



# CONNECTIONS

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!



**Our Mission**

**WELCOME**

all seekers

**NURTURE**

one another in our  
journeys of faith

**SERVE**

God's world

Photo by Jim Wright

## From the Rector: Music Personnel Update

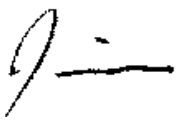
By now, most of you have received a letter from the Wardens and me concerning the departure of Brian Bloye, Director of Music, which will take place May 15. We are already interviewing potential successors, and we expect to have a new Director of Music in place in plenty of time to begin the fall with the Music Ministry on a solid footing. In the meantime, we know that all of you who are involved in music at SPR will continue the remarkable commitment you have shown during the interim.

Rather than take the time to appoint a new committee and begin again from scratch, I am leading the search process. This is possible because much groundwork has already been laid by the recent search committee; and parish leaders, as well as parishioners involved in music, are already pitching in to help with the new search.

As a first step, Barbra Goering, Peter Lane, and I went back over the list of applicants from the recent search. In doing so, we identified four individuals whom we did not interview last time – primarily due to their having less experience than those who were finalists – who have excellent credentials. Over the past weekend, one of these worked with our choirs, including the Trebles, and was interviewed by choir members. Another is scheduled to visit SPR in two weeks; and I am talking with a third person who is also likely to come soon.

Happily, Irene Claude continues as Director of the St. Nicholas Choir. Irene is gifted at leading young children in making music, which is her ongoing vocation outside SPR, and we are grateful that a generous gift from choir parents makes it possible for Irene to serve as a member of the staff.

As developments unfold in the days ahead, we will keep you informed. Thanks so much for your patience as we seek new leadership for this area of parish life that we value so highly.  
Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the Rector, written in a cursive style.

# Capital Campaign News

## The Mortgage

Last month Tim Bohrer and Claire Hartfield shared the wonderful generosity has enabled us to reduce the payments on the mortgage month to \$1,450.00. This has happened because parishioners have pledged over \$600,000.00 toward total pledges of over \$1,000,000.00. We have more news to report:

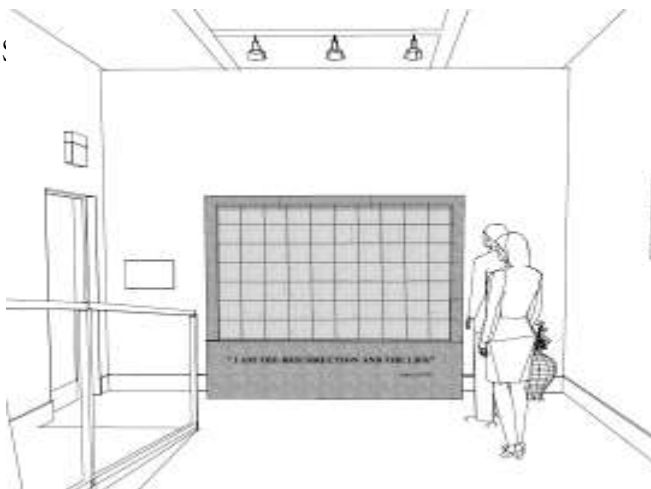


## Air Conditioning

Made possible by a gift from a parish family, the worship space air conditioning system is being installed as I write. Equipment is being placed in the balcony, in the space over the Counseling Center near the handicap ramp, and above the sacristy in the northwest corner of the worship space. We are assured that the system will be very quiet and efficient, and that it will be completely installed and ready for use by early May.

## The Columbarium

This morning Mathew Kramer, the architect for both the air conditioning and the columbarium, delivered preliminary drawings of the columbarium. Now Matt will get firm prices from tradesmen and will give us a schedule for the work. The columbarium will be installed in the exact location of the current backlit memorial window from the Church of the Redeemer. The window will be moved to the front wall of the chapel. It should make a beautiful backdrop for the chapel altar.



# Gifts for Easter Flowers and Music

## Given to the Glory of God

- ... in memory of Louise Bohrer by Tim and Martha Bohrer
- ... in memory of Marta Rios-Flores by Carlos Rios
- ... in thanksgiving by Kate Collins and Charlie Newell
- ... in memory of M. Petrona Rivas, C. Isabel Salinas, Eileen Newman Alan
- ... in memory of Alice Mobley, Patrick Morris and Robert Morris
- ... in memory of departed family by Jane L. Stuart
- ... in thanksgiving for our daughters, Karlin and Sophia by Ron and Leslie Gatton
- ... in memory of Uncle Al by Miranda and Emily Mejia
- ... in thanksgiving for Abraham, Josiah, and Maylaina by Michael and Mary Kohrman
- ... in memory of Fausteen and Gwendolyn Daniels by David C. Daniels
- ... in thanksgiving by Joshua Tolbert
- ... in memory of Edith DuBois and Teresia Hoegel
- ... in thanksgiving for family, friends, and community by Gail Williams
- ... in memory of Eric Fagan by the Bigger Family
- ... in memory of Colonel & Georgia Diggs, Harold & Dorothy Foxie, and Doris Fuller
- ... in memory of Allan Perlman, husband by Ellen Fisher
- ... in memory of family and friends by Virginia M. Garnett
- ... in memory of my grandparents, Ira & Nick Bagale, Kathryn & Charles Gaino by Cynthia Lindner
- ... in thanksgiving for the many blessings of life by Connie Bonbrest
- ... in memory of our dear friend, Ernst Cajuste by Meryl, Robin, and Gomez Charleston
- ... in thanksgiving for the St. Nicholas Choir by Joe, Irene, Ida, and Lulu Claude
- ... in thanksgiving by D.L. Wessel Walker, James Walker

... in memory of the parents of George & Olive K. Whitley, McHenry & Mercedes Kemp and William & Blanche Whitley, by George & Olive K. Whitley

... in memory of Warren Lane by Peter & Erin Lane

... in memory of Louis B. Smith by Ron & Frenchelle Hoskin

... in memory of Dee Hahn Rollins by Tom Chesrown and Jim Steen

... in thanksgiving for Odysseus U. Thompson, Jr. & Sr., Bonnie & Louis Parker for the Lord to keep them safe and with everlasting peace and also the Vanorsby family by Tameka Parker

... in thanksgiving for my recovery and my son by A.M. Gallo

... in thanksgiving for a healthy and happy family by Michael Collins, Sr. and Cheryl Vanorsby

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## Lenten Gifts Report

Every year during Lent we support mission projects near and far. This year's collection again showed the generosity of SPR people. Here's what you gave:

<b>Hyde Park &amp; Kenwood Hunger Programs:</b>	<b>\$ 939.00</b>
Supports the Food Pantry and the Open Kitchen lunch program.	
<b>Heifer Project (by SPR children):</b>	<b>\$1,044.25</b>
Provides for two cows for Haiti farmers	
<b>Shoemith School Uniforms</b>	<b>\$ 734.00</b>
Buys uniforms for Shoemith sports teams	
<b>St. Etienne School Scholarships</b>	<b>\$1,144.00</b>
Provides scholarships for Haitian children at St. Etienne	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,861.25</b>

# Children's Lenten Project: Heifer International

By Declan Bigger and Sara Bigger

Moo! This Lent, children were invited to participate in the Children's Lenten Heifer Project whose goal was to raise money to buy an animal for a family in Haiti. As in the past, children were encouraged to raise money on their own, by doing extra chores, or giving up some of their allowance money, or even finding money on the sidewalk. Additionally, for the first time, we held a craft and baked goods sale. We were hoping to raise enough for a sheep or a goat which each cost \$120. Two formation classes spent two weeks making crafts: bookmarks, Easter decorations, magnets, and clay figures. On Palm Sunday, the enthusiastic children sold these items, as well as ones they had made at home: yarn dolls, homemade games, Easter greeting cards, and bead chains. We also accepted donations. When we totaled it all at the end of the day, we had \$474.75! We were very close to getting a cow, which costs \$500.

On Sunday, March 30, we gathered the money the children had collected at home, as well as some donations which had come in to the church. Our total now is \$1,054.10! We are very excited about that total, and we will be able to get a cow and a sheep or goat plus a flock of geese or chicks and a hive of bees and still have \$4.10 left.



# Easter Adult Formation

## Resurrection!

Sunday Mornings 10:30-11:10 in the Byllesby Room

“Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.” Yes, but what does that mean? This Easter season, SPR adult formation is focusing on resurrection from five perspectives. We began at a pre-resurrection Holy Saturday place, inform the discussion with three biblical passages. We will end with a look at our creeds. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” Taunt death with us—discover resurrection.

Date	Topic	Leader
April 6	Resurrection—A Holy Saturday Perspective: Luke 23:50-56; & Romans 6:3-11	Vinita Wright
April 13	Resurrection—An Appearance Mark 16	Barnaby Riedel
April 20	Resurrection—A Late New Testament Perspective: 1st Peter 1:3-9	Sylvia Clark
April 27	Resurrection—Paul’s Take 1st Corinthians 15	Lindsay Little
May 4	Resurrection—The Nicene Creed and the Affirmation of Faith	Joshua Daniel

## **VBS ONLY 5 MONTHS AWAY!**

Mark your calendars now. Although Vacation Bible School won't take place until August 11–15, planning is well underway. A group is hard at work, determined to create the best VBS ever at SPR. Be on the lookout for updates during the coming months.

# April 2008 Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 04/03 Henrik Nielsen   | 04/17 Nathan Monberg   |
| 04/04 Jake Newell  | 04/19 Kim Hart   |
| 04/05 Garth Walker<br>Laird Walker                                   | 04/20 Eric Clark<br>Ed Mensah                                  |
| 04/07 Sara Bigger<br>Spencer Christian Roane                         | 04/21 Nicholas Hermann<br>Joshua Tolbert                       |
| 04/08 Robin Charleston<br>Sarah Sivright                             | 04/23 Kate Spelman<br>Anne Swanton                             |
| 04/09 Bindu Jones<br>Leatrice Mowatt<br>Robert Davis                 | 04/25 Kate Baldwin<br>Paul Woo                                 |
| 04/10 Gail Williams<br>Samuel Stokes<br>Nicole Brown<br>Melissa Howe | 04/27 Caitlin Jonassen<br>Donna Larrieu                        |
| 04/11 Katie Naftzger   | 04/28 Christopher Dionesotes                                   |
| 04/13 Daryl Materre<br>Elsa Nielsen<br>Matt Patton                   | 04/29 Levi Smith, Jr.  |
| 04/14 Benjamin Lauderdale<br>Geraldine Mardis<br>Clarence Wood       | 04/30 Adela Cepeda<br>Ben Cornwell<br>Sam Morin<br>Anne Rogers |
| 04/15 Allison Clark<br>Dorothy Crabb                                 | <hr/>  |
| 04/16 Sem Sutter   | 04/15 Clark Morris & Alyce Morris                              |
|  | 04/15 Jim Sowerby & Deirdre Connel                             |
|  | 04/23 Lauren Glover & Kenneth Glover                           |
|  | 04/28 Pat & Mike Collins                                       |

# Thanks!

## March 2008 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

- March 2 Fran Spaltro  
Laura King (Children's Hospitality)
- March 16 Charlie Berry & David Larsen  
Megg Hoover & Andrea DeDent
- March 23 Easter Brunch
- March 30 Harold Olivey  
Charlene Jones-Foster  
Mary Kohrman Hayes (Children's Hospitality)

## And More Thanks to...

...Connie Bonbrest and her helper, Fran Spaltro, who provided a bountiful reception following the Easter Vigil

...Carol Mosely Braun for the poster of Absalom Jones that now adorns the parish office (Absalom Jones was the first African American Episcopal Priest. The poster was a gift to Carol from St. Thomas Church, Philadelphia, Jones' church, where Carol recently spoke)

...Robert Davis and Richard Lundgren for the beautiful new Book of Gospels that adorns our worship.

...John Hill, who has made and continues to make many repairs around the building

...the choirs, altar guild, ushers, acolytes, chalice bearers, hospitality providers, teachers, and all the other people whose efforts gave us a rich Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

...Tom Chesrown, who ordered and arranged all the flowers for Holy week and Easter

## Congratulations to...

...Kerstin Millius, who was baptized at the Easter Vigil

...Adam Yates and Rachel Knight, who were Confirmed

...Norman Marshall, who was received into the Episcopal Church

...Harold Olivey and Lindsay Little, who renewed their Baptismal Covenant

## Welcome to Newcomers and Guests Who Have Made Themselves Known to Us Since March 1

Laura Barrett	Ethel Glaze
Thomas Burt	Scott Kauffman
Bonnie Carenen	Will Mantyh
Caroline Davis	Eric Reinbold
Darian Gier	Carolyn Sander
Leslie Williams	Maria Dowell and Daniel McGehee and Marissa McGehee

### Holy Week and Easter Attendance

	Palm Sun	Maundy Thurs	Good Fri	Easter Vigil/ Easter Day
2008	389	165	129	616
2007	342	167	97	646
2006	336	150	131	616
2005	266	91	130	504
2004	303	87	125	413
2003	275	101	127	385
2002	250	96	90	352
2001	262	73	89	306
2000	203	68	90	275
1999	164	58	87	249
1998	134	32	38	245
1997	147	36	54	286

### Financial Statements

Within the next week you should receive a statement of all your gifts to the ministry and mission of SPR during the past quarter. We are converting all our data (membership and financial) to a new integrated system. You will notice(!) how much clearer the new statements are than the old ones.

There are sure to be a few glitches in this transition. If you have questions or see something that doesn't look right, please get in touch with Josefina Scanlon, our Bookkeeper, @ 847-570-0761 or [acctplus@hotmail.com](mailto:acctplus@hotmail.com). Josefina is in the office at SPR on Tuesdays only; but she is very pleased to hear from you at any time.

# Diocesan Leadership and Ministry Fair

We invite one and all to a day of learning and sharing as a diocesan community.

Saturday, April 19, 2008

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lutheran School of Theology, Hyde Park

Keynote address by Bishop Jeffrey Lee

60 learning opportunities

on topics related to:

Vestries and bishop's committees

Aspirants, postulants, those in discernment

Congregational Development and Vitality

Effective Groups

Formation

Hispanic Ministry

Mission and Outreach

Music

Spirituality

Stewardship

Technology

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

To see the schedule with full descriptions of learning opportunities, go to: <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/>

Registration \$25 person and \$10 for students/seminarians.

Please register as soon as possible to get your first choice of workshops.

Questions? Call Anne Cothran at 312-751-4206.

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Kim Hart • Steve Heyman • David Stewart

Hank Underwood • Ruth Woll • Kate Collins

Beth Angell • Charline Jones-Foster • Eric Pelander

Megg Hoover, Clerk

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)

9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II

With Children's Chapel

10:20 a.m. Christian Formation for all ages

Nursery care available 8:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.