

# CONNECTIONS

September 2008

## Fall Kickoff Issue

Be sure to come September 7 to the annual Ministries Fair and learn about opportunities to serve in the coming year.

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:15 & 11:15 Ministries Fair in the Parish Hall following each liturgy
- Sign up your children and yourself to participate in various opportunities to worship, learn, grow, socialize & serve.
- Read inside about classes and choirs for people of all ages.



## From the Rector

I begin this fall grateful for the people who have served at SPR in countless ways during the past year and full of anticipation as new people come on board and assume leadership. Wishing that I had room to say much more about lay leadership in the parish, I'm going to use this page to bring you up to date on current and future staff.

*Karen Dennis* has recently joined us in the new position of Associate for Administration and Communications. Karen is a long-time Hyde Park resident who, for the past ten years, served as head of human resources at the Coop Market. Karen will work closely with *Josefina Scanlon*, our fine bookkeeper; and she will supervise Ron Hoskin, Sexton, as well as working with the people responsible for cleaning our building, maintaining our grounds, and removing snow from the parking lot.

*Dent Davidson*, soon to become Associate for Music and Liturgy, will be with us this Sunday, September 7. After fulfilling obligations on the West Coast and elsewhere, the last week of October Dent will return to assume leadership of SPR music and liturgy. Propitiously, Dent's installation will take place on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

Once Dent returns, *Majel Connery*, currently Interim Music Director, will continue on the staff in the new part-time position of Music Assistant, while working on her PHD in ethnomusicology. *Irene Claude* will continue as Director of the St. Nicholas Choir.

*Peter Lane* – don't worry, he isn't leaving! – who has served as Assistant Rector during the past year, is now Associate Rector. This is in well deserved recognition of Peter's fine work since joining the staff 14 months ago. There has been a good deal of disappointment expressed that, in keeping with an agreement with the Diocese, our recent assistant clergy have had to leave after two years at SPR. I'm very pleased to tell you that this requirement has now been relaxed.

This year, we will have three seminary Interns. Donna Ialongo and Jake Bitner return for a second year. They will be participating in a new program called MED (Making Excellent Disciples) III. This new initiative, funded by the Lilly Endowment and the Diocese of Chicago, involves highly effective congregations in a more intense mentoring of interns than interns normally receive. In return, both the congregation and the intern are given a small grant. This fall, Donna and Jake will be joined by Adam Yates, second year student at Chicago Theological Seminary who is already deeply involved in the life of SPR.

Finally, let me say a word of thanks to Jack Seymour, our Deacon, who continues to minister among us in many ways, strictly as a labor of love. Life at SPR would be much harder without Jack.

All of us on the staff are proud to minister in such a vital, hopeful community as SPR. We look forward to joining you, the chief ministers of the Gospel, in our common mission of Welcoming, Nurturing and Serving in the name of Christ during the coming year.



Jim Steen

## From the Associate Rector

An important part of St. Paul and the Redeemer's mission is to nurture one another in our journeys of faith. Our Christian Formation programs play an integral role in fulfilling that mission. On September 14, following the 9:15 liturgy, we have three exciting and challenging programs starting.

Children between three years old and fifth grade will begin our new Godly Play program. Godly Play is an expansion and modification of the successful Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program that we have used now for many years. Godly Play is based on the idea that Children already have a relationship with God, a relationship that needs to be nurtured and formed. Children are encouraged to participate in biblical stories using their ears to listen to it being told, their eyes to watch it being acted out with beautiful materials, their hands to draw or write their response, their emotions to react, and their intellect to ask questions about the story. I am very hopeful that Godly Play can nurture a generation of SPR children.

Youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be encouraged to integrate their faith with their lives. On Sunday Mornings, we will use the book *Way to Live* which comes out of the work of Dorothy Bass and the Practices movement. The idea is that the Christian life is lived through practices such as hospitality, dying well, testimony, saying yes and saying no, and so on. *Way to Live* has taken that concept and made it teenage friendly. The practices have been renamed (stuff, friends, justice, food), but the idea is the same. On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights the youth will come together to form community and to serve the world. We will continue our practices of doing a service project once a month, of eating together, of having fun.

Adults will spend the fall looking at various Spiritual Practices from Lectio Divina to Imaginative Prayer. Since the early years of Christianity, men and women have developed spiritual practices which allow them to recognize and enjoy God's presence in their lives. We will see which of them can become resources in our spiritual journeys.

We have a great slate of formation opportunities for the fall and we invite you and your children to take advantage of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lane', written in a cursive style.

Peter Lane

# Godly Play

## Children's Formation

Begins September 14th at 10:20

Godly Play teaches children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. SPR has three specially equipped classrooms where teachers use a Montessori approach to draw out and enrich the relationship with God already present in each child.



### DETAILS:

*When:* **10:20-11:10 on Sundays**

*Who:* **Three Groups**

- 3-4year olds taught by Sharla Stewart, Heidi Olliff and Carrie
- K-2nd graders taught by Rebecca Schmidt, Adam Yates, and Ade Adebisi
- 3rd-5th graders taught by Ellen Wiggins, Laura King, and Fred Grier

# 6th-8th Grade Youth Formation

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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**10:20-11:10**

Each Sunday our youth will explore a way of life shaped by practices that respond to God's Grace and reflect God's love for them, for others, and for all creation. We look at core Christian practices and their impact on how we look at bodies, stuff, friends, justice, and more. Each week the youth dig into one of the practices of faith through study of scripture and tradition. The class is taught by Brian Rowe and Sara Bigger. Begins September 14!



## THURSDAY EVENINGS

**5:30-7:30**

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the youth gather to build community and live out the practices they are learning about on Sunday. We cook for each other and for the homeless; we pray for each other and the world; we ask questions about ourselves and our community. And, we have fun! The leaders are Fran Spaltro, Adam Yates, Antoinne Tolbert, and Peter Lane. Begins September 11!



# Adult Formation

## Spiritual Practices Ancient & Modern

### Begins September 14th at 10:30 in the Byllesby Room

Since the early years of Christianity, Jesus' followers have developed spiritual practices that allow them to recognize and enjoy God's presence in their lives. This fall our Sunday adult formation program will focus on a variety of these spiritual practices. We invite you to join us, to learn more about these practices, and, if you wish, to share your experience with a practice you have used. So, join fellow seekers as we go deeper this fall:

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Subject</b></u>	<u><b>Leader</b></u>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>– Lectio Divina (Holy Reading)</b>	Martha Bohrer
<b>September 21</b>	<b>– Writing as Spiritual Discipline</b>	Vinita Wright
<b>September 28</b>	<b>– Godly Play, a Montessori Approach</b>	Peter Lane
<b>October 5</b>	<b>– Praying in Color</b>	Donna Ialongo
<b>October 19</b>	<b>-- Ignatian Imaginative Prayer</b>	Vinita Wright
<b>October 26</b>	<b>– Ignatian Prayer for Daily Life</b>	Vinita Wright
<b>November 9</b>	<b>– Prayer and the Body</b>	Barnaby Riedel
<b>November 16</b>	<b>– Contemplative Prayer</b>	Jim Steen

A detailed description will be published prior to each session.

# Ministry of Music

## What's Coming This Fall



This fall promises to be a particularly exciting time for music at St. Paul & the Redeemer. Dent Davidson, the new Associate for Music and Liturgy at SPR will spend his first Sunday with us on September 7. Although he has to fulfill prior obligations before joining us permanently, Dent will return for good the last week in October. We will celebrate his arrival on November 2, All Saints Sunday.

Between September 7 and November 1, Majel Connery, who has so ably served as Interim Director of Music during much of the past year, will continue in that role. When Dent arrives, I am delighted to inform you that Majel will become his Assistant. Irene Claude continues this year as Director of the St. Nicholas Choir, Michael Kozakowski will continue to serve as Interim Organist until Dent's arrival, and David Bashwiner will assist Majel until Dent arrives.

An especially exciting enhancement to our music program will be a joint venture between SPR and the Diocese of Chicago which will commence with Dent's arrival. SPR will become a laboratory for music and worship, offering support for developing visionary worship to the Diocese and its churches.

For those who would like to participate directly in the music program, we offer opportunities for children and adults from 5 to 95 and at all levels of musical talent. There are also opportunities to support the program without even having to sing or play an instrument. So if you love music, whatever your age or ability, we invite you to consider participating in the ministry of music as one way for you to glorify God and serve others.

Faithfully,

Calendar of Music  
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# Choirs Calendar

*Wednesday, Sept 3 - 4:15 - 5:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Choir (Children 5 - 8 years old)* rehearses with Irene Claude, then every Wednesday at the same time.

*Thursday, Sept. 4 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Treble Choir (beginning 8 years old)* parents meet with Dent Davidson and Majel Connery in the Byllesby Room.

*Thursday, Sept. 4 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sine Nomine (9:15 choir) and SPR Singers (11:15 choir)* have dinner with Dent Davidson, then rehearse for Sunday.

*Saturday, Sept. 6 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Treble Choir Rehearses* with Dent Davidson and Majel Connery until noon, then goes to the Point for a picnic. Thereafter, **Trebles** rehearse every Thursday with Majel from 4:15 - 5:30.

*Sunday, Sept. 7 - 9:15 & 11:15 a.m., Sine Nomine, SPR Singers, and Trebles* make their fall debut. Dent Davidson leads music at both services. Thereafter, **Sine Nomine** sings every Sunday at 9:15, **SPR Singers** at 11:15, and **Treble Choir** at 9:15.

*Tuesday, Sept. 9 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Sine Nomine* Rehearses with Majel Connery, then monthly.

*Thursday, Sept. 11 - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., SPR Singers* Rehearse with David Bashwiner, then every Thursday.

*Sunday, Sept 28 - 9:15 a.m., St. Nicholas Choir* debuts, then sings every third Sunday at 9:15.

*Sunday, Nov. 2 - 9:15 & 11:15 a.m., All Saints Sunday, Classical Mass Setting* with **all choirs**, Installation of Dent Davidson.

*Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9:15 & 11:15 a.m., Advent Lessons and Carols, all choirs*



# YA@SPR

(Young Adults at St. Paul and the Redeemer)

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Join us. We get together for community, for service, for learning and for fun. Here's the start of our fall schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
9/24	Cooking Dinner at the Ronald McDonald House	Nerissa Legge
10/5	Brunch at the home of Jim Steen and Tom Chesrown	Peter Lane
10/17	Watch the film "For the Bible Tells me So"	Lindsay Little
11/?	Service Opportunity—Stay Tuned	Katie Dickey
12/?	Wine Tasting at Andrea Dedent's home with wine steward Derek Walvoord	Andrea Dedent

Questions or ideas? Talk to a member of our leadership team:

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Andrea Dedent	dedenta@uchicago.edu

# Thank You!

**John Hill**, for making many small repairs and improvements around the building. Have you noticed that there's finally a knob on the door between the chapel and the sacristy?

**Connie Bonbrest**, for overseeing the Buildings and Grounds over the summer with great efficiency and dedication. Doesn't the refurbished parking lot look great?

**Glenda Mowatt, Connie Bonbrest, Ruth Woll, Hyacinth Evans**, and other helpers and donors for the beautiful flowers around the grounds

**Kim Hart**, who chairs, and **Charlene Jones-Foster and Barbra Goering**, who serve on the new personnel committee that worked tirelessly to find our new Associate for Administration and Communications, Karen Dennis

**Sherry LaRue**, who coordinated the Chalice Ministers for several years before recently moving to Florida

**Charlie Berry**, who has taken a well-deserved rest from coordinating the Ushers

**Harold Olivey**, who has stepped down from leading our Hospitality Ministry after giving it his all for the past three years

**Sally Wolcott and Sara Bigger**, who have installed the "beloved" butterfly mobile

**Thomas Christiansen, Stephenie Landers, Antoinne Tolbert, Adam Yates, Michelle Dassinger, Ignacio, Cio, & Kate Salinas, John & Mary Ann Becklenberg, Eric & Jordan Clark, and Robert Swanton**, for help in painting the Godly Play rooms

**Lynn Reid**, for moving the huge whiteboard to the youth room

**Kate Collins**, for helping envision Godly Play and ordering supplies

**Mary Kohrman Hays, Abraham Kohrman, Jasmine Kirby, Angie Mowatt, Jake Bitner, Margaret Farris, Eva Mowatt, Robert Swanton, Julienne Collins, Chris Collins, Alex Cory, Mary Naftzger**, for making VBS happen

# Fall Dates for Your Calendar

*Please mark you calendar with these dates. Others will follow.*

Saturday, September 6 - 10:00 - 2:00, **Treble Choir "Retreat" and Picnic**

Sunday, September 7 - **Begin Fall Schedule**, 8:00, 9:15 & 11:15;

**Return of Choirs** at 9:15 & 11:15

**Ministry Fair** following each Sunday liturgy

Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 9 & 11 - 8:00 a.m., **Centering Prayer** begins

Wednesday, September 10 - 7:30 a.m., **Morning Prayer** begins

Sunday, September 14 - after 9:15 liturgy, **First Day of Formation**

Friday - Saturday, September 19 - 20 **Vestry Retreat**

Saturday, September 27 - 9:00 - noon, **Safe Church Training**

Sunday, September 28 - 9:15 a.m., **St. Nicholas Choir** fall debut

Sunday, October 5 - **Young Adults Brunch** at Rector's home, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 2 - **All Saints Sunday**, Classical Mass Setting and  
Breakfast, **Installation of Dent Davidson** as Associate for Music  
and Liturgy, 9:15 & 11:15

Sunday, November 16 - **Annual Giving Campaign Ingathering**

Friday - Saturday, November 21 - 22, **Diocesan Convention**

Sunday, November 23 - 10:30 a.m., **Annual Parish Auction**;

Liturgies at 8 & 9:15 a.m. only

Thursday, November 27 - **Thanksgiving Day**

Sunday, December 7 - 9:15 & 11:15, **Advent Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 21 - 9:15, **Annual Pageant**; 12:15, **Greening of the  
Church**

Monday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m., **Eucharist especially for children**;  
9:30 p.m., **Solemn Festival Eucharist**

## **Safe Church Training**

Anyone who works with children or youth in our parish should plan on attending Safe Church Training on Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Part of our ministry of hospitality at SPR is to do all that we can to ensure that we have a safe place for children to learn and teachers to teach. Questions? Contact Peter Lane.

## **Morning Prayer and Centering Prayer Return**

Join Jim Steen and others on Tuesday morning, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Byllesby Room for Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a form of quiet Christian meditation practiced individually and in groups. It continues every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:00.

Join Adam Yates, Peter Lane and others on Wednesday morning, September 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel for Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is the Anglican version of the Benedictine offices. The rhythm of corporate prayer can provide solace and strength. Bagels and Coffee follow.

## **Affordable Housing Task Force**

An emerging coalition of south side community organizations, called CEO (Coalition for an Equitable Olympics), is working on a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) to present to the City of Chicago and the Chicago 2016 Olympics Committee. The idea behind a CBA is to ensure that the communities that host the Olympics derive some long-term benefits from them. A key issue is affordable housing.

Past Olympics have caused the economic displacement of low and moderate income families in the communities that surround the Olympics venues. For example, in Barcelona, home prices increased 240% in the six years leading up to the games. In Atlanta, 10,000 units of affordable housing were lost to

increases in rents, code enforcements, and demolitions. Even without the Olympics, affordable housing is threatened.

In the south side community cluster of Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Oakland, Douglas, Fuller Park, Kenwood, and Hyde Park, housing prices increased 91% and rents increased 25% from 2000 to 2006.

Further gentrification will occur with Draper and Kramer's proposed demolition of Lake Meadows (31st to 35th streets, east of King Drive). Lake Meadows is currently a moderate income rental complex of 1,900 units, which Draper and Kramer wants to replace with a 7,800 unit development (2,000 apartments and 5,800 owner-occupied units).

The CHA's own figures for its Plan for Transformation, when completed in 2015, will result in a net loss of over 1,000 units of public housing in our south side community cluster. (This is compared to the number of CHA units in the cluster which were occupied in October of 1999.)

There are currently 40,000 Chicago families on the section 8 voucher waiting list.

Low and moderate income renters in the south side communities surrounding the Olympic Village and Olympic venues will be especially vulnerable to price appreciation due to the Olympics. In the south side community cluster mentioned above, there were over 41,000 renters households in 2000. (79% of total households) In 2006, the median rent was \$728 per month and the median household income was \$31,800.

The CEO coalition will be working to create a plan to prevent the economic displacement of these families. The time to act is now, to get commitments from the city of Chicago and the Chicago 2016 Olympics Committee. Chicago's bid book, with specific plans, is due in early 2009.

Let me know if you would like to be involved.

Linda Thisted

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## “SPARK Cooks” Program

If you had been in the church building during the afternoon of Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, you would have experienced a sensory delight with the smell, sight and taste of delicious johnny cakes, tempting empanadas laden with either taco or pumpkin fillings, and savory pizzas, one a traditional margherita, and the other made with an assortment of meat toppings! Mmmmm Good! You might be surprised to learn that the junior chefs making these delectable entrees were Daniel King, Phoebe Lincoln, Sam Murphy, Emily Tarby and Chloé Vargas.

Due to the ingenuity of Linda Thisted, she, Kim Hart and Sharon Naclerio have developed a six-week, hands-on, after-school SPARK (St. Paul and the Redeemer Kids) cooking program for Shoemith Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The “SPARK Cooks” program will kick-off this fall with 10 to 12 students participating. The primary goal of this program is to offer students an enrichment and educational opportunity by teaching basic cooking principles and techniques while learning about cuisines around the world.

Each week students will make a recipe which is native to a specific part of the world. In addition, they will also learn the history about the specific cuisine they will be preparing. The class will be run as an actual restaurant kitchen with a tour of a “real” working restaurant scheduled later during the program to see professional chefs and kitchen personnel in action. The program will culminate with the students preparing one of the recipes they have learned while their parents and teachers sample the global delectables!

Thanks to Dan, Phoebe, Sam, Emily and Chloé, who helped better prepare and create the “SPARK Cooks” program by participating in the test-run class on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to their taking part, a specific proposal for the “SPARK Cooks” program was developed and approved with tremendous excitement by Pat Watson, the Principal of Shoemith Elementary School. So, look out, come this fall, you may be at SPR one weekday afternoon and be overcome by the appetizing aroma coming from the church’s kitchen. Bon Appetite!

Kim Hart



## September Birthdays

09/03 Elspeth Stewart	09/16 Jeremy Woo
09/07 Wendell Edwards Lucy Underwood	09/17 Andrew Clark
09/08 Timothy Bohrer Aksel Danforth	09/18 James Bamgbose Jasmine Kirby Bobby Seymour
09/09 John Easton Lonnie Haynes, Jr. Cecilia Mowatt Alyce Morris Eva Mowatt	09/22 Bruce Woll
09/11 Carlton Ajayi Barbra Goering Fred Mason	09/23 Gregory Knight Geraldine Guerrero
09/13 Cajsja Elo Tom Duncan Peter Murphy	09/24 Rebecca Murray
09/14 Hyacinth Evans	09/25 Olivia Kachingwe
09/15 Mary Ann Johnson-Wakama Asa Mercurius	09/27 Robert Nelson Jordan Brown
	09/28 Earl Ronneberg
	09/29 Sampat Kotian Ignacio Salinas
	09/30 Fred Donner Thomas Christensen

## September Anniversaries

September 2	Martin Stokes & Lucy Baxandall
September 3	David & Sharla Stewart
September 4	Ronne & Robert Hartfield
September 5	Kenneth & Charmaine Lemmie
September 12	Tom & Ivy Duncan
September 15	Charles Berry & David Larsen
September 16	Daryl & Lauren Materre
September 17	David & Anna Mary Wallace

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**Parish Office Hours**

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

**Summer 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

Nursery care available 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.