



Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer

May 2008

CONNECTIONS

*Come to SPR on Pentecost, May 11,
and see what happens to you!*



Our Mission

Welcome all
seekers

Nurture one
another in our
journeys of faith

Serve God's world

Pentecost Sunday/Mothers Day at SPR

Latino, Gospel, Native African, and American
Rock.....



are some of the musical traditions
we'll celebrate on the Feast of
Pentecost at 9:15 and 11:15.

And there'll be a **Jazz Trio:**
piano, double bass, and drum
set.



Mothers, don't despair!

We're finishing off all this multi-cultural music with our famous annual *Mothers Day Brunch*; and this year, because Mothers Day falls on Pentecost, the brunch, too, will be multi-cultural. So, Everyone, except mothers – unless you're otherwise inclined – bring your favorite ethnic dish to share and come, join the fun!

AFRECS Concluding Liturgy at SPR

This Year, on May 30 and 31, **AFRECS** (American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan) will hold its fourth Annual Conference at the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago, at 55th and University, here in Hyde Park. On **Sunday, June 1**, the participants in the conference will join us for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy. The Eucharist that day will feature Sudanese elements, including singing and drumming by the Chicago cohort of the Lost Boys of the Sudan. The preacher will be Bishop Francis Loyo of the Diocese of Rokon in Southern Sudan. Following the liturgy, we will honor our guests with an SPR-style festive brunch.

All are welcome to attend part or all of the conference on Friday and Saturday. For more information, go to http://www.afreecs.org/Upcoming_Events.htm.



YA@SPR Upcoming Events

June 1 Picnic at the Point

We'll grill burgers (both beef and veggie) and enjoy bountiful Midwestern picnic food. Interested in being the grill master or helping in another way? Contact Kate Spelman at kate.spelman@gmail.com



June 21 Habitat for Humanity

The vision of SPR is to model the radical hospitality of Jesus. What could be more hospitable than building a house. Talk to Andrea Dedent at dedenta@uchicago.edu for more

Children & Youth - A Report from the Field

By Peter Lane

Two weekends ago, I joined six terrific young people on an excursion to the exurbs. Camp Algonquin, the YMCA camp that the Diocese of Chicago uses for its summer camp, is located on the beautiful Fox River. Camp Algonquin was home for Cio Salinas, Eric Clark, Eva Mowatt, Jordan Clark, Taylor Dugas, Elspeth Stewart and me for two late nights. We filled our days with scavenger hunts, a team-building challenge course, guitar-led singing, basketball and reading. Taylor played his Saxophone in the talent show and we all roasted marshmallows for S'Mores. The theme of the retreat was Faith, Hope, and Love. The planning team had arranged for three different youths to give short talks on each of the subjects. We were asked to respond to the faith talk by making up a skit. A group of SPR kids did a line of 'trust falls.' Pretty cool.

We are blessed at SPR to have an engaged group of middle school kids from schools all over the city. (The six kids on our trip represented five different schools.) We meet every Sunday for Christian Formation and twice a month on Thursdays for service projects or fun.

Would you like to build a relationship with these great kids? Would you like to add the teenage perspective to your life? We are looking for a few more adults to help lead our burgeoning youth program. Contact Peter Lane (pcl@sp-r.org) if you are interested. Either way, you should strike up a conversation about the retreat with one of the six kids.



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Children & Youth - Vacation Bible School

August 11-15 8:30-11:30 AM



Where Kids Have a Blast Serving

Spend five days learning about service through songs, games, skits, Bible stories, and, of course, service projects.



Monday, August 11 — Friday, August 15

8:30 AM— 11:30 AM

5-11 Year Olds

\$30 before August 1 and \$40 thereafter - Aid gladly provided

Sign up In church office or at www.sp-r.org

Outreach - Affordable Housing Update

Major Victory for Affordable Housing Advocates in Hyde Park.



On Wednesday, April 23, L3 Development publicly committed to providing 15% affordable units, on-site, at its proposed 53rd and Cornell development. The city ordinance only requires them to provide 10% affordable units. They also could have fulfilled the affordable requirement by putting \$100,000 per unit into a fund, instead of putting the affordable units on-site.

We of CECD (Coalition for Equitable Community Development) view this as a major victory and are grateful to the 4th ward alderman, Toni Preckwinkle, and L3 Development, for committing to make this happen.

I would like to say that this was an over-night success; but, in fact, it was over two years in the making. It began on a cold night in January of 2006 in the living room of John and Brenda Murphy. There we hashed out our position on what we wanted to see at the 53rd and Cornell development. At that meeting were eight people of the Hyde Park/Kenwood faith community, including SPR representatives Linda Thisted, Rahsaan Morris, and Mary Naftzger. At the time L3 Development had committed to 15% affordable units, all off-site, and the alderman had approved this. We countered with requesting an even mix of on-site/off-site affordable units. At a public meeting on January 9, 2006, the alderman told us that we were "too late".

We kept in contact with L3 Development over the past two years, making sure that they knew that we were monitoring their progress at 53rd and Cornell. Their project, as proposed on April 23, 2008, calls for a 20 story building, with 206 rental units. (Two years ago, they were proposing a 17 story building, with 120 condo units.) At the Wednesday night meeting at Rodfei Zedek, they publicly committed to 15% affordable, on-site. We went from being "too late" to being on-time!

Linda Thisted
Chair, Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee, CECD




Music

First, on behalf of all of us, I want to say thank you to the Trebles who, on Pentecost, will sing for the last time during the academic year. It has been a year of changes in the Music Program, and we are especially proud of the Trebles, who have remained faithfully present all year. Congratulations to **Pete Murphy**, whose voice has changed and is graduating to the adult choirs on May 11.

Pentecost will be **Brian Bloye's** last Sunday at SPR. Although we regret that Brian and SPR proved not to be a good fit, we are grateful for what Brian and the singers who have accompanied him have given us and we wish them blessings and success. Brian is returning to St. Alphonsus Church on North Lincoln Avenue.

May 18, **Michael Kozakowski** will return as keyboardist and **Robyn French** and **Vance Lauderdale** will lead the adult choirs. Beginning the following Sunday, Robyn French and Jennifer Darrell will organize choral music. Beginning June 8, **Majel Connery** will return to coordinate music during the summer.

Finally, I have high hopes that the appointment of a new Director of Music will be announced in the near future. With warm regards,



SPR Little League

Once again, SPR is sponsoring Little League Ball in Hyde Park/Kenwood. This year, the Cardinals are the lucky team whose uniforms will bear the name "St. Paul & the Redeemer." Come out to Kenwood Park, across the street from the church and support your team. All games are played on one of the two diamonds closest to SPR.

May 13	Cardinals vs. White Sox
May 20	Athletics vs. Cardinals
May 22	Orioles vs. Cardinals
May 27	Athletics vs. Cardinals
May 29	Cardinals vs. White Sox
June 5	Athletics vs. Cardinals
June 10	Orioles vs. Cardinals

Starting time for games is 5:30 p.m.
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Summer Schedule - Don't Forget!

In just two weeks, on May 25, we begin the summer Sunday schedule:
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Guests and Newcomers!

Caroline Davis
Darian Gier
Will Manta
Odysseus Thompson

Charles and Camille Lay
Patrick Landback
Caitlin Tweed and John Parker
Elizabeth Hipp

And Farewell to Maurice Charles, who is now worshiping at Atonement, Chicago.

Buildings and Grounds

Air Conditioning: The big news in buildings and grounds is that the Air Conditioning system for the sanctuary is completely installed and functioning. Fine-tuning continues, especially to lower the sound level. Many, many thanks to the anonymous donors who have made this wonderful enhancement possible.

Lower Level and Chapel: Have you noticed how much better the floors look in the downstairs hallway and the Lindsay room? Missing tiles have been replaced; baseboards have been restored or replaced; and the floors have been stripped of years of wax build-up and re-waxed. No less dramatic is the difference in the limestone that surrounds the windows in the chapel, where many years (50?) of grit and grime has been removed. Thanks to Connie Bonbrest whose generosity made these projects possible.

Fair Trade Dates

We will sell Fair Trade Products May 18, June 8, and June 29th.

Mark your calendars and support Fair Trade.

- Mary Naftzter



May Birthdays

05/03 Daniel King
 05/04 Mairead Ernst
 05/05 Deirdre Connell
 05/06 Julian Mowatt
 Kate Collins
 05/07 Sylvia Clark
 Jonathan Daly
 05/08 Ivy Duncan
 Michael Stewart
 Brenda Kilpatrick
 05/09 Thomas (Rush) Brown
 Robert Lavicka
 05/12 Eva Nielsen
 05/13 Peter Pereira
 05/14 Michael Hogue
 05/15 Michael Kohrman
 Richard Lundgren
 05/16 Ken Olliff
 Julian Mowatt
 05/18 John Clark
 05/20 Robert Lunn
 05/21 Mildred Logan
 Adwoa Duncan
 Yinka Bamgbose
 05/22 Laura Lunn

05/24 Kenneth Lemmie
 Bernard Brown
 05/28 Eleanor Cory
 05/31 Alexandra Cory

May Anniversaries

05/02 Rod & Stephanie Waldhoff
 05/08 Dorothy & Jim Schumacher
 05/18 Henry & Janet Underwood
 05/ 22 Cheryl Jackson & Gary Jackson
 05/23 Ken & Heidi Olliff
 05/30 Tom & Melissa Howe
 05/31 Kristine Browne Colson & Steve Colson

April Coffee Hour Hosts Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

April 6 Andy Murphy & Beth Angell
 Beth Angell (Children's Hospitality)
 April 13 Thomas & Clara Christensen
 Katie & Adam Dickey
 Mary Kohrman Hayes (Children's)
 April 20 Marlin & Ann Marie Kirby
 Kim Hart & Charlie Cooper
 Allison Clark and P.J. Karafiol (Children's)
 April 27 Gail Williams
 Lyris & Eric Clark (Children's Hospitality)

Vestry Report

Highlights of the April Vestry Meeting

- In anticipation of the upcoming Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops and in view of the efforts of some to split the Anglican Communion, Steve Heyman introduced the following resolution on the “Gift of the Communion.” It passed unanimously.

As Christians, we believe that all people have been made in the image of God. We believe that God loves each and every person with an infinite, never-ending, unconditional love.

As members of the body of Christ, we acknowledge each person’s unique and valuable contribution as we seek together to build up that body in love.

As members of the Anglican Communion, we celebrate the gift of our diversity and are committed to being a broad Church that accepts and welcomes difference. We acknowledge our need of God’s forgiveness for the sins and failings, which harm our shared witness in the world. We believe our unity is rooted in our baptism in Christ, and we will seek to maintain that unity through the grace of the Holy Spirit who lives and works in each one of us.

- Jim Steen reported that we’ve received a \$4,000 grant, funded by the Lilly Endowment and the Diocese, for the mentoring of Seminarians. This will result in our ability to increase Donna Ialongo’s presence in the church beginning in September. She will help develop a program to guide parishioners, especially newcomers, in discerning their vocation in the parish. She will also head up Adult Formation.
- Three parishioners, Dan Puchalla, Kate Spelman, and Adam Yates, have begun the process of discerning vocations to the priesthood. The Rector has appointed a Parish Discernment Committee for each. These will meet through the summer, before submitting a report to the Rector, the Vestry, and the Bishop.
- A Vestry retreat will take place in September. Eric Pelander is working with David Stewart and Jim Steen to design a process to help us examine current and future issues of growth. To this end, Eric is designing a survey to distribute to

Ongoing Weekday Offerings

Centering Prayer: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. - Byllesby Room

Morning Prayer: Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. - Chapel, followed by light food

SPR Yoga: Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Bible Study: Thursday at 10:00 a.m. - Byllesby Room

Graduating? Leaving?

If you are graduating from senior high school, college, or a graduate program, or if you're moving away for another reason at the end of the academic year, please let us know! We want to acknowledge your achievement and send you off with our blessing.

Are You on Our Email List?

Every week an email is sent to many parishioners with information on what's happening in the near future, reminders about service schedule changes, etc. Do you receive SPR emails? If not, and if you would like to receive these nearly weekly updates, please email Frenchelle Hoskin at flh@sp-r.org.

Next Deadline

The Next deadline for Connections is May 23. Please submit information, articles etc. by that date. We welcome your input!



Need a great family car? We are selling our 1997 Ford Taurus station wagon, which has lived a cushy life in our garage. Only 52,000 miles, leather seats, moonroof, 6 CD changer, excellent condition. Edmund's says it's worth \$3000 in a private sale, but we'd love to sell to a member or friend of SPR, so make an offer. Call Barbra Goering or Jim Murray.

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Virginia Woodward, Nursery Director

Charline Johnson, Nursery Assistant

Ron Hoskin, Sexton

Jake Bitner and Donna Ialongo, Parish Interns

Vestry

Barbra Goering and Gail Williams, Wardens

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.