



The Tower

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MAY 2007

On Sunday, June 10, at 11 am all are invited to participate in the diocesan Confirmation service, presided by the Bishop, at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane. There will be a single early service at 7:30 am here at St. James to accommodate those wishing to attend the Spokane service also, and for those unable to do so.

The people of St. James are a community of faith rooted in God's unconditional love, seeking to express that love to one another, our neighbors and the world.

Beloved Community:

Those who know my reading habits are not surprised when I tell them I've lately been enjoying *The Oxford Guide to the Book of Common Prayer*. At 700+ pages of fairly tiny type, it is definitely not for the faint of heart, but it's deliciously full of the details of the book that has shaped worship for us and for the millions of Christians around the world who call themselves Anglican. The closest thing we have to a systematic theology of being Anglican is our Book of Common Prayer. Every choice of what to include, every decision about how to word a particular prayer, every sacramental rite of the church has over the centuries been subjected to the scrutiny of theologians, rulers, and even the people in the pew. When the first Book of Common Prayer was promulgated throughout England in 1549, the people of Cornwall rose up in protest, complaining bitterly, "We do not understand this *English!*" Our 1979 Prayer Book puts great emphasis on Baptism and Confirmation, placing Baptism just before the Eucharist to emphasize its centrality in the life of the gathered community.

The sacrament of Baptism, through which we are mystically incorporated into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the way that all Christians are admitted fully into the life of the church. In our church, Baptism is administered to adults, children, and especially to infants. What for a time was considered a private event is a very public celebration, set aside for particular Sundays of the year: All Saints Day, The Baptism of Christ, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Pentecost. Those who wish to present their children to be baptized are encouraged to read *Taking the Plunge* by Anne Kitch, copies of which I have in the office. Adults desiring Baptism will have a more individualized program of preparation. The next Baptism is scheduled for Pentecost, May 27. Contact me if you intend to be baptized or to present your child for Baptism.

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- Junior Warden**
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*Stephan Flores '10 882-6508
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Phil Mixer 334-5384

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VESTRY DIGEST

April 10, 2007

Old Business:

M (Wardwell) S (Ridout) to purchase washer/dryer for shared use with CCCC from Daycare Maintenance fund.

M (Wardwell) S (Kellam) to pay for half cost of washer/dryer from Major Repair Fund.

Note: Washer and dryer have been installed in store room off kitchen; available for parish use as needed; CCCC is taking care of maintenance/repair costs.

New Business:

Buildings and Grounds, after investigation, recommends purchase of more functional vacuum. M (Wardwell) S (Ridout) to purchase a new vacuum from Major Repairs fund, not to exceed \$400.

Bruce Kellam presented review of fiscal year 2005; M (Wardwell) S (Vanderwall) to accept review (with correction for small deposit error).

Vestry endorsed revised St. James website as done by Travis Ridout (see article on opposite page).

Next Vestry Meeting: May 8th, 7 pm. Location TBA

Guest Presenter: Phil Mixer, Campus Ministry

Complete draft of Minutes posted in Office.

Respectfully submitted, Claudia Wohlfeil, Vestry Clerk

Quarterly Budget Summary

	<u>Month ending March 31, 2007</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Revenue	\$35,137	\$31,469	\$176,500
<i>(Pledges)</i>	<i>\$39,589</i>	<i>\$35,921</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>
Expenses	\$51,390	\$53,738	\$176,109

*Pledges and Givers of Record are both below budget at end of first quarter;
Utilities are major overrun in expenses, predictable in winter months.*

Complete Budget Statement posted in Office. Dean Ritchie, Treasurer

Year-to-date Giving Statements available in Narthex

April 29—May 13.

Thank you for your generous contributions to St. James.

**Please contact Christie Sharpe
(clsharpe@yahoo.com or 334 7313)**

*Notes from Carol.....in the Parish Office
Please check with Carol or Mary Beth before scheduling
things at church/on calendar—thank you!
Lost & Found Box now in Canterbury Room Hallway
by coat rack—look there for your misplaced items.*

CAMP CROSS 2007

Prayer for Camp Cross: Blow across our faces, wind from God, as you blew across the faces of the waters. Unsettle us, disturb us, love us as we become one in your new creation. "And it is good." Loving God, you said, "New things I now declare." At Camp Cross we celebrate new insight, new opportunities, and new creation. "And it is good." Amen.

Camp Sessions

Labor of Love Weekend All ages help prepare camp for summer

May 25–28 No cost

Intermediate 1, 2 & 3 Those entering 4th, 5th, 6th grade

June 17–22; July 22–27; July 29–Aug 3 \$215

Junior High 1, 2 & 3 Those entering 7th & 8th grade

June 17–22; July 22–27; July 29–Aug 3 \$215

Mid-High/Sr. High Those entering 9th–12th grade

July 8–14 \$215

Sr. High 2 Those entering 11th-12th grade; 2007 grads

July 5–12 \$225

Open House July 14 No cost

Young Adult Weekend 20-30 some-things

July 5–8 \$ 80

Family Frontier Camp June 29–July 1 Cost depends on #

Labor Day Family Camp Aug 29–Sept 3 Cost depends on #

Women's Weekend Aug 17–19 \$85

Taize Weekend Aug 29–Sep 3 \$85

Fall Retreat Weekend Oct 5–7 TBA

For more information go to www.campcross.org or call the church office. Registration forms will be available, and ECW helps youth from St. James with cost of camp.

Rector's Letter cont.

Confirmation provides the chance to explore the faith in which many have been raised since infancy, and to make an adult profession of that faith before the bishop. Since the fall, a group of middle school students has been gathering monthly to undertake just that exploration. **Stephanie Ankrah, Emmett Cruver, Peter Dolezilek, Johanna Flores, and Christian Wohlfeil**, often in the company of one or more parents, have gathered with me to talk about scripture and its meaning in their daily life and worship. We've been using a program that engages the students, with their adult mentors, in Bible study, special projects, and an album of their spiritual journey over the year. Regardless of whether they choose to be confirmed, students and adult mentors completing the program are eligible to receive a God and Church scouting badge. In addition, Emmett and his older brother, **Micah Cruver**, have elected to use the newly published *My Life, My Faith* by Jenifer Gamber as a teaching manual for their own Confirmation preparation. Our Parish Assistant, **Carol Porter**, who is facilitating the weekly Bible study on Thursday nights is also preparing for Confirmation. If you're interested in Confirmation, Reception, or the Reaffirmation of baptismal vows, please let me know as soon as possible.

We're arranging our worship schedule on June 10 to allow travel to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane to support these persons in their life of faith as we present them to Bishop Waggoner for Confirmation at 11am. Your prayers and your presence are most welcome.

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

Last month we ran a picture of our newcomers at St. James. Tower editorial team member Montine Vona-Pergola interviewed some of those folks for this issue, prior to taking maternity leave until the late Summer Issue.

Cherish and John Visger, along with 4-year-old twins **Mary and Abigail** and 2-year-old daughter **Angela**, moved to Pullman in July 2006. They arrived at St. James soon thereafter. Most recently from Mountain Home, Idaho (where they also attended St. James Episcopal Church), they found us to be friendly and welcoming, and were happy with the nursery and Sunday School program for their children. Cherish jumped right into the teaching rotation for the pre-school's Sunday School and has attended ECW meetings.

Originally from Northeastern Ohio, Cherish and John met during their first year of medical school. Both are now medical doctors (Cherish is a pediatrician; John, a general surgeon), and it was John's job that brought them to the area. Cherish is currently staying home with the girls. So far, they are enjoying Pullman, especially the wide, open spaces and rolling hills. Already, the small town life has spoiled them, making the freeways back home feel claustrophobic.

Sara Schofield moved to Pullman in September 2006 from Syracuse, NY. With 2 Episcopal priests as immediate family members (her sister and now her mother, being ordained June 6th), Sara came to St. James the first Sunday that she wasn't actively moving—coincidentally, this was Kick-off Sunday and Linda Adams marched right over and told her she had to stay. She admits the free food was a nice welcome. Friendly people and a relaxed, unintimidating atmosphere helped to seal the deal. So far, she has participated in the Wednesday Night Bible Study Group and Sinner's Dinners.

Sara moved here to take a position as a Registered Dietician with WSU. Before this, she worked in Syracuse, as well as 2 years in the Gambia doing nutrition work for the Peace Corps. She is still involved with the Peace Corps here on the Palouse, meeting with both prospective and former volunteers.

Upon arriving in Pullman, she was taken aback by the scenery (actual "Amber waves of grain"); as a nutritionist, she also very much appreciated an entire festival devoted to the lentil!

From the Senior Warden Todd Butler

I'm writing this column one day after the shootings at Virginia Tech University. In the aftermath of the tragedy, NPR interviewed an engineering professor who had spent over an hour locked in his office as he listened to gunfire on the floor below him. His voice quavered as he acknowledged the compassion and love that students at Virginia Tech would need in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Both Pullman and Virginia Tech's home of Blacksburg are similar communities, relatively small rural towns shaped by their relationship to the research universities that exist among them. Recognizing such similarities makes us ask what, if anything, can be done to support the university community that's in our midst. Both undergraduate and graduate students attend our services, and I'd encourage you to make particular efforts to integrate them into the life of our church. This work is particularly important as the end of the semester (and all its attendant stresses) approaches. One concrete way of demonstrating your interest is to help with the dinners at the campus K-House—I'd encourage you to contact Phil Mixter to offer your support.

More broadly, however, the shootings at Virginia Tech remind us that pain, isolation, and loneliness do not discriminate. For me, perhaps the most painful moment of the just-passed Easter season has always been the Garden of Gethsemane, in which the disciples left Jesus to face the long, dark night alone. Such loneliness is, or at least should be, unacceptable to Christians, who are reminded by a God who walked among us that, "for where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Mat 18:20).

As the day of Resurrection fades into the past and our lives move through Spring into Summer, let us each make a commitment to be *with* each other, friends known and unknown, gathered together in twos, threes or more in Christ's name.

Peace,
Todd

Parish Office Hours

Carol: Tues-Fri 9am - 3pm

Lunch from 1-2

Mary Beth: Tues- Thurs 9am - 3 p.m.

Lunch from 12 - 1

Worship

Coming Soon: SUMMER SUNDAYS

Normally at St. James we shift to a summer schedule immediately after the Feast of the Pentecost. This year, however, Pentecost falls over the Memorial Day Holiday, so June 3 will be the last Sunday with two services and with choir participation until August 12. The following Sunday, June 10, we have Confirmations/Receptions/Reaffirmations at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane at 11 am. Those who wish to receive Communion at St. James may attend a single early morning service at **7:30 am**. The following Sunday, **June 17**, we will settle into our **regular summer worship at 9am**. These summer worship hours allow us to combine the two distinct congregations that worship at St. James and get to know The Rest of the Parish. Look for First Sunday Breakfasts in July and August to extend that opportunity for community. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall. Summer Sundays at St. James will continue until we **resume our regular 8 am and 10 am worship service schedule on August 12**.

Ascension Day Worship: Thursday, May 17 Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm (Worship Committee meets at 7:30 pm)

Summer Brings Us the Feast Day of St. James

Our patron saint James is honored on July 26. Accordingly, we gather to celebrate Eucharist in the Park followed by a grand picnic on the Sunday closest (this year July 29). This has traditionally been the kick-off of practice for our Church League Softball team, The Episcobats, who play on Tuesday nights through August. More details will be available as we get closer, but save the date now. Plan to wear red!

www.stjamespullman.org

A re-designed webpage for St. James debuted in late April. The webpage now contains more information about our ministry activities and opportunities for fellowship and education. It also contains links to The Tower newsletter and many photos of the people of St. James. Check it out! Be sure to let Travis Ridout know if you have any suggestions or information you would like added to the St. James web site.

The People of St. James

- ◆ Thanks to all who made Easter fellowship festive: Sue Johnson for the decorations; Nancy Collins-Warner for festooning the Parish Hall; and Bruce Kellam & Arvid Olson for delicious coffee hour treats.
- ◆ Soups On: A special thank you to all those who helped with Soup's On this year: Linda Adams, Leslie Booren, Trevor Bond, Todd Butler, Pat Cruver, Anna Enger, Mary Flores, Margaret Haggart, Jennifer Hammond, Sylvia Hutton, Sue Johnson, the High School Group, Bruce Kellam, Sharon Nitz, Arvid Olson, George & Mary Beth Rivetti, Chris Stone, Montine Vona-Pergola, Claudia Wohlfeil; and everyone who helped after church in February. We'll do that again! Through this important outreach project, St. James has provided dinner for needy families once a month at the Community Action Center. This project isn't over, so everyone please continue to volunteer your time. Remember, all expenses are reimbursed. (Joe Pergola—Outreach Chair)
- ◆ EPISCOBATS! Time to dust the cobwebs off your gloves, bats, and balls—it's softball season again! All interested players should contact Joe Pergola (883-0734; mvpjmp@yahoo.com) for our St. James co-ed softball team. Games start in August. Join us, and have a ball!
- ◆ Annual Rummage Sale set up will start on July 13th and continue through the week until the Big Event the next weekend, July 19-20-21. All parish event, lots of volunteers needed, so mark your calendars now!

Vacation Bible School - There's Something for Everyone Here!

"Listen Up" is the theme for this summer's Community Vacation Bible School held this year at Trinity Lutheran Church June 18-22. About a hundred area children, pre-school through 6th grade, share a week of Bible stories, song, crafts, games and great fun, with support from our mid-high, senior high and adult volunteers.

Students entering grades 1-6 in the Fall of 2007 participate in a week of day-long sessions from 9-3; children entering preschool and kindergarten in Fall 2007 have activities in the morning from 9-11:30. The cost is \$20/child, with a maximum of \$40/family.

There's a bowling night for the mid-high group; game night for the high schoolers; and a family picnic on Thursday afternoon in McGee Park to celebrate the week of activities. This year's VBS will have a rustic farming theme, and families will be encouraged to make donations to support the annual Crop Walk.

St. James is being asked to provide snacks on Wednesday, June 20, with a theme for the day of watermelon slices and fruit salad. Registration forms are available in the office, and the Rector will be delighted to talk about volunteer opportunities for young and old alike.



More Summer Opportunities!
BACKYARD HARVEST
A Community Project

The Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, with the support of various community groups like The Common Ministry, is collecting "extra produce" from local gardens and transporting them to nine area food banks and senior meal programs. If you have garden produce to donate, call 669-2259 to arrange for a pick-up. To find out more, including opportunities for volunteering call this number or visit www.backyardharvest.org.

Sunday Server Schedule May— June 2007

Date	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Chalice	Ushers	Greeters	Nursery	Coffee Hour
May 6	8	D. Jacobs	A. Hard		EK Peters M. Haggart	L. Olsen	Kate Emmett	Adams
	10	Mixter/Bond	K. Burns	D. Seamans				
May 13	8	R. Luedeking	N. C-Warner		S. Flores A. Olson	D. Butler	Siri Stephanie	Burns
	10	St/A Ankrach	S.Hammond	M. Haggart				
May 20	8	D. Lowe	D. Jacobs		S. Johnson M. Hubbard	P. Cruver C. Stone	Beth Micah	Porter
	10	Sid Ankrach	F. Koehler	A. Olson				
May 27 Pentecost	8	R. Vanderwall	Luedeking		A. Olson M. Rehberg	T. Ridout	Madelaine Kate	Hammond
		S. Wohlffeil	Multilingual	J. Reece				
June 3	8	A. Hard	J. Wardwell		B. Burns P. Mixter	M. Haggart	TBA	Wohlffeil
	10	M. Mixter	A. Benson	F. Koehler				

Summer Service Schedule Begins

June 10 7:30 am		D. Ritchie	D. Lowe		none scheduled	none schedulesd	none scheduled	none scheduled
June 17	9	S. Hutton	T. Bond	B. Burns	P. Cruver C. Stone	EK Peters	TBA	Rehberg
June 24	9	D. Adams	N. Ankrach	M. Haggart	S. Johnson EK Peters	A. Benson	TBA	Hutton

Altar Guild

* Chair

MAY

K. Surles *
Jan Stewart

JUNE

Nancy Collins-Warner*
Chris Warner
Carolyn Ross
Robin Gray (L)



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*“We are no longer strangers and sojourners but fellow citizens
with the saints and members of the household of God.”*

May

- ♦ May 2 ECW, 10:30 am Beauty & Order, Noon Lunch
- ♦ May 8 Vestry Meeting, 7 pm, location TBA
Tapestry Concert, 7:30 pm
- ♦ May 17 Ascension Day Holy Eucharist, 6:30 pm
Worship Committee, 7:30 pm

June

- ♦ June 3 Pentecost, 8 am & 10 am Worship
- ♦ June 6 ECW, 10:30 am Beauty & Order, Noon Lunch
- ♦ June 9 ECW, 10 am Business Meeting
- ♦ June 10 Holy Eucharist, 7:30 am only
Diocesan Confirmation, 11 am, St. John’s Cathedral, Spokane
- ♦ June 17 Holy Eucharist, 9 am Summer Sunday Service (through Aug. 5)

July

- ♦ July 19-20-21 8 Annual St. James Rummage Sale, Beasley Coliseum
- ♦ July 29 St. James Feast Day Eucharist in the Park & Picnic