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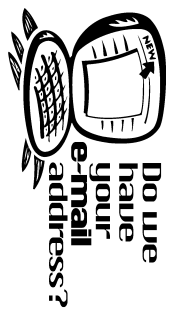
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
212 West Grand Avenue  
Beloit, WI 53511  
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<b>Newsletter</b>  <b>2012</b> <b>Announcements</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM (Coffee Hour Following Sunday Service)	<b>MONDAY</b> Contemplative Prayer 7:00 PM <b>TUESDAY</b> MORNING PRAY- ER 8:00 AM <b>WEDNESDAY</b> HOLY EUCHARIST 12:05 PM
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*We are a Christ centered church whose mission is to grow in spirituality as individuals and as a congregation.*

**JESUS CHRIST: HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

**The Right Reverend Steven A. Miller**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee **800-236-3028**

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Rector **608-299-0181**

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Senior Warden

**Don Williams**  
Junior Warden

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**Joyce Metter**  
Clerk

**Eunice Daer**  
Sexton

**The Vestry**

**Mike Morgan**  
**Johanna Peterson**  
**Joyce Metter**  
**Ed Martin**  
**Susan Hudson**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

February 19th

Articles can be put in the newsletter box or emailed to the church office.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

February

It is with special joy and happiness that we at St. Paul's celebrate birthdays. Look with favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year and grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and continue always to know your love.

Charles Williams	2nd
Kariana Frausto	6th
Ethan Kallas	10th
Rod Brunton	16th
Noah Yount	20th
Susan Hartman	21st
Laura Young	21st
Cindy Lidbury	26th
Ben Mills	26th
LauraJane Sherwood	28th



*In Remembrance*

*Tammie Gipson*  
(Hezacaiha's Grandmother)  
*Anna Calland*

Remember our sick

Please call the office for names and phone numbers.

## The meaning of Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

Because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, we skip over Sundays when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore, in the Western Church, Lent always begins on [Ash Wednesday](#), the seventh Wednesday before Easter.

In many countries, the last day before Lent (called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, or Fasching) has become a last fling before the solemnity of Lent. For centuries, it was customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, which is why some people call the festival *Carnival*, which is Latin for *farewell to meat*. Originally, "Lent" was nothing more than the English name of the season between winter and summer, the season when the snow melts and the flowers bloom. German and Dutch have the same word, but with slightly different spelling. In German, "Lenz" means "spring" in poetry. In Dutch, the word "lente" never changed its meaning. It is still the name of the season between winter and summer, and it is still used in everyday life.

The church observance took place during the season of lent. In England, "Lent" came to mean the observance rather than the season, leaving the season without a name. Instead of saying stupid things like "Lent happens during lent," English-speaking people invented the word "spring." Today, instead of calling the seasons winter, lent, and summer, we call them winter, spring, and summer. We use "Lent" instead of "spring" when we refer to the church season.

The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus' life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long. If Jesus were born on 25 December, then His conception—thus also His incarnation—would have been nine months earlier, on about 25 March. That is when the angel Gabriel would have announced Jesus' birth to Mary. Thus 25 March is known in the historic church as *The Annunciation*.

## *A letter from our Clergy...*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a few weeks, we begin the season of Lent: a time for reflection and soul-searching. We need to slow down and take a step back in order to do this; however, who has the time?

In a society that is more on the go than ever before and expects more to be done sooner than later, many of us will say that we simply just don't have time to slow down. We have too much to do.

Each day our "To Do" list keeps growing. Each day we add new commitments. However, how many of us include time with God on our "To Do" lists? I will admit that mine doesn't. How many of us honor the commitment that God made to us through His Son? I will admit that I haven't always.

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
January 11, 2012**

Present: The Very Rev. Gail Abbott, Anita Williams (Senior Warden), Don Williams (Junior Warden), Carolyn Hansen (Treasurer), Ed Martin (Finance), Mike Morgan (Stewardship), Johanna Peterson (Youth, Fellowship), Joyce Metter (Clerk, Outreach), and Karen Cornell. Ex: Susan Hudson (Finance)

A word correction in the December Treasurers Report was noted. "By the Wahlquists" was changed to read from the Wahlquists. A motion to accept the corrected December Minutes was made by Mike Morgan (Ed Martin) and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The balance sheet as of December 31st was discussed as was the partial Financial Report for 2011. It showed an income of \$164,087 and expenses of \$161,087 for the year. A motion to file the report was made by Anita Williams (Ed Martin). Passed.

**Mother Abbott's Report**

During Mother Gail's recovery from knee surgery Anita Williams will be in charge. Deacon Greg will be preaching, and Carolyn Hansen will help with pastoral care. It has been suggested that the office be closed on Fridays due to lack of activity and the shortage of Trixie help. A motion to do so was made by Anita Williams (Don Williams) and approved.

A Vestry Leadership Day on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at St. Luke's, Madison was announced. It is scheduled from 8:30 -4:00. Registration is \$10.00. Karen Cornell expressed interested in attending. The Vestry Dinner will be held Sunday, March 4th at 5:00. John Hickey will be presenting the Lenten Bible Study. Dinner will be at 5:30 and bible study at 6:30 PM.

**Senior Warden's Report**

Due to lightening damage a new computer for the Rector's office has been purchased. An insurance claim has been filed. A new printer to replace the old one in the Library was also purchased. A Staples business credit card has been obtained.

The Nominating Committee report for 2012 was given.

The 2012 proposed budget was presented and commented on. The budget reflects a negative balance because the current pledge amount is less than last year. A motion to present the proposed 2012 budget to at the Annual Meeting was made by Anita Williams (Ed Martin). Approved. (continued on Page 5)

# Outreach at St. Paul's

## *Caritas Donations Needed List*

Clothing Items:

(new or used, clean and in good repair)

Children clothing sized 4,5, & 6

Men's warm clothing

Blankets            Curtains

Sheets              Towels

Food Items

Oatmeal            Tuna

Cooking Oil      Pasta

Macaroni & Cheese

Box Cake Mix

Volunteers Needed

Empty Bowl Painting

Sessions will resume on

Thursdays in January 2012 at 3 P.M. until February 16th.

**Empty Bowl Event for Caritas**

February 25th, 2012

11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Beloit Memorial High School

Advance Ticket \$5 for Soup

\$10 Soup and Bowl

At the Door \$10 for Soup

\$13 Soup and Bowl

*"Sharing with others  
the necessities  
of life"*

**Sorry  
We're Closed**

The church office will no longer be open on Fridays. If you have signed up to have flowers on the altar or have some other business that needs attending to on Friday, please make arrangements with a Trixie earlier in the week.



**ATTENTION:** If you currently serve at the Altar, please inform Don Williams if you will be unavailable during Holy Week.

(April 1 - 8).

Interested in becoming an acolyte or reader, contact Don.



**Coffee Hour**

Sign up sheet is posted on the church Office window. Many openings are available!

## FACES OF EVIL

*The Nature of Wickedness and the Christian Response*

All civilizations have recognized that evil is a reality in the world. Using scenes from films to set the stage, these Lenten classes will explore the varied ways we experience evil and how as Christians we are called to respond. These classes will be led by Father John Hickey, an Episcopal priest in our diocese. Gather on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to share a soup and bread supper. Classes will begin at 6:30. The schedule is:

Session One - Wednesday, February 29th  
"The Devil Made Me Do It" - The Exorcist  
Satan, demoniacs and dualism

Session Two - Wednesday, March 7th  
"I was just following orders" - Schindler's List  
The banality of collective evil

Session Three - Wednesday, March 14th  
"If I'd only had a pony" - Strangers on a Train  
Psychological explanations of bad behavior

Session Four - March 21st  
"Hey, it was in Grandpa's genes!" - Young Frankenstein  
Science, materialism and the doubtful existence of free will

Session Five - March 28th  
"The Face in the Mirror" - A Simple Plan  
Personal responsibility and the community's response



Ash Wednesday  
Ecumenical Service  
St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church  
February 22, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

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Junior Warden

The back door camera has been stolen. A replacement would cost \$800 and a more vandal proof model would be \$1058. Our insurance policy carries a \$ 500 deductible. Our choices are to do nothing, replace it with the same kind, or get the more vandal proof one. After discussing the options Ed Martin (Mike Morgan) moved that we obtain the metal, more vandal proof model if it does not have just a snap fit camera. Three broken windows and storms have been replaced at no cost to us by the insurance company.

Items of Concern- The recent hospitalization of several parishioners was mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Metter, clerk

ATTENTION:

The Vestry meeting on March 14th will be at 7:30 p.m. The February 8th meeting will remain at 7 p.m.



### **Contemplative Prayer Group**

Every Monday at  
7:00PM in the  
Garden Room.  
Please enter through  
the backdoor.



### **ORDER OF ST. LUKE**

The Order of St. Luke will meet in the church library at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 4th and 18th. Contact Carolyn Hansen for information.



Book Club will meet at 1:30 P.M. Monday, February 13th in the church library.  
Author: Henry James  
Reviewer: Ann Kinast

Looking for a few good chimers!  
If you would be interested in joining a chime choir, please contact Thom Fallin at 608-751-3769.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12:05 PM Noon Day Prayer	2	3	4 9:00 A.M. Order of St Luke
5 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM Sunday School	6 7:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER	7 8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER	8 12:05 PM Noon Day Prayer 7P.M. Vestry Meet	9	10	11
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26 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM Sunday School	27 7:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER	28 8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER	29 12:05 PM HOLY EUCHARIST Lent Session 1 Dinner 5:30 Discussion 6:30			11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Beloit Memorial High School