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Tri-Diocesan Conference
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- 14-15 Mediation Training,
Bundy Hall
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Tomah**
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10:30 a.m.
- 16 **Visitation, St. Paul's,
Hudson**
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Church Cathedral, Eau
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Chippewa Falls,
10:30 a.m.
- 17-18 **Visitation, Church of
the Ascension,
Hayward**
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Chippewa Falls**

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! The Lord Is Risen Indeed.

Alleluia!



The Resurrection Window of
Christ Church Cathedral.

The Resurrection Window at Christ Church Cathedral was crafted in London, England by the firm of Heton, Butler, and Baine in the 1930's.

The characteristic darkness of the window reflects the psychological darkness that was evident in England and throughout Europe in the days prior to the Second World War. This window, and all the windows at the Cathedral, are one of a kind. Their cartoons and manufacturing process were destroyed after their completion and installation so that they would not be duplicated.

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Pen and Crozier



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As of April 10, 2004, I have served the Diocese of Eau Claire as its bishop for five years. As I look back it seems like just yesterday I was processing down the aisle of the Cathedral to be ordained and take my vows of service to the people of Eau Claire. These past five years have been characterized as a time of learning, struggling, adapting, but mostly as joy filled. Many have asked me if there were any surprises in becoming bishop, especially in a small diocese facing many challenges. The answer of course is, yes and no. The challenges we face as a small diocese have been no surprise. I knew we would have a long road of change ahead of us as we moved into the 21st century. What did catch me most off-guard was the mountain of administrative work that falls in the lap of the bishop. I made the mistake of assuming that because this was a small diocese the administration would be proportional. Wrong!

The adjustment from parish priest to bishop was a struggle. While there are similarities the differences are huge. It took much time to figure out that I could not work with the diocese as though it were just a large parish. I made mistakes along the way, any number of things I would like to do over. But I have learned and hopefully I will not make the same mistakes a second time.

The high points in the five years all come from work in congregations. I have been blessed with the gift of being invited into the lives of all our congregations and by extension into the lives of those who populate those congregations. I have found welcome and openness wherever I have gone. The best thing I do is visitations to congregations. The weekend spent with clergy and lay leadership and getting to know the people; sharing their triumphs, their sorrows, their fears, and going forward together. It is during these times when I feel we most nearly achieve being the Church.

As I look forward to the next five years I wonder where God will lead us together. I don't have a detailed agenda (no five year plan) other than to more deeply embrace as a diocese the mission of reconciliation, which Christ has entrusted to us. For me it all has to be about how, where, and when, we carry out that mission. We have been called and so we must go, go into all the world proclaiming the good news of God in Christ. My thanks to all of the family I share in the diocese of Eau Claire for adopting me as your Bishop. I rejoice in the opportunities God has laid before us and pray we will continue our earthly pilgrimage for years to come.

In Christ,

+Keith

“May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them”

From St. Andrew's, Ashland

Betty Blake died on February 12, 2004 following a battle with Parkinson's disease that lasted over two decades. Betty was very active in the ECW both at St. Andrew's and in the Diocese. She was also a Sunday school teacher and active in issues of Christian Education in the diocese. Betty's funeral was held on February 16.

Guy Crum died on March 19 following a short illness resulting from a hip fracture. Guy was very active on the Trustees of the Diocese of Eau Claire for many years. He has lived the last several years of his life in Silver Spring, Maryland. Guy will be buried from St. Andrew's on April 27.

Cliff Barry died late in the evening on Easter Day, April 11 following a short battle with cancer. Cliff has been a deputy to Diocesan Convention and during Visitations to St. Andrew's, Cliff served as Bishop's Chaplain to Bishops Horstick, Atkins, Wantland, and Whitmore. Cliff was buried on April 16.

Church Pension Fund Board Names

T. Dennis Sullivan

New President of the Church Pension Group



At its meeting on February 19th, the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees unanimously elected **T. Dennis Sullivan** to succeed **Alan F. Blanchard** as President of the Church Pension Group. Announcing the board's decision, David R. Pitts, Chair of the Church Pension Fund Board and Co-Chair of the board's CEO/President Selection Committee, said, *“Mr. Sullivan's commitment to the public good, and his solid investment and financial management credentials informed by years of high-level business leadership, will be invaluable as CPG continues to study how best to serve its beneficiaries and the church.”* Mr. Blanchard, who has so admirably served the church as President of CPG for the past 15 years, will retire in June.

The following was submitted by Mr. Robert Mahoney of Christ Church Cathedral. The author is unknown.

“Lord, as I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair. Never let me become so indifferent that I will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people, make them happy and forget at least for a moment all the unpleasant things in their lives. And, Lord, in my final moment, may I hear You whisper: ‘When you made My people smile, you made Me smile.’”

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Haitian family at Jeannette welcomes visitors

A couple of weeks before Christmas, 2003, I was asked: "Will you go to Haiti for two weeks next month to gather information on The Haiti Project?"

I think I said something like: "January is a busy month, but I'll check my calendar."

As a member of the Diocesan Executive Council, I had just voted (as part of a unanimous vote) to explore the possibility of the Diocese of Eau Claire joining efforts with the Diocese of Milwaukee in their ongoing support of a project in Haiti. As such, I knew that the responsible thing to do was to explore what was involved in going to this land I knew so little about.

An internet search revealed that Haiti shares space with the Dominican Republic on the Caribbean Island of Hispaniola about 700 miles southeast of Florida. Haiti is said to be about the size of our state of Maryland with January temperatures averaging somewhere between 68 and 87 degrees Fahrenheit. So far so good! I began trying to remember where my swimsuit and sunscreen were stored. However, as I researched further, my heart became heavier and heavier:

In Haiti, one in five children dies before the age of 5 due primarily to malnutrition, dehydration and diarrhea. If a Haitian is able to survive to the age of 15 they might expect to live to the ripe old age of 54. Malaria, typhoid, hepatitis, polio and tuberculosis continue to plague Haiti's inhabitants. Clean drinking water is scarce, unemployment hovers at 70% of the population, the country ranks as the poorest in the western hemisphere, and the government is in near constant political turmoil. The U.S. Consul in Haiti warns against coming to Haiti because of dangerous social conditions.

Fortunately, I closed my eyes and ears to all of the "bad" news about

The Haiti Project:

Haiti and listened to Dianne Dawson, a long-time and active participant in the Haiti Project. She told me of the wonderful people of Haiti, with their extraordinary faith in our Lord. She shared her heartwarming experiences from her trips to Haiti and told me, quite accurately, that I would come back from Haiti having received much more than I gave. Indeed.

In this article I will tell about my trip to Haiti and some of my experiences there. In an article in the next Herald I will describe more fully the history of the Haiti Project and some of the undertakings the Diocese of Milwaukee volunteers have accomplished over the past 20 years.

A Trip of Faith

In the middle of January 2004, I left the United States of America and traveled to another world, Haiti, with five veteran Haiti Project volunteers from the Diocese of Milwaukee. We took along a dozen 70-pound duffel bags full of medical and school supplies destined for the community of Jeannette, a rural community about 70 miles west of Port Au Prince, Haiti's capital.

After enduring the normal rigors of travel and customs delays, we finally arrived at our first night's destination in Haiti, the Wall International Guest House in Port-au-Prince. The Wall House is a hotel, of sorts, primarily for missionaries and aid workers coming and going in Haiti. After a night's rest here, we boarded a 1980's vintage school bus and began the 70-mile, 6-hour trip westward to the rural community of Jeannette.

Jeannette, I discovered, is comprised of many rural homes, St. Marc's Church, School, and Medical Clinic. The Community is perched on the side and top of a small mountain with trails connecting all points. As is the case in most of Haiti, there is no electricity, running water, or public sanitation system. The Community of Jeannette gets their water supply from cisterns that collect rainwater during the wet season. Water is carried from the cisterns in buckets to each family home, the church, the medical center and the school.

In addition to helping me learn about the Haiti Project and getting to know the folks of Jeannette, our group of six had lined up a number of jobs to do during our time in Jeannette.

Dennis, a retired master carpenter and veteran Haiti Project volunteer, acted as a working supervisor and teacher helping some men from Jeannette and the rest of us fabricate and install new rain gutters on St. Marc's church so that rainwater could once again fill the church's cisterns. Cutting tables for the school's sewing program were built and moved to the school. The medical clinic pharmacy was thoroughly cleaned and inventoried and re-supplied with medicines and supplies. Mary Alice, Pat, Lisa, and Liza patched the roof of the medical clinic and spent hours working with the teachers from the school showing them new supplies and teaching techniques.

One of the main projects we had hoped to accomplish while visiting Jeannette was to photograph the 600 plus students in the school, in order to



provide photographs to their sponsors back in the United States. However, due to the political unrest in Haiti, all schools were closed. To open the school in Jeannette would have put the school, teachers, students, and the community in danger.

French and Creole are the *official* languages of Haiti. Creole is the spoken language. Although I have almost no ability to speak Creole, I was able to get to know some of the people of the community of Jeannette. Most have been taught (through the school in their community) English, as well as other foreign languages. I found the people I met to be wonderfully kind and polite to me and so happy to get to know all of us. I came away from this trip with a deep respect for these folks who have so very little, material-wise, but are so very wealthy in their love for God and for their appreciation for the gifts they do have.

Attending a Sunday service at St. Marc's was really the highlight of my trip. Parishioners begin the walk to

By Patrick Croy
Our Saviour's, Lugerville

church early in the morning and walk for *miles* to attend. While the service is slated to start at 9am, the priest starts the service when the majority of people have arrived. That can be any-



where from 9am to 10am. An Episcopal service, spoken and sung in Creole, in a church packed with faithful Christians kept the hair on the back of my neck standing throughout the service. There is no short social hour following the service as people stay for hours talking, sharing and continuing to praise the Lord.

When the time came to go back to Port au Prince in preparation to come home, we again boarded the old bus with our destination being the Wall House. Going through Port au Prince, we stopped briefly at the Episcopal Cathedral and purchased some Haitian artwork from the gift shop, to be sold stateside in fund-raising activities.

After getting into Chicago and eventually into Wisconsin, I drove through the night to come home to my family in rural northern Wisconsin. As wonderful as it was to again be with loved ones, take a hot shower, and drink water from the tap, I also felt a bit of sadness. Not sadness for the folks I left behind in Haiti, for they understand the gift of Jesus Christ and are thankful every day for that gift. I felt sorry for those of us who appear to have so much in relation to the rest of the world, yet are at the poverty level when it comes to the true faith we are called to have.

My friend Dianne was right: I came back to Wisconsin with much more than I left with.

Thanks be to God.

Next issue: The Haiti Project history, current status, and future goals.

SPARTA'S "COOL CHRISTIANS"



Five members of St. John's Episcopal Church took the plunge on Saturday, March 6 - the Polar Plunge. They waded into the frigid Mississippi waters claiming, "We are not God's Frozen Chosen! - yet!"

A support team accompanied the intrepid five, providing emotional support and lots of hot chocolate.

The team raised \$400.00 for Special Olympics.

Participating church members pictured above are, standing, from left: Ann Nugent, Debbie Henderson, Joe Weaver, Stephen Henderson, Lynn Weaver, Christina Henderson and Samantha Peterson. Sitting, Colin Nugent, Glen Beard, Vicar Leigh Waggoner and Deacon Kathy Charles.

The five "jumpers" were Stephen Henderson, Christina Henderson, Samantha Peterson (Christina's friend), Colin Nugent, and Vicar Waggoner.

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE: RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH AND WORLD

The Lutheran-Anglican (Episcopal)-Roman Catholic-United Methodist (LARCUM) Commission of Wisconsin announces a conference on Reconciliation in Church and World. Unity and reconciliation are at the heart of the mission Christ gave the church. This conference will affirm and celebrate work that is being done and can be done to overcome those divisions in the church that undermine this mission.

The conference will take place on Friday evening and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 2004 at Alverno College in Milwaukee. Pastors, parish leaders, ecumenical committees, educators, scholars, laity and all those interested in the unity of the church are invited.

The program will feature speakers representing the four sponsoring denominations:

Dr. Martin Marty, University of Chicago Divinity School
Bishop Christopher Epting, National Ecumenical Officer of the Episcopal Church in America
Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Dr. Donald Saliers, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Look for additional information on this conference in the coming months.

Co-Sponsors: Wisconsin Council of Churches, Alverno College Campus Ministry

Agnes' Table, Chippewa Falls Community Meal

Folks at Christ Church and St. Simeon's in Chippewa Falls are delighted to report a successful first 5 months of the new meal program for Chippewa Falls. The dream for a free meal in town developed over a period of time. It grew out of the Summer Lunch Program for Children held in the basement of Christ Church 5 days a week during the past 3 summers. Fr. George Stamm and lay people have been involved with a coalition of service providers and other people in the community concerned with the well being of families in the area, the Chippewa Council on Homelessness and Hunger. A survey completed last year indicated that food insecurities was the number one issue facing families. A meal site is just one segment

of a community response to the survey.

It is named Agnes' Table in honor of a member of Christ Church who was well known in the community for being a caring and generous presence in town and who always knew when someone was in need. Agnes' died of cancer December of 2002 but she wholeheartedly supported the idea of a meal site for families. We are quite sure that she is smiling on Tuesday evenings as the children and their parents enjoy a good meal in a hospitable atmosphere.

The meal is modeled after The Community Table of Eau Claire which is a very successful and smooth running operation. The meal is served every Tuesday 5:30-6:30 at Trinity United Methodist Church, which is handicap accessible. It is accom-

plished with 100% volunteers. The feedback from both the teams providing, cooking and serving the meals, as well as the guests has been very positive. The list of teams serving include churches, service organizations, businesses, and individuals and their friends. The guest numbers average around 60 now, with a high of 95. We have a very diverse guest population, of which sometimes 50% are children.

The people of Christ and St. Simeon's churches are thankful for the opportunity to serve people in the community in this way. It is moving to witness how God works in and through a ministry such as this. His love and compassion is evident, and we all learn and grow in our knowledge of Him.

Dianne Dawson, Member of Christ Church C.F. and Volunteer Site Coordinator, Agnes' Table

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep..." John 21:15-17.

The Reverend H. Jonathan Mayo Received



On a beautiful early Spring Sunday morning, March 14, Bishop Whitmore and Suzy traveled to St. Thomas & St. John Church in New Richmond, where he received H. Jonathan Mayo into the Diocese as a priest, and installed him as Priest-in-charge of the historic New Richmond parish.

A congregation of 30 gathered for the Reception Liturgy, followed by brunch at a local restaurant. Some of those attending were from St. Paul's Church, Hudson, where Fr. Mayo and his wife Kathy were members before the new assignment.

Mayo, born and raised a United Methodist (preacher's kid), converted to the Orthodox church in the mid 1970's, and was ordained priest in the Orthodox Church in America on St. Nicholas Day, 1979- he graduated the following May from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in Crestwood, NY. He considers himself very blessed to have been at the seminary during the tenure of its two most renowned leaders and professors, Frs. Alexander Schmemmann and John Meyendorff- undoubtedly 2 of the most famous Orthodox authors and theologians of the 20th century.

The Mayo's join a congregation rich in history, filled with good and faithful people, and ready to make its presence known in the New Richmond community. Please pray for their ministry.

Father Mayo is pictured with The Rt. Reverend Keith B. Whitmore.

- submitted by H. Jonathan Mayo+

Clergy Renew Ordination Vows

Diocesan clergy gather at Christ Church Cathedral March 30, 2004 for renewal of their ordination vows and the annual blessing of the Chrism oils by the Bishop



Clergy of the Diocese pose with Bishop Whitmore before the High Altar at Christ Church Cathedral. Present are deacons Tony Ring, Jim Lorenze, Jeanne Stout, Kathleen Charles, Irene McDaniel, Ken Van Es and Rosemary Howard; priests Ward Simpson, John Splinter, Arthur Hancock, David McCallum, R. J. Johnson, Jonathan Mayo, Frank Hull, George Stamm, Joy Rose, Scott Kirby, Robert Rodgers, Robert Hoekstra, Bruce Gardner, Dale Klitzke, Patrick Augustine, Lawrence Edson, Richard McGinnis, John Ambelang, John Rasmus, Leigh Waggoner, Randy Haycock, and Mary Limbach.



Clergy of the Diocese receiving the Bishop's blessing

On the Right: Mrs. Marilyn Edson, wife of The Rev. Larry Edson (Conrath) and Mrs. Rita Wilson, wife of The Rev. Jim Wilson (Eau Claire) Mrs. Myra Augustine, wife of The Rev. Patrick Augustine (La Crosse) and Mrs. Ellie Michaud (Chippewa Falls) attend the Holy Eucharist.



“In Person Chat Rooms” at St. Margaret’s, Park Falls

By John Smart



St. Margaret’s, Park Falls

“The Little Red Church” on Third Avenue

File Photo

Each year during Peace Corps Week, former Volunteers take time to celebrate the Peace Corps’ birthday by sharing their knowledge and experiences with their communities in the United States. As all Volunteers know, part of the Peace Corps’ mission is to educate Americans back home about the people with whom they lived and worked. Peace Corps Week activities offer a great opportunity to develop a better understanding of the people of the rest of the world.

This year, the Peace Corps celebrated its 43rd Anniversary during Peace Corps Week, from March 1, 2004 through March 7, 2004.

Park Falls native John Smart spent three years in the Peace Corps in Uzbekistan. John, a member of St. Margaret’s, shared his experiences and the ideals and ideas of the Peace Corps with a gathering of interested persons. This session, which was held Saturday, March 6th, at 10:00 AM, was the kick off of a Saturday morning series of what are being called “in person chat rooms” at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, the “Little Red Church”, on Third Avenue, one block south of Highway 182 in downtown Park Falls.

The March 13th discussion on “Haiti, the History and the Dilemma” was a good one, with one new attendee added to our regulars. Yes, it’s a slow start, but we are determined to keep it up and build a program that will be a long term success.

In the course of research on Haiti (thanks to assistance from Patrick Croy of Lugerville), we found that the Society of St. Margaret, a group of Anglican nuns, are in Haiti, and are working to assist the Haitian people during this trying time in their terrible history. Since our church is named for St. Margaret, we decided that we should do something about support-

ing their ministry.

We’ve also set the topics for the next several Saturdays. Next week, we’ve invited a physical therapist who is promoting exercise plans for our seniors, and will talk about that very important subject...very important especially considering the huge number of “boomers” who will join the Social Security roles in the next couple of years.

After that, we will host a monthly meeting of our local chapter of Amnesty International on the 27th, and, the week after that, another new member of our congregation who will talk about his years spent working for a charitable NGO in Tanzania.

We plan to talk to a retired local pharmacist who’s made a study of alternate medicines about doing a presentation, and a new committee of concerned parents and citizens working to support our schools have expressed an interest in using our format as well. And, there are some other ideas floating around for the future, so, as you can see, we’re determined!

These meetings are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to join in. Anyone who has ideas about possible future subjects for this series is welcome to come on Saturday to talk about them. Anything is possible if we communicate and work together!



Cindy Diouf (Guinea, 1996-1998) and friends celebrate Peace Corps Week.

Education for Ministry

Fall 2004

By Ellie Michaud

It’s that time again! **WHAT TIME?** Time to be making plans for the start of another EFM group in the Diocese of Eau Claire.

Education for Ministry is a four-year course of in-depth religious study produced by the University of the South. The purpose of the course is to deepen the faith commitment of the people that form the group for each year. A group is no less than six but no more than twelve individuals.

Each of the four years of study deals with a different topic. Year one deals with an in-depth study of the Old Testament; year two the New Testament; year three Church History; year four Modern Theologians and Theological Questions.

The group meets once a week for thirty-two weeks in a seminar environment under the direction of a Mentor. The time of the seminar is two and a half-hours and the individuals in the group are responsible for having read the “next chapter” in the text. The text chapter is discussed for a short period of time but the bulk of the seminar time is used with activities developed to get to know one another and develop the art of theological reflection.

A mentor is one who is trained by the University of the South and that person must continue their re-certification every twelve to eighteen months with eighteen hours of concentrated workshop activities and training. The mentor of an EFM group is one who does NOT teach but with their formation and background helps the members of a group unfold into their own unique God created person.

If a person has had the experience of being in a EFM group in another place at another time and would like to continue through the remaining years

of study please think of joining this group. A group does not have to consist of just one year of study. Having more than one year of study in a given group helps to make for interesting discussion.

There are several people in the Diocese who have completed their four years of EFM: Eileen Hennen, Gina and Terry McEnany, Ron Hall, and Marlane White who are members of the Cathedral Parish; Ron Michaud and Edith O’Connor of St. Simeon’s Parish; Dianne Dawson Christ Church Parish, Chippewa Falls. Please feel free to contact these people with questions you might want answered. Also, currently in Tomah the Rev. Mary Rezin is mentoring a first year EFM group in that location and she, too, would be a great resource of information.

If you think it is time for you to take the plunge to deepen your faith commitment from member to disciple EFM is just what you need. Yes, it is a commitment of time and money, but anything worth while is just that. Please make contact with Ellie Michaud, mentor, at 726-0125 (ron-michaud@charter.net) or Eileen Hennen, co-mentor, at 855-1242 and make plans to attend an organizational meeting on May 22nd at Christ Church, Chippewa Falls, at 2:00 PM. During this organizational meeting we will decide when and where we would like to hold our seminar sessions, collect tuition for the year so that enrollments can be made and materials ordered, and aim to begin our first meeting sometime during the last week in August, 2004.

LaCrosse offers public forum video

Recently, there were two hours of public forum on “the Passion of the Christ” at Christ Episcopal Church, La Crosse. It was professionally video taped and it will be available for \$15 and another five dollars for shipping and handling. It can be a good resource for your Christian education class or adult forum. It has personal reflections of a film and photography professor, an ethicist, history professor, Roman Catholic nun, Jewish journalist, filmmaker and Western Country Singer and Episcopal Rector.

Peace of Christ.

The Rev. Canon Patrick P. Augustine, Rector

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Diocesan Visitation Teams "Mission Mode Express"

By Ellie Michaud

By the time this article is read it is the hope of the visiting teams to be completed with their trips to all the parishes in the Diocese of Eau Claire.

There are three visiting teams: 1. Pete Dawson and Dianne Dawson; 2. Patrick Croy and Andrew Licata; 3. Edith O'Connor and Ellie Michaud.

These six people felt called by the Spirit as a result of a weekend presentation conducted by The Rev. Pat Hanen in March of last year. What were they called to do? They felt the strong stirrings of the urgent message of MISSION vs. MAINTENANCE to the other members of the Diocese that they called their endeavor MISSION MODE EXPRESS, but when they go to a parish they are just "visiting".

Bishop Keith Whitmore met with the developing group back in April 2003 and gave them his blessing. The teams, however, are not sent by the Bishop they just step out of their pews into yours to dialogue with the members to see what kinds of activities have sparked their churches in the areas of prayer, outreach, community involvement, etc.

Each team brought ears to listen, refreshments for coffee hour, and a message of diocesan unity. One thing was asked of each church – send a group picture of the people assembled in front of the building and a list of restaurants and nice motels in the area. The visitation teams hope to compile this information into a Diocesan Directory.

Many observations have been made and experiences shared

amongst visiting members. Some of the observations made are: 1. The people across the Diocese are sincere Christians filled with God and alive with the message of Jesus. 2. Where there is a strong ECW within a given parish activities flourish and people are active. 3. Parishes whose people have a strong spiritual base and an active prayer life also seem to be among those with activities and many experiences to share with the visiting teams.

While the actual visitations will soon be completed the work of the teams continues. The teams have had a follow-up meeting with The Rev. Pat Hanen in the fall of last year. While she was here for this follow-up she gave the group some more challenges to continue the new emphasis of growth within our Diocese to a more "wheel" configuration of alignment with the Diocesan offices in the center of the activities and the parishes revolving around the outside with action both coming in to the center and from the center going out. There has to be the equal force from within and without to keep the "wheel" going.

Our next all-team meeting takes place on April 24th. At that time the teams will realize their second goal – a map of Wisconsin showing the location of parishes within the three Dioceses of the State: Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee. This map will also be part of the forthcoming directory.

Please remember the requested pictures and lists. Send to the Visiting Teams, attention Ellie Michaud, addressed to the Diocesan Office.

Keep the activities going!

Certified for Jail Ministry

From The Rev. Leigh F. Waggoner



L-R: The Rev. Leigh F. Waggoner, Vicar of St. John's, Janet Sterken and Vicki Preston

Vicki Preston and Janet Sterken received certification as jail ministry volunteers in a ceremony held at the Monroe County Courthouse. Rev. D. LeRoy Sua, director of the jail ministry program of Monroe County, trained Preston and Sterken.

The women are members of St. John's Episcopal Church, "The little red church on Water Street". They will conduct a Bible study and life skills group with women in the county jail.

Their group will examine thinking and relationship patterns, determine how those patterns interfere with responsible and productive living, and begin to make the changes necessary to contribute to society and build strong and health relationships.

Part of the Restorative Justice Program in Monroe County, Preston and Serken's work is based on the idea that when laws are broken, people are hurt and relationships are compromised.

It is part of the offender's consequence for their crime that they should repair that harm and restore those relationships.

Preston and Sterken will volunteer their time to help women in the county jail identify patterns they will need to change so that they can live in constructive ways in society.

Submitted from the Monroe County Democrat, March 11, 2004

"Soup and Sandwich" offered at St. John's, Mauston

During Lent the Congregation of St. John's have invited the people of Mauston to enjoy a free bowl of soup and a sandwich each Sunday evening. St. John's had done this a few years ago under the leadership of Fr. Stillings and decided to offer it again. While the turnout was light, it looks like a new family may be joining as a result for which we give thanks to God. The crew shown in the photo to the right include Benjamin Jones in the foreground with the salt shaker, and then from left to right, James, Julie, and Jennifer Stark — and son, David, standing in front, Deacon Irene McDaniel, and Denise Jones. It was good getting together and the soup was great!

Submitted by The Rev. John Ambelang



"Lessons of the Apostles"

By The Rev. Art Hancock



A Sea Kayak Trip to the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior August 13-15, 2004

Join Father Fred Engdahl and Father Art Hancock this summer on a 3 day sea kayak adventure to the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior. This trip is for participants ages 22 and older. The trip will feature an open water crossing, beautiful sand beaches, a lighthouse, and sea caves. Excellent instruction, incredible natural beauty, wholesome food and unforgettable camaraderie all combine to make this trip both meaningful and memorable. Our evenings will be spent exploring the lives of Jesus' apostles and discovering lessons of faith for our own lives. This trip is geared for beginners but enjoyed by paddlers of all experience levels. Father Fred and Father Art will teach basic strokes and safety techniques. Participants may choose to paddle either a tandem kayak with a partner or go it alone in a solo kayak. Cost: \$175 per person. This price includes all equipment, instruction, food, camping permits, etc.. All you need to bring is an open and enthusiastic heart. For more information or to reserve your spot, call Father Art at CrossWoods - (800)876-5533.

WHAT'S NEW AT BUNDY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER

Bundy Hall has seen some facility improvements in the past few weeks. The summer dining room was re-carpeted and looks wonderful. In the conference center guests are now greeted with warm and inviting carpet. Additionally, vertical blinds will be installed in the near future. In keeping up with the technology of the days Bundy Hall Conference Center now has its own website, www.bundyhall.com.

Keep checking often for new pictures and information. Now is a great time to book an event and become one of the many groups supporting Bundy Hall Conference Center. For more information or to book an event please call us at 715-235-7761.

Alpha Course to Begin at St. Alban's, Superior

The Rev. Nicholas Hill, Priest-in-Charge, of The Church of St. Alban the Martyr announced that the Alpha Course began on March 3, 2004.

Anyone wishing more information, please call (715) 392-2536.

Sign Up Now for Camp Horstick 2004 June 13-18

Youth and adults from the Diocese of Eau Claire will be gathering at CrossWoods Adventure Camp in Delta, Wisconsin June 13-18 for an incredible time of challenge, worship, fun, and friendship. This is the second year that the diocese has used CrossWoods for its summer camp, and if you missed it last year, this summer is your chance! The theme for Camp Horstick 2004 is "BE" and we will be exploring what it means to BE a child of God and a follower of Jesus Christ. Adventure activities include mountain biking, rock climbing, high and low ropes courses, whitewater canoeing, sea kayaking, and whole host of new surprises that will get your heart pounding! Each day will include "all-camp" events as well as events specifically planned for and targeted at different age groups. In addition to the adventures that each day brings, morning and evening programs help students discover who they are as God's children and what God is calling them to do with their lives.

Camp registration is open to all students leaving grades 2 through 12. In addition, graduating seniors may attend. While there will not be a specific program for adults this year, families are welcome to attend with the adults sharing in the programs. Cost: \$250 per person, family cap of \$650. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan office. To register, use the form below, see your priest for a registration form, or call Fr. Art Hancock at CrossWoods (800)876-5533. While registrations will be taken up to the first day of camp, we are encouraging all campers to register early. Completed registration forms should be sent to:

Barb Simpson

**Attn: Camp Horstick Registrations
900 Chapple Avenue
Ashland, WI 54806**

Upon receipt of your registration, you will be sent an information pack that will give you more information about your week at camp.

Camp Horstick Registration

Name: _____

Street
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade in School (next year) _____

Home Church: _____

T-shirt Size (circle one): Children's XS S M L XL

Adult's XS S M L XL XXL

The fee for Camp Horstick 2004 is \$250.00 per person. For scholarship information, call the Diocesan Office: (715) 835-3331

For any other information, call Fr. Art Hancock at CrossWoods: (800) 876-5533

Please send completed registration form and \$25 registration deposit to: Barb Simpson at the address above.