet" for newcomers to St. Paul's. The first "Meet and Greet" activity was very successful. We encourage everyone to attend and meet the new people.

A big thank you to the organizers and participants in the three summer S.P.I.N. activities and to the Parish Life folks for the Ice Cream social. St. Paul's never lacks for something to do!

Let's make this fall a memorable one for everyone at St. Paul's and in the Manhattan community—we can do it. Please feel free to contact me by calling 539-7839 or by email at [dks3838@yahoo.com](mailto:dks3838@yahoo.com)  
Dale K. Shipps

### **August Vestry Notes**

Following a check in and brief bible study Fr. Miles opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda.

The Financial reports were gone over...

It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Trustee's report.

Report on the recent audit was passed around, approved and has sent to the diocese.

The Encore Shop's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sales were \$7,976. After Kansas Sales tax and expenses \$7,193 was divided between St. Paul's Endowment Fund and the Encore Shop account. In addition to their quarterly pledges to Shepherd's Crossing, Flint Hills Community Clinic, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and the Happy Kitchen, a gift of \$750 was made to Shepherd's Crossing and \$200 to the Happy Kitchen.

D. Littrell reports on Stewardship, that a letter will go out to parishioners early in September telling them about the upcoming pledge drive. He and his committee are working on pledge cards and a stewardship statement he would like the vestry to sign and that will be included in a future issue of The Epistle.

Vestry members will again provide snacks for the Sunday school children.

V. Houser is working on the possibility of a spring concert with the Methodist Hand bell Choir.

It was moved and seconded to proceed with extending the Columbarium using funds from the Columbarium/ undesignated Memorial Fund.

It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Critter Control to remove the bats.

Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to nominate Suzanne Otto to be St. Paul's representative on Shepherd's Crossing Board.

Motion carried.

E. Blaker closed the meeting with the service of Compline.



## Reflections on Stewardship by David Littrell

Recently there was an extensive survey of people who identified themselves as Christians. This was not a poll taken of the general populace. 65% of these self-identified Christians reported that they were “too busy” to read the Bible with any regularity. Through many more questions, the poll takers also were able to determine that there was a notable difference in behavioral patterns between those who read the Bible 4-7 times per week vs. those who read the Bible 1-3 times per week. The 3/4 times per week was a readily apparent point of demarcation in how Bible reading affected people’s behavior and thoughts (e.g., a concept of what is sinful, decisions about theological issues, and the value of the Word of God in one’s life, etc.).

Reading the Bible daily keeps us attuned to how we perceive stewardship in its broadest meaning. In the past several months, I’ve written about being aware of God’s hand in nature, about offering our help to others and our church with our compassion, time, talents, and money, and about keeping the names of God and Jesus holy, especially by avoiding the thoughtless use of their names as part of our speech patterns.

This month I’m addressing briefly how reading the Bible resets our moral compass on a daily basis. It reminds us of who should be in charge of our lives (God) and provides us with a tranquil time of reflection. Jesus certainly craved quiet periods when He could commune with His Father. I have a strong suspicion Jesus had many things to accomplish each day, but He knew they were not an excuse to shirk his communion with God.

This October and November, we’ll determine our personal level of stewardship commitment to others, especially through St. Paul’s. Pledge cards will provide you an opportunity to list ways to give your time and talents, as well as making a financial commitment. We can’t out give God, but we can make a decision to raise our levels of commitment in the areas mentioned above. This will be in gratitude for the blessings God showers down upon us each day.



## Come Together – Reach Out! By David Thompson

Purple, blue, red, orange, green – going beyond hues of the rainbow, these colors strike a sense of unity and passion for those who are sports fans. This year, St. Paul’s church family is encouraged to unite together, regardless of our sports allegiances, to reach out in Christ’s love to our community. On September 1 and 2, as thousands of people gather for the K-State Purple Power Play on Poyntz, St. Paul’s will be handing out bottled water to thirsty fans. Jesus said a cup of cold water given in His Name would be blessed, and that is our hope – to be His loving arms extended into our community. Along with the water, an information card will be distributed with our church name, worship times and contact information.

How can you get involved? Glad you asked!

- Encouragers are needed to stop by the booth on 5th street – a crowd draws a crowd. Please stop by between 6 and 9 p.m. and say hello to those who are volunteering to operate the booth.
- Donors are needed – we can use bottled water, bags of ice, and ice chests. A sign-up sheet is available in the Common Room, or you may contact the church office.
- Workers are needed – people to help set up, operate the booth distributing water, and some to help us take things down each evening. People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

### HOW TO REACH US

Saint Paul’s office: 776-9427; e-mail: [stpauls@stpaulsmanhattan.org](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsmanhattan.org); web site: [www.stpaulsmanhattan.org](http://www.stpaulsmanhattan.org)



Evangelism Ministries  
Presents



## Spiritual Gifts Workshop

You HAVE Spiritual Gifts—Do you know what they are?

Evangelism ministries is offering a Spiritual Gifts Workshop on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. The cost of registration is \$5 for lunch and supplies. This educational opportunity is offered by Evangelism Ministries in order to:

- Enable Lay Ministry development
- Demonstrate the possibilities for lay ministry
- Practice discernment among friends.

Posters and registration forms are available at the church office.

## ***Ministries in Motion!!***

### **Encore Shop**

Encore Shop volunteers met on August 10th for lunch and a business meeting to review the second quarter financial statements and prepare for opening on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Second quarter sales were \$7,976. After payment of Kansas sales tax (\$681.98) and the quarter expenses for telephone, trash service, annual garden care and supplies, \$7,193 was divided between St. Paul's Endowment Fund and the Encore Shop account. The volunteers voted gifts of \$750 to Shepherd's Crossing and \$200 to our Happy Kitchen. These gifts are additional to quarterly pledges of \$1,000 to Shepherd's, \$400 to Flint Hills Community Clinic, \$300 to Rector's Discretionary Fund and \$100 to Happy Kitchen.

Volunteers have stocked the shop ready for opening after the summer break. During the break, new carpet was installed in a main floor room, and the building thoroughly cleaned.

The shop always has need of good kitchenware, bedding, towels and clothes for elementary school children.

### **St. Francis Canterbury House**

They have a new name! They are now calling themselves, St. Francis Canterbury Episcopal Campus Mission, Inc. One of their missions is putting on the Tuesday morning breakfasts! The 2nd Monday of each month we have an opportunity to thank them by providing a meal for the Canterbury house! Check out the sign up sheet in the common room if you are able to help with this!

### **Evangelism Upcoming Events**

1. October 22 – “The diocese is sponsoring a two-part workshop on ‘Conversational Evangelism’ beginning Saturday, Oct. 22 in Emporia from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Registration forms will soon be posted on the diocesan website.” (Kansas Dialog).
2. October 23 – “Meet and Greet” – an opportunity for those who are relatively new to St. Paul's to get to know our Rector and other leaders in the church.
3. November 5 – Father Miles and the Evangelism Committee will be offering a Spiritual Gifts Workshop on Saturday, Nov.5 for area Episcopalians. You won't want to miss it.



# Announcements!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING!!

**Sept. 1 & 2nd: Purple Power Play on Poyntz.** Saint Paul's will have a water booth! Donations of bottled water would be appreciated, and if you wish to work in the booth, check the sign up sheet in the common room!!



**SEPTEMBER 10TH:** Last month a group of men began the search for the best Eggs Benedict in town. It was pretty good, but it couldn't compare with our own men's breakfast. So we'll be back in the kitchen on Saturday, September 10 in the Dining Room for the **Great American Men's Breakfast**. Come at 8:00 a.m. to be in time for the Grace, or come earlier to help cook (that's a lot of fun too).



**SEPTEMBER 10TH:** The **St. Paul's Saturday Morning** women's fellowship group will begin their Fall programs on September 10th in the Common Room at 10:00 a.m. This group meets on the second Saturday of each month from September through May. A short program is given and refreshments are served. This month come hear Cindy LaBarge. Are you all wondering what's going on downtown with all the building and changes? Cindy, a member of St. Paul's and also John and Eleanor Blaker's daughter, is on the Board of Directors of Downtown Manhattan and will present a short program on this! Hope to see you all there!

**SEPTEMBER 10 & 11TH:** **Fall Fun Fest** is scheduled for this weekend at St. Margaret's Church in Lawrence. This is the first diocesan event of the school year for youth in grades 6-12 providing music, fun and an opportunity to make friends with youth from all over the diocese and learn about Christian spirituality. Register online at <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/fallfunfest.html>

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS!** Do not fear, the Sunday evening events will begin in September. The first Sunday evening supper will be **September 18th at 5:30 p.m.** But be aware that there are going to be some change ups. For one thing Coach Justin will be with us to get us moving around. Be ready.

**ECW Meet and Greet Luncheon:** This will be held at the 152nd Convention of the Diocese of Kansas, on Saturday, September 24th at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$15 (unless you are registered with the convention and paid for a lunch). To register for the luncheon send your fee to : June Mendenhall, PO Box 100, Sedan, Ks 67361 by September 12th. Checks are payable to the Diocese of Kansas ECW. For more information go to:

<http://www.episcopal-ks.org/life/documents/ECW-2011-luncheon.doc>

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:**

Training for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders will be starting in September. We will need to find a time that will be mutually acceptable to the people who have signed up, but there is still time to sign up for this training. It is our hope to have these people licensed to lead daily offices and other public worship. Think of the possibilities!



### **F.Y.I.: Northwest Convocation Board**

At the meeting of the Northwest Convocation Board held at Grace Cathedral, Topeka on Saturday, August 20, The Convocation heard the presentation of the Diocesan Budget for 2012. Another item of business was the election of a clerical member from the Northwest Convocation to the Council of Trustees. The Rev. Thomas Miles was elected for a three-year term. It will be necessary for the Diocesan Convention meeting to ratify that election.



**Fr. Tom Miles, Rector**  
**Charles Pearce, Archdeacon**

**Service Schedule**  
**Sunday**

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite I  
 10 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II  
 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

**Wednesday**

12:15 p.m.: Healing Eucharist

**Christian Education**

Sunday Mornings: 11:15 a.m. - noon (children)

**Happy Birthday**

**SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!**

*If your birthday is not listed, let the office know!!!*

2nd	Mary Vanier	12th	Shannon Eickhoff	20th	Claire Smith
8th	Pat Pesci Kathryn Moore	13th	John McCulloh Kae Olson		John Horton-Smith Reagan Danker
9th	Jeff Rosenow	15th	Mark Haub Trae Haub	22nd	Nikki Strope
10th	Sam Danker	18th	Carol Connizzo John LaBarge	24th	Pam Smith
11th	Liz Kolstad				

**MONTHLY HAPPENINGS**

**FOOD BASKET SUNDAY:** The 1st Sunday of each month, dried and canned goods can be left at the back of the church.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The 2nd Saturday of each month, men meet at the church at 8 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S SATURDAY MORNING:** The women meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Common Room. Come for some fellowship and a cup of coffee! *Note: doesn't meet during summer*

**ECW:** The last Wednesday of the month at 12:45 p.m. following the noon healing service (unless a conflict with a holiday).

**D.O.K.:** 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

**WEEKLY**

**La Concina Allegra:** Breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. in the dining room.

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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Church Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Eleanor Blaker, Parish Administrator

*Remember the Church in your will*

# St. Paul's Calendar for September 2011

## Monthly Planner

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