

The Epistle

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Feast of St. Bartholomew
August 24, 2009

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings on this feast day of a rather obscure apostle! Bartholomew is mentioned in the list of the disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, but in John there is no mention of Bartholomew, but the name of Nathanael is included. We know very little about him beyond his name. And, this year, it seems appropriate to be celebrating his feast on a Monday. For Monday is an ordinary day. It is the back to the grind of work. Monday is my chore day. And, of course, if I get too many things scheduled the chore list is as long at evening as it was in the morning. Lots of life is about fixing, maintaining, doing the mundane, and I will admit that I can fill up my days with more interesting tasks so the chores don't get done. Mark Nemo in his writing reminds us that it is the "rubbing of our humanity against what is daily that sparks the spiritual".

841. That's how many back packs were stuffed with school supplies, and that is how many disappeared from the Great Hall during two days. St. Bartholomew might be a good patron saint for the women who come to do the sorting of the supplies, getting the right things for the right age groups into the bags. There needs to be a lot of organization so the chore of the work can be done efficiently. I know those women were tired when they finished. But, to see 841 back packs lined up around the Great Hall brings a sense of accomplishment. One woman who packed and distributed the school supplies stopped to talk a bit. 841 is a lot of back packs, but it is about 20% of the children in our schools. The percentage of children eligible for free and reduced price school meals is much higher. The woman added, "I wonder about another 30% of the children whose parents and guardians must also need help in purchasing school supplies. I wonder if those children will have the materials they need?" The hard work had not dampened her enthusiasm for serving children and families in this community.

May remembering St. Bartholomew encourage us in finding that the chores we dread, the chores over which we procrastinate, the chores that seem to take too long, the chores that are mind-numbing, are rubbing us against the daily to make us more human, more spiritually able to hear God.

May we find blessings in the ordinary chores, giving thanks for yet another day in our lives.

Faithfully,
Mary Jane+

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This is our new parish website!
Be sure to check it out!



ST. MARGARET'S MISSION

St. Margaret's Mission will hold their next meeting Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hostess will be Nancy Stone.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet Friday, September 4, at 9:15 a.m. at Salvation Army, 107 West State Street.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD

Let's all plan to attend the next Church Women United meeting. It will be held Friday, September 4, at 9:15 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 107 West State Street. We will meet at St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m. and attend as a group.

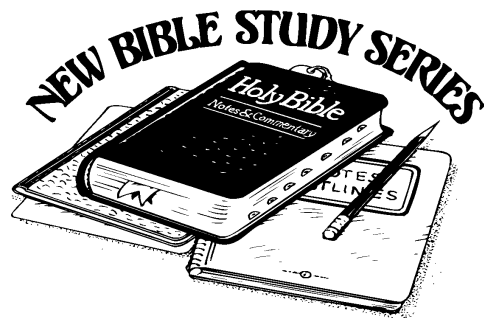
Our September 10 meeting will be a salad luncheon at 12:00 noon, in the conference room at St. Paul's. Barbara Baltisberger and Joann Livingston are hostesses. Rev. Mary Jane Oakland Kay Beach will present the program.

VESTRY

St. Paul's Vestry will meet Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

September 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Tom Colbert will present a program titled "Faith of the Founding Fathers" for the parish and community. Please invite your friends to come with you to this program! The program will be held in the Great Hall.



Our fall Bible Study of the Gospel of Luke will be held Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning September 16. The cost of the book is \$20.00. Please call the office to sign up as soon as possible. We will order books Thursday, September 3.

2009 COFFEE SCHEDULE

Sep 6	Pat & Dorothy Apgar
Sep 13	Kay Beach
Sep 20	Mary Harvey
Sep 27	Don & Sandy Crowley
Oct 4	Mary Lou Tappe
Oct 11	Pudd Handorf and Freida McInroy
Oct 18	Marjorie Cook
Oct 25	Joann Livingston
Nov 1	Rex & Nan Ryden
Nov 8	David & Karen Bursley
Nov 15	Tom & P. J. Colbert
Nov 22	Orlin & Sally Klinkufus
Nov 29	Don & Pam Campbell



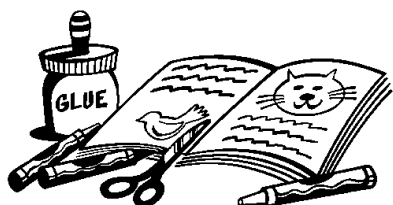
HOUSE OF COMPASSION

St. Paul's served the evening meal at the House of Compassion Tuesday, August 11. 39 people were served chicken and noodle stir fry, bread and butter, mixed fruit, and doughnuts. THANKS to our serving team: David Bursley, David Oakland, Tom and P. J. Colbert, Marjorie Cook, and Kay Beach.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the House of Compassion school supply give-away. Because of your Christian caring, we are all able to make a significant difference in the education of students in Marshall County who are most in need. Soliciting and distributing appropriate school supplies to the children of families who most need them will make the days of school brighter for over 80 students in grades K-12. Many children are starting school this fall with new backpacks filled with basic supplies. The school supply give-away on the 15th and 17th was a huge success—thanks to all of you!!!

House of Compassion
Supply Closet Team
(School Give Away)

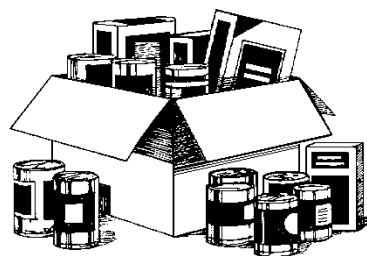


MEALS ON WHEELS

Sep 23 Bill & Barbara Baltisberger
or Marjorie Cook
Oct 28 Pam Campbell and
Marjorie Cook

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

Barb Baltisberger 753-7494
Marjorie Cook 753-7848
Nan Ryden 753-3788



HELP SERVE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY FOOD BOX!

The Emergency Food Box needs your help now more than ever. The items that are most needed at the present are **macaroni & cheese, boxes of dry cereal, pork & beans, and canned peas, corn, and tomatoes.** (please check the dates on the cans)

Cash donations are always welcome. These funds are used to buy needed items locally, and to pay handling charges for items we are able to get from the Food Bank of Iowa. Please make checks payable to: **Emergency Food Box**, and mail to: **EFB; P.O. Box 391; Marshalltown, IA 50158.**

Thank you for your past contributions!

St. Paul's next opportunity to bring food items is Sunday, September 13.

SEPTEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 6:00 p.m. St. Margaret's Mission	4 9:15 a.m. CWU Forum - Salvation Army	5
6 9:30 AM Worship	7 	8 First Day of Preschool Happy Birthday! Barbara Baltisberger	9	10 12:00 noon St. Paul's Guild Salad Luncheon Happy Birthday! Peg Langenberg	11	12
13 9:30 AM Worship Emergency Food Box Sunday	14 Happy Birthday! Marsha Eppert	15	16	17 7:00 PM Vestry	18	19
20 9:30 AM Worship	21	22 7:00 p.m. Dr. Tom Colbert's presentation	23 MEALS ON WHEELS Happy Birthday! Tom Colbert Bill Whitehill Jane Halleck	24	25	26 
27 9:30 AM Worship Happy Birthday! Joann Livingston	28	29	30	31 		

Lay Participants for 2009

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

All lay participants are to meet in the choir room for prayer 5 minutes before service time.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lay Readers/Lectors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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Each person is responsible for finding a replacement when needed and reporting the change to the church office.

Date: September 6 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons: Nan Ryden
Prayers: Audrey Hafar
Chalice and Acolyte: David Bursley
Ushers: Don and Pam Campbell
Altar Guild: Ce Hubbard
Lock-up: Bill Baltisberger
LEV: Colleen Harmon
Coffee: Pat and Dorothy Apgar

Date: September 27 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Mary Jane Halsted
Chalice and Acolyte: Sheryl Readout
Ushers: Rex and Nan Ryden
Altar Guild: Nan Ryden and Pam Campbell
Lock-up: Bill Baltisberger
LEV: Freida McInroy
Coffee: Don and Sandy Crowley

Date: September 13 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: David Oakland
Chalice and Acolyte: Mary Jane Halsted
Ushers: Sheryl Readout and Colleen Harmon
Altar Guild: Marge Cook and Sheryl Readout
Lock-up: Bill Baltisberger
LEV: Barbara Baltisberger and Mary Harvey
Coffee: Kay Beach

Date: September 20 **9:30 AM**
Rector: The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland
Organist: Audrey Hafar
Lessons and Prayers: Ce Hubbard
Chalice and Acolyte: Kay Beach
Ushers: Bill and Barbara Baltisberger
Altar Guild: Marsha Eppert
Lock-up: Bill Baltisberger
LEV: Sandy Crowley
Coffee: Mary Harvey

