

The Epistle

July 2010

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Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
June 29, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past several years, we have celebrated the patronal feast of this parish on January 25, the Conversion of St. Paul. But, today's feast commemorates both St. Paul and St. Peter, giants of the New Testament era.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP, p. 241)

I am sure if we had been a mouse in the corner observing those early meetings between Peter and Paul, we would have been pretty surprised to see them on the church calendar always commemorated one with another. Those early meetings focused on extending the faith to the Gentiles; and the necessity, or not, of circumcision was the issue of the day. Apparently there is a long tradition of differing opinions in the church. The feast of the Confession of St. Peter is always observed a week before the conversion of St. Paul, and the days between those feasts are focused on Christian unity. The first century mouse would indeed have been surprised that when we talk about ecumenical unity we would start with Peter and end with Paul. There may well be surprises when people look back at the church disagreements of our own day.

The vestry has launched us on a series of projects to repair water damage to the cornerstone masonry, the roof above that area where the original building was joined to the 1903 chancel addition, replacing the damaged windows in the Great Hall, as well as, adding more sidewalk to the west side of the church. The estimated costs for this construction work will be about \$17,000. Do prayerfully consider these projects as you reflect on your own stewardship of giving to God.

On June 12, Kay Beach was made a postulant for Holy Orders as a vocational deacon by the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. As a parish we need to uphold her in our daily prayers:

Give your grace, O God, to your servant Kay as she is called to prepare for the office of deacon for ministry to your people. Fill her with Your truth, and clothe her with holiness of life, that she may faithfully serve before You. In Christ's name, we pray. (BCP, 256, adapted)

May we be blessed to know more fully God's love in these days of summer.

Faithfully,

Mary Jane+

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will meet Thursday, **July 8**, at 6:00 p.m., hosted by Harold and Patricia Gourley.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

St. Paul's Guild will not meet until September 9.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

THANKS to Kay Beach, Barbara Baltisberger, Pam Campbell, Mary Harvey, Sally Klinkefus, Joann Livingston, and Freida McInroy for your help, and the food that you provided for the Church Women United meeting in June.

No meetings held in July & August.

VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will not meet in July.

The next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, August 19.

COFFEE SCHEDULE

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| July 4 | Mike Heaverlo |
| July 11 | David & Mary Jane Oakland |
| July 18 | Pudd Handorf & Freida McInroy |
| July 25 | Orlin & Sally Klinkefus |
| Aug 1 | Don & Pam Campbell |
| Aug 8 | Tom & PJ Colbert |
| Aug 15 | David & Karen Bursley |
| Aug 22 | Mary Lou Tappe |
| Aug 29 | Audrey Hafar & Mary Jacobson |

CONGRATULATIONS

to Roger Halleck on his retirement from his work with the state of Iowa. Best wishes from St. Paul's!

**21st Annual
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA
SUMMER MINISTRY SCHOOL & RETREAT
July 23-25, 2010
Grinnell College Campus
Grinnell, Iowa**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion, Tuesday, June 8. A BIG THANKS TO OUR TEAM: Bill Baltisberger, David Bursley, P. J. Colbert, Marjorie Cook, Don Crowley, David and Mary Jane Oakland. The meal of baked pork, potato salad, pasta with veggies, buttered rolls, baked beans, cake with custard sauce, orange juice and milk was served to 56 patrons.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Jul 28 Nancy Stone and Kay Beach

Aug 25 Mary Lou Tappe and
Pam Campbell

If you cannot serve when scheduled, trade with someone or use the following members in emergency only:

Bill or Barbara Baltisberger 753-7494

Pam Campbell 753-8064

Nan Ryden 753-3788

Mary Lou Tappe 752-5833

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX

Currently, the items most needed are **macaroni and cheese, peas, pork and beans, carrots, stewed tomatoes and corn.**

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, you may send a check at any time. Make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box**, and mail to: **EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158.**

St. Paul's next opportunity to help restock the Emergency Food Box will be Sunday, July 11.

JULY 2010

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3  HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! |
| 4 9:30 AM Worship  Independence Day | 5 | 6 Happy Anniversary! Mac & Freida McInroy | 7 Happy Anniversary! Greg & Lori DeSaulniers | 8 6:00 St. Margaret's Mission | 9 Happy Anniversary! Fred & Ce Hubbard | 10 Happy Birthday! Everett Halsted |
| 11 Food Box Sunday 9:30 AM Worship | 12 Happy Birthday! Aleks Thomas Happy Anniversary! Don & Pam Campbell | 13 | 14 | 15 NO VESTRY | 16 | 17  IT'S SUMMER! |
| 18 9:30 AM Worship | 19 Happy Birthday! Don Campbell Happy Anniversary! Orlin & Sally Klinkefus | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Happy Birthday! Marshall Jones John Veldey | 24 |
| 25 9:30 AM Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 MEALS ON WHEELS Happy Birthday! | 29 | 30 | 31 |

