



# THE GOOD NEWS OF ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Rector's Thoughts

### TWIN BABY GIRLS NOW GRACE OUR LIVES

I am still a little emotional right now and have been giggling as I thought about this piece that I am doing for the Good News. You see, I just came from the hospital and have had the privilege of watching infant twin girls, who were less than an hour old, being tended to lovingly by the nursing staff.

Today, Tracy and Jon Bovia are the proud parents of these babies. Their names are Samantha and Candice, but as of 3:30 PM on Tuesday no one knows who is who. There is a larger and smaller Bovia, however, one was born at 5 lbs. 9 oz and the literal little sister was born at 4 lbs. 10 oz. The big sister is currently getting a little help with breathing, but the little one has already had a bottled meal and has popped off to enjoy her first nap in the big new world.

The two infants were born by c-section around 12:48 and 12:50 PM.

Please join me in praying for the Bovia family and giving thanks to God for such a miracle as birth.

Congratulations to Tracy and Jon

Bovia! Happy birthday, girls!

Love,  
ja+

## Fall, Winter & Spring Worship Schedule

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Eucharist

### Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Wednesday

5:15 p.m. Eucharist, Soup  
Supper & Bible Study

### Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

### Last Saturday of the Month

4:30 p.m. Eucharist with  
Native American Expressions

**CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 12**

“ ... [Church School] classes available for four age groups.”

Following our long-standing tradition, Church School will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sept 12, the Sunday following Labor Day. This year we will have classes available for four age groups. The primary class (Grades 1,2,3) will be taught again by Kathy Hintz. The Intermediate (Grades 4,5,6) will be taught by Margaret Lowe. A new group, for Young Teens, will be taught by Pastor George. Pastor Jackie will teach the Adult Group.

All the classes will again use the lectionary-based Living the Good News material. Because we have used this material for all three years of our three-year lectionary cycle, we can reuse much of the material, at a considerable savings.

Our Christian Education also in-

cludes two other classes for adults/young adults. One is the Tuesday noon sack-lunch Old Testament study. This group reads-- out loud-- and discusses, chapter by chapter, whole books of the OT. In this way, we have made our way over the past two years through I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, Ezra and Nehemiah. We are now finishing Macabees. The other adult/young adult study is Wednesday nights at 6:30 following our 5:15 Eucharist and Soup Supper. Plans are afoot for a more rigorous study in Biblical *exegesis* (See separate article) and for a five-lecture series presenting an overview of the whole Bible. These would be offered to the public as well as to All Saints. gs+



**July and  
August Visitors ...**

Taylor Palmer  
Holly & Fawna Start  
Perry, Jodi, Kyra & Bret Sullivan  
Robert Williams  
Cecille, Melita & Isabella Gillette  
All of the family and friends who attended the baptisms of Marli, Abigail & Alexandra

Thank you for sharing Holy Eucharist with us here at All Saints' Episcopal Church! We hope that you will come back and join us again real soon!

**August &  
September**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| <b>August</b>                    |    |
| Christopher Ringrose .....       | 2  |
| Dan Ringrose & Kathy Hintz ..... | 4  |
| Rex & Jean Parish .....          | 8  |
| Denys & Betty Powell .....       | 8  |
| Dan Long .....                   | 13 |
| Bruce & Nan Jacobson .....       | 15 |
| Sally Whitson .....              | 18 |
| Alexander Ringrose .....         | 24 |
| Tracy Bovia .....                | 27 |
| Steve & Liz Simard .....         | 27 |
| <b>September</b>                 |    |
| Judy Smith .....                 | 9  |
| Dode Common .....                | 16 |
| Archie Campbell .....            | 18 |
| John McEwen .....                | 29 |

*If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it's not listed here, please call our secretary at 839-1037 and ask her to update your information.*

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

At its regular meeting on August 14, the All Saints Vestry:

1. Noted the Junior Warden's (Bruce Jacobson's) continued efforts to seek bids on refinishing the woodwork on the stained glass windows and rebuilding the deteriorated framing of the rose window.

2. Continued to investigate various avenues of church renewal. Senior Warden Kathy Hinz read a letter from a contact she had, named Steve Wendfeldt, a specialist in this area. He offered to come to ND to offer a workshop for the Diocese, and Jackie will pursue this with the Bishop. Mr. Wendfeldt also described a leadership conference in Burnsville, MN, Sept. 21-23, conducted by two widely respected consultants. Jackie and George are making arrangements to attend this conference and are encouraging other vestry members to accompany them.

3. Noted that All Saints will be part of the Festival on Main, Sept. 11. Jackie is organizing a 5K fun-run that day, to raise funds for the Humane Society, and we will host a 9/11 memorial service at the church at 11:00.

4. Noted the diocesan plans to raise money from among congregations and

parishioners for continued support of The Rev. Alex Ladu, a Sudanese priest serving St. John's Church in Morehead.

5. Noted that the Saturday afternoon Eucharist at 4:30 had been discontinued, except for the one incorporating Native American traditions on the last Saturday of the month.

6. Discussed Stewardship, noting that the amount and number of pledges had remained constant since the early 80's (when we received the endowment) regardless of what format we had used for the Stewardship campaign.

7. Noted plans for the Church School to begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 12, the Sunday after Labor Day. (See separate article.)

8. Discussed our agreement with St. Leo's, under which they pay for lawn care in the summer and snow removal (from our sidewalks as well as the parking lot) in winter, in return for using our parking lot on Sundays. The question arose whether lawn care included killing the sidewalk weeds in the summer. It does not include fertilizing and weed-killing the lawn itself, which was paid for this summer by the Evening Guild. This summer, we killed our own sidewalk weeds. gs+

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## ALL SAINTS': A GREAT PLACE FOR ALL GENERATIONS!

Last Sunday, with triple Baptisms, I could hardly contain my joy! And, looking over at George I could see he wasn't going to get the smile off of his face either.

I was so happy to see the church filled with folks and so, so many children!

For me, it was sort of a rector's nirvana. To look out at our congregation and see several generations of worship

ers, is my idea of a thriving church. How wonderful to get different age groups together to discover each other, teach each other and love each other. For me, that's as good as it gets. Thanks to all of the adults and children who helped to make last Sunday so very alive. Please do come back for oh...the next 80 years or so. ja+

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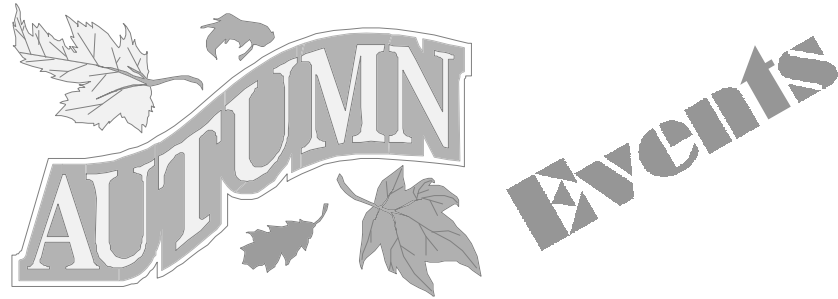
**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

*“ August meeting... revenues running very close to budget.”*

The monthly financial report for July 31, received by the vestry at its August meeting, showed revenues running very close to budget, at about \$33,000. Total expenses are about \$3,000 under budget. As of the end of June, we had taken \$23,000 from the endowment to cover the budgeted short-fall between expenses and pledged income. This is less than budgeted because of some generous donations from an anonymous donor who is not a member of our congregation.

Over the summer, the newly constituted Finance Committee met several times to consider investment strategies for the endowment, which now stands at about \$170,000 and is being used to meet expenses at the rate of about

\$50,000 a year. The funds are currently invested with Solomon Smith Barney, in a bond fund that has had a net yield, in 2003 of about 2.75 percent. While no one seems inclined to go back into equities in this market, we do have the option of putting the money in local CD's, with various amounts invested for various terms to maximize our interest while keeping available the funds we need. If interest rates continue to rise, this could provide a higher return than we have from bonds. The Committee is tracking this development and will make a recommendation to the vestry at the appropriate time. Sandi Myers chairs the Finance Committee. Other members are Joanne Slanger, Val Millen-Schrader, and Kathy Hinz. Both clergy are also members. gs+



**Youth Group**

The All Saints' Youth Group gets underway September 15th and will run through May 18th. Several volunteers, including parents, will be needed to make this youth ministry a great success. If you can spare an hour and a half on a Wednesday evening for the children of our Church, please let us know by signing up on the Youth Group Volunteers sheet located on the freezer in the Parish Hall.

**Calling All Saints**

Do you like to plan and organize activities? Well, then, we have something just for you ... Sign up as a Saintly Fun Volunteer and assist us with this year's Church activities.

We're still looking for more ideas! Let us know what you would like to do as a Church family.

| Sunday                                                                       | Monday                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                                  | Friday | Saturday                                                                                          |
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| <h1>September 2004</h1>                                                      |                                                           |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                           |        |                                                                                                   |
|                                                                              |                                                           |                                                                                           | 1<br><br>Rev. George returns -----]                                                                                                                       | 2<br>8:00 a.m.<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>11:30 - 12:30<br>Soup Kitchen<br><br>Rector in Devils Lake        | 3      | 4                                                                                                 |
| 5<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Eucharist                                                 | 6<br>Church offices closed<br><br><b>Labor Day</b>        | 7<br>Rector's day off                                                                     | 8<br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice                                                                                                                             | 9<br>8:00 a.m.<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>11:30 - 12:30<br>Soup Kitchen<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Talking Circle  | 10     | 11<br>8:30 a.m. Fun Run/Walk for Animals<br><br>11:00 a.m.<br>9/11 Memorial at All Saints' Church |
| 12<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Christian Education begins<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Eucharist | 13<br>Rector's day off                                    | 14<br>12:00 p.m.<br>Sack Lunch & Bible Study<br><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Evening Prayer           | 15<br>5:15 p.m.<br>Eucharist, Soup Supper & Bible Study<br><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Youth Group<br><br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice<br><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Evening Guild | 16<br>8:00 a.m.<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>11:30 - 12:30<br>Soup Kitchen<br><br>Rector in Devils Lake       | 17     | 18                                                                                                |
| 19<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Christian Education<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Eucharist        | 20<br>Rector's day off<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Vestry Meeting | 21<br>No Lunch & Bible Study<br><br>No Evening Prayer<br><br>[ – Leadership Rev. Jackie & | 22<br>No Eucharist, Soup Supper or Bible Study<br><br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice<br><br>conference in Rev. George                                           | 23<br>8:00 a.m.<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>11:30 - 12:30<br>Soup Kitchen<br><br>Burnsville, MN] out of town | 24     | 25<br>No Saturday Eucharist                                                                       |
| 26<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Christian Education<br><br>10:00 a.m.<br>Eucharist        | 27<br>Rector's day off                                    | 28<br>12:00 p.m.<br>Sack Lunch & Bible Study<br><br>5:30 p.m.<br>Evening Prayer           | 29<br>5:15 p.m.<br>Eucharist, Soup Supper & Bible Study<br><br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice                                                                   | 30<br>8:00 a.m.<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>11:30 - 12:30<br>Soup Kitchen<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Talking Circle |        |                                                                                                   |

## FINDING GOOD PLAY SPACE

*“... knowing that the fall gear up is nearly upon us, I have been thinking a lot about our kids and our youth group.”*

For the past couple weeks, knowing that the fall gear up is nearly upon us, I have been thinking a lot about our kids and our youth group. George and I have talked a good deal about fun ideas, and even our Secretary, Susan (veteran mom of three), has come up with some very fine suggestions.

Now, along with thoughts for great youth group and kid events, I have also been thinking about Sunday mornings and good play spaces for kids before (if they are not in Sunday School) and after Church. My mind keeps coming back to the undercroft as a great place for fun. Could we use more toys or games?

Of course to me, the worship area and sacristy upstairs are probably not

good places to play, especially after church when folks are trying to tidy up pews and others are trying to take care of the traditional mess that the priests make on Sunday mornings. But that said ...I really want to see areas of this building open and welcome to our youngest members and visitors.

So, parents, grandparents and all interested others, can you help me with some good suggestions? I would really like to get input on this one.

And thanks to all of you for helping to make All Saints' a place for every generation. Love ja+

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### TITLE III REVISIONS: Canons pointed in the right direction

Forgive the pun. I couldn't resist. Last summer, during National Convention, a number of changes were made to the Title III Canons. Now I don't know what you have heard about them, but I think the changes were made, at least in part, so that individual Diocese could have fewer Canonical restrictions. The changes were also designed, in part, to allow different diocese more freedom to customize requirements for lay and ordained ministry. The changes have not at all hurt the local call option for ordination.

As a first effort in trying to unravel the new canons for our congregation, let me dwell on canons which deal with the Diaconate. In our new canon 6 the Ordination of Deacons, one of the first changes is that of congregation nomination, instead of a more private process of selection. The congregation nominates those who they sense are being called to the diaconal ministry. Now this does not eliminate good folks

from self-identifying their call. It does, however, mean that whether one wants to initiate the process, or not, congregational nomination must take place.

Next, it is significant to know that a nominated person can be made a postulant by the bishop without a mandatory interview with the COM.

Now, the Bishop could choose an interview, but that is up to him, or her.

It is probably, also, good to remember that the time of postulancy is the time of discernment, and the time of candidacy is, now, the time of training and formation. The educational requirements for a deacon have been changed somewhat. The diaconal student is, now, required to have academic studies in: 1) Holy Scripture Theology, and the Traditions of the Church; 2) Diaconia and the diaconate; 3) Human aware-

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ness and understanding; 4) Spiritual Development and discipline; and, 5) Practical training and experience.

Now, Candidacy, which must be no less than a year, does require a recommendation from the COM. That means Postulants will be visiting with us, at least, at that time if not before. Candidates may be removed from Candidacy at the sole discretion of the Bishop.

The Candidate pursues the prescribed course of study.

Ok, that's a good start. Let's pick it up next time from this place and carry it through to ordination to the Diaconate. But, please remember, reading this article is still not nearly as good as having and reading the new canons. If you are interested, why not check with the me or George and we can help you.  
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## EDUCATION AND PRAYER STRESSED AT REGIONAL MEETING IN WILLISTON

Right after the COM meeting was completed on Saturday August 21, 2004, Bishop Smith led us in Holy Eucharist. Next, all West region folk dined with Bishop Smith and the COM. The hospitality of St. Peter's Church was simply great, as was the lunch.

Bishop Smith offered the Region a vision of education for all.

Michael Smith talked about the ND School for Ministry. It is a new vision and application for pre-ordination education, as well as education for lay ministry, continuing education, or for anyone who is interested!

Education will center around five foundational courses: OT, NT, Church Teaching, Liturgy and Church History. It is Michael's hope that courses will be offered in the regions on a regular basis.

Also, Bishop Smith described his invention of "prayer partners," in which the Diocesan Cycle and Anglican Cycle are used in a rotating cycle of Daily Office at each Church in the Diocese.

This was an exciting meeting and many more topics were discussed. Want to get involved? Just mosey over to the next meeting. ja+

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