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Russ' Reflections

Countdown to General Convention

Beloved in the Lord,

Next month your elected Diocesan Deputies to General Convention will be heading off to the convention center in Anaheim, Calif., for our triennial meeting. This will be my tenth consecutive General Convention either as a Deputy or Bishop. Those of us who will be representing you desire and need your prayers.



The Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus, Bishop
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There was an article in May's *Clarion* listing the names of our deputies. As a reminder, the clergy deputies are the Rev. Wilson Roane, the Rev. Ed Smith, the Rev. Peter Bird and the Rev. Rex Perry. The lay deputies are Mr. Bill Gaglin, Dr. Anne Schuette, Mrs. Sue Roane and Mr. Ray Dodge. Please keep the deputies and me in your prayers over the next several weeks as we prepare ourselves for the convention, and especially through July 8-17, while the

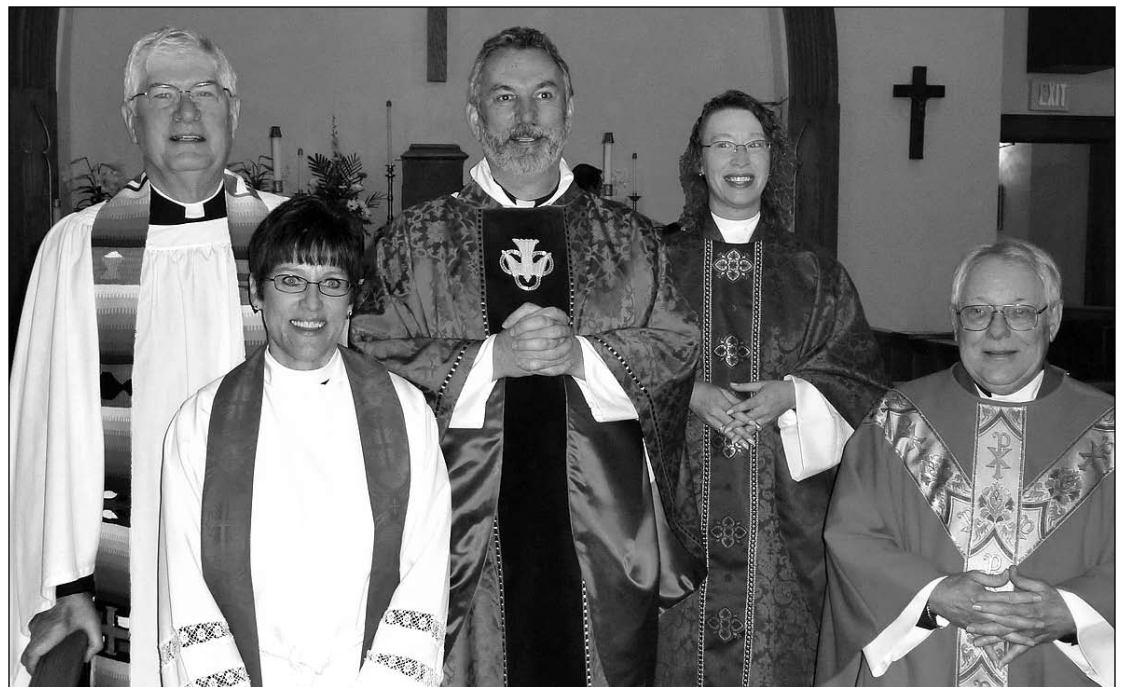
General Convention is in session.

In early May, Deputies from Fond du Lac and Eau Claire gathered to inform ourselves about some of the issues that will be on the agenda. I'd like to share with you several of the topics we will need to deal with, and suggest that if you would like to talk with us about any of these, you should plan to attend the open forum with General Convention deputies, to be held following the luncheon at the Eucharistic Festival at our Cathedral in Fond du Lac, on Saturday, June 6.

Healthcare

One of the helpful concerns coming before the General Convention has to do with the rising cost of healthcare for clergy and lay employees in the Church. The Episcopal Church Medical Trust,

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Paternal Feast Day at St. Mark's

Priests celebrating Paternal Feast Day on April 26, 2009 at St. Mark's, Waupaca were (left to right): Rev. Wilson Roane (past Rector of St. Mark's); the Rev. Vicki Natzke, St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids (previously a member of St. Mark's); the Rev. Nigel Bousfield, current rector at St. Mark's; the Rev. Deb Woolsey, St. Alban's, Sussex (previously a member of St. Mark's); and the Rev. Robert Meyer (past Rector of St. Mark's). Following the service, a luncheon was held in the church's fellowship hall.

(Photo by Ken Dequaine)

Two stops planned in Wisconsin

Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, a 40-day, 6,800-mile cross-country journey to 23 present and former Indian boarding schools, began on May 16, 2009, at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore.

The Wellbriety Journey will pass through two sites of Indian boarding schools in Wisconsin: June 14, at Lac du Flambeau; and June 15, in Oneida. The journey will end in Washington, D.C., June 24, when participants will present a petition to President Obama (visit www.whitebison.org for an itinerary).

The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness is sponsored by White Bison Inc., an American Indian non-profit organization. It is designed to promote learning, emotional healing and forgiveness of the harm done to American Indians during the almost 100-year North American Indian Board School Era, which began in 1879.

An increasing body of evidence shows that intergenerational trauma is connected to suicides, substance abuse, domestic violence,

child sexual abuse, family break-ups and diabetes, which continue to plague Native American communities today. The Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness will help begin the healing process in Native communities around

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Keep Convention, delegates in your prayers

Reflections, from page A through the Church Pension Group, will be proposing that the Episcopal Church have a mandatory denominational health plan. Currently, about 70% of dioceses participate in the health program. Should General Convention pass a resolution mandating participation, it will increase our group and, in turn, reduce premiums. The Episcopal Church Medical Trust has been looking for ways to reduce premiums for participating dioceses, and this proposal would help significantly.

Communion with Moravians

For more than a decade the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church have been in discussion about the possibility of some type of intercommunion. There will be a resolution titled "Finding our Delight in the Lord," which is a proposal for establishing full communion between the two churches. (To see the resolution, go to episcopalchurch.org/gc2009, click on Legislation and look for resolution A073. If you want more information about the Moravi-

Follow General Convention online

Keep up with your Deputies attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church from the Diocese of Fond du Lac this July. Point your web browser to diofdl.org/gc/ to find links to news and read comments directly from our Deputies.

an Church, visit www.moravian.org.) At our bi-diocesan deputies' gathering we were blessed to have a retired Moravian Bishop talk to us about the Moravian Church and its history.

An interesting piece of this particular legislation is that if it passes, this will be the first tripartite agreement, as both the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church are already in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Canons on discipline

At the General Convention in 2006 there was a presentation on a revision of the Canons of the Church that deal with discipline (Title IV Canons). That proposal, which was not adopted, recommended that canons be put in place for the discipline of misbehavior on the part of laity as well as clergy. The reason for failure was most deputies did not feel the Canons should contain discipline for the laity.

There is a new revision of the Title IV Canons proposed that only considers the misbehavior by clergy. Current canons are based on a type of military code. The proposed canons have been drafted to be more pastoral, with greater opportunity for reaching settlement between bishops and clergy, without having to go to an Ecclesiastical Court. The canons are still very explicit about what constitutes misconduct, but the process for investigation of the alleged inappropriate conduct is much less

judicial.

'Hot button' issues

I am sure that there will be a number of resolutions filed at General Convention that will deal with some of the "hot button" issues before the Church. These are the circumstances when your deputies need prayer the most, as they try to discern the will of our Lord Jesus in these situations. Through prayer they will attempt to decide God's leading, what is best for the Church at this time, and how these resolutions proclaim the Good News of Christ to a world that is in desperate need of hearing that news of hope.

Your deputies will be attending committee meetings, legislative sessions, open hearings, and daily Eucharists which begin as early as 7 a.m. and last as late as 10 p.m. And they do this for 11 consecutive days. We are not going on a vacation to California and, if we were, I'm sure we wouldn't do it in the middle of July.

Please join the deputies on June 6, following the Eucharistic Festival luncheon, to speak to them about your hopes and concerns for the Church. Join us so the deputies know there is support for them from around the diocese. And keep them in your prayers.

On page 818 of *The Book of Common Prayer* there is a prayer for a "Church Convention" (#12). This is an excellent prayer to use for General Convention and our deputies. If you turn to that prayer may I also ask that you offer Prayer #14 for "the Unity of the Church."

In Christ Jesus,



Clarion

Our ministry

The Clarion reviews and previews news, activities and events in and affecting the congregations and people of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. It also serves as a means to create written dialogue on issues affecting the whole Church.

Our mission

The Clarion is written to, for, and about the people of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. It is designed as a means for members of the diocese to communicate with each other; for the diocesan staff to communicate with members of the diocese; and to introduce new members and friends to the people of the diocese.

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Reminders

Eucharistic Festival, June 6

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's Eucharistic Festival will be held Saturday, June 6, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fond du Lac. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, including the diocesan UTO Ingathering.

All Senior and Junior Wardens will be recognized for their leadership in the congregations of the Diocese. Bishop Jacobus will preach at this year's milestone 50th event. The service is followed by the Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a picnic, and General Convention Deputies Forum.

Volunteers needed to help carry out work after General Convention is over

Even if you're not a deputy to the General Convention, you can play a role in the activities of the Episcopal Church. The work of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church doesn't stop after the July event, and volunteers are needed to continue the church's mission and ministry.

The committees, commissions, agencies and boards (CCABs) of the Episcopal Church act on the work as determined during General Convention 2009. Volunteers are needed to serve on the CCABs, which offer an array of topics and interests, such as anti-racism, archives, audit, communications, economic justice, education and formation, stewardship, theology, status on women, social responsibility in investments, ministry development, pastoral concerns, health, HIV/AIDS, national and international concerns.

Appointments to the CCABs will be made following the General Convention by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Bonnie Anderson, president of the House of Deputies. Jefferts Schori will appoint bishops, while Anderson will appoint clergy and laity.

For more information on the General Convention and to see a full list of CCABs, visit the General Convention web site www.episcopalchurch.org/gc.

To volunteer or to nominate someone for a CCAB, complete and submit the form available online at www.ccab09.org to the General Convention office. Deadline is July 20.

Women's Mini-Week at Camp Lakotah, Aug. 20-23

By Yesh Pavlik

Join us for another great retreat with Women's Mini-Week 2009, Aug. 20-23. Hosted at Camp Lakotah overlooking Little Hills Lake in Wautoma (camlakotah.com), come and enjoy a weekend of relaxation, fun, retreat, spiritual renewal and friendship. This women-only, multi-age event offers creative and exciting activities such as yoga, arts and crafts, and dancing. We are also offering rejuvenating opportunities, such as massages, glee club and nature walks. We have a weekend full of activities planned. How you spend your time is up to you. Bring a friend. Sign up soon.

For more information please visit our website at womensminiweek.org. For a brochure, e-mail us at womensminiweek@gmail.com or call Yesh Pavlik at (414) 899-5663.

2009 Summer Service Schedule

Family vacations or reunions may take you to another part of the Diocese of Fond du Lac this summer. To help you take in the opportunity to visit friends in another congregation, below is the summer service schedule of churches throughout the diocese. For additional information, including addresses and maps, log on to diofdl.org/churches.asp and click on the desired location.

Algoma – St. Agnes: Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

Amherst – St. Olaf's: Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Antigo – St. Ambrose: Sundays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (Morning Prayer)

Appleton – All Saints: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. (Eucharist and Holy Unction)

DePere – St. Anne's: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Eagle River – St. Mary's: Sundays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Elkhart Lake – All Saints' Chapel: Sundays, 9 a.m. (May 24 through Sept. 27)

Fish Creek – Atonement: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. (June 7 & Sept. 13 are 9 a.m. only).

Fond du Lac – Cathedral Church of St. Paul: Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.; Sundays, 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Gardner – Precious Blood: Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Green Bay – Blessed Sacrament: Sundays, 7:45 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 5 p.m.; Thursdays & Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 5:15 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (Rennes Nursing Home).

Jacksonport – Christ the King and Holy Nativity: Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Manitowoc – St. James: Sundays, 10 a.m., Fridays (Morning Prayer) 6:30 a.m.

Marinette – St. Paul's: Sundays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.

Marshfield – St. Alban's: Sundays, 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Menasha – St. Thomas: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday 12:15 p.m. (Healing Service)

Merrill – Ascension: Sundays, 10 a.m.

Minocqua – St. Matthias: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 12:10 p.m.; Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Manitowish Waters – Community Church: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

Mosinee – St. James: Saturdays, 5 p.m.

New London – St. John's: Saturdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Oneida – Holy Apostles: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Oshkosh – Trinity: Sundays, 9 a.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 12:05 p.m. (Noonday Prayer); and first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. (at Evergreen Manor Chapel).

Plymouth – St. Paul's: Sundays, 10 a.m.

Rhineland – St. Augustine's: Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.

Ripon – St. Peter's: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. (English); noon (Spanish); Wednesdays, 6 p.m. (Bilingual).

Shawano – St. John's: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sheboygan – Grace: Sundays, 8 a.m. (Low Mass) & 10:15 a.m. (Solemn Mass); Mondays, 12:10 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.; and Fridays, 7 a.m.

Sheboygan Falls – St. Peter's: Sundays, 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

Sister Bay – St. Luke's: Sundays, 10 a.m.; also Sundays, 8 a.m., July & August

Stevens Point – Intercession: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.; Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.; first and third Thursdays at area senior centers.

Sturgeon Bay – Christ the King and Holy Nativity: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Suamico – St. Paul's: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Tomahawk – St. Barnabas: Sundays, 10 a.m.

Waupaca – St. Mark's: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays (Evening Prayer), 6:30 p.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m. (Morning Prayer); and first Sunday of month, 5 p.m. (Jazz Vesper)

Waupun – Holy Trinity: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Wausau – St. John's: Sundays, 9 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

Wautoma – St. Mary's Chapel: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Rapids – St. John's: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. (Ecumenical)

GGBEMG plans 'Mass on the Grass'

By Terri Welsch

The churches that make up the Greater Green Bay Episcopal Ministry Group (GGBEMG) – Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay, St. Anne's, DePere, Holy Apostles, Oneida, and St. Paul's, Suamico – will host their 6th Annual "Mass on the Grass." It will be held June 21, 10 a.m., at Jackson Park, 300 Madison St., in Green Bay.

If that date rings a bell, you're right! It's Father's Day, so bring your Dad and celebrate his day.

In case of rain, the event will be moved to Holy Apostles Church, 2937 Freedom Road, Oneida.

Come join us. You'll feel more than the warmth of the sun on your face.

Benches will be available, but feel free to grab your comfy lawn chair or a blanket to share. Take your shoes off and feel the grass between your toes. Background music is always provided, compliments of our native birds, butterflies and fresh breeze.

Enjoy the fellowship before, during and after the Mass. It's a great time to catch up with everyone and welcome anyone new. We'll have live music and refreshments will be served following the service. This is a community event, and the public is invited and encouraged to share the activities.

GGBEMG was formed in the spring of 2003, at the request of Bishop Jacobus. Its mission is to engage in collaborative activities that enrich the Christian mission of our four churches and bring the Gospel of Christ to others.

We hope you join us.

EfM is growing in the Diocese of Fond du Lac

By the Rev. Mary Trainor
Diocesan EfM Coordinator

Are you interested in becoming more actively engaged in study, prayer and worship as you seek a better understanding of God's working in your everyday life? If yes, then consider joining an Education for Ministry (EfM) group.

Registration for the fall is beginning now. We have three EfM seminar groups in the diocese: two existing groups, in Minocqua and Stevens Point; and a new group, starting in Green Bay, in September. All three groups draw people from surrounding areas. The commute is worth it (as many of the current students will attest), if you do not live in one of these communities but live nearby.

EfM is both a seminar group that meets weekly to learn to view life's events in a reflective way, and also to discuss readings. The group follows the academic calendar (September-June), meeting once a week for nine months. The readings are provided by the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

But, EfM is much more than just study and discussion – it is primarily a community of Christians gathered together in love, prayer, worship and service. EfM helps each of us clarify our faith journeys and the ways that God calls us to serve in our families, churches, workplaces and communities. All of us are called to ministry – for in the most basic sense, ministry means to reveal the love of God in how we live each day.

EfM participants sign up for one year at a time, and each of the four years of study have different readings. Readings begin with the Old Testament in year one; move to the New Testament in year two; Church History in year three; and Systematic Theology in year four.

Participants invest whatever time they are able to invest in the readings each week, and then come to the seminar group (which meets each week for 2½ hours) to discuss, reflect and delve deeply into issues that relate to our lives. EfM deals with all of this in a fun and trusting community setting. Trained and certified mentors lead each group.

We may wonder where God means for us to serve, in light of the realities of our lives and gifts. Sometimes we aren't even sure of what we believe in; we may not be confident of our understanding of Scripture, theological concepts or Church history – the elements that are vital in grounding our beliefs. We struggle with moments of doubt or periods of anger, when God seems far away, and we may think this means our faith is weak, that we are out of favor with God, and that we therefore have nothing to offer in service.

Sign up now for the EfM groups that start on Sept. 14, 2009. Enrollment is limited, and scholarships are available. For more information on specific sites:

- **Stevens Point:** For information about EfM, or about enrolling in the Stevens Point group, contact the Rev. Mary Trainor at the Church of the Intercession, phone: (715) 344-3879.

- **Green Bay:** The new Green Bay group will be co-mentored by Connie Verhaagh, St. Paul's, Suamico and Mary Lea Jones, Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay. An informational session will be held June 15, 7-8 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay. Contact Connie at (920) 434-2639 or cverhaagh@aol.com for more information.

- **Minocqua:** Kathy Knobel is the mentor of the Minocqua group. They begin in March and meet throughout the summer, taking a break in the winter months. For information, e-mail: kmdknobel@gmail.com.



Education for Ministry class

Participating in the 2008-09 Education for Ministry class at Church of the Intercession, Stevens Point, were: (clockwise, beginning center, top): Judy Bertling, the Rev. Mary Trainor, mentor; the Rev. Dcn. Georganne Cusic; Dave Natzke, Mary Lea Jones, Connie Verhaagh; Bruce McCallum; Meredyth Albright; Karen Woolsey; John McCandless; Amanda Sampey; and Rae Loos. The Rev. Dcn. Faith Sanders was also a class member prior to her death.



ECW Province V participants

Carol Feller Gottard (left), St. Ambrose, Antigo, and Karen D. Powers (right), Trinity, Oshkosh were Diocese of Fond du Lac Episcopal Church Women (ECW) delegates to the ECW Province V meeting, held during April 2009 in Indianapolis, Ind. They are pictured with Phoebe Griswold, who served as the keynote speaker.

Powers, Gottard elected to posts

The Province V annual meeting of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) was held April 24-26, 2009, in Indianapolis, Ind. Two delegates from the Diocese of Fond du Lac attended the meeting: Karen D. Powers, Trinity, Oshkosh, and Carol Feller Gottard, St. Ambrose, Antigo. During the meeting, Powers was elected as Province V Church Periodical Club (CPC) representative to the national board; Carol Feller Gottard was elected as Province V United Thank Offering (UTO) representative to the national board.

The theme for the conference was "The Power of One Woman." Phoebe Griswold was the keynote speaker, addressing the importance of women in the church, the community and the world, emphasizing how even one woman can make a contribution and a difference.

Money given during the service offertories and raised during a silent auction was donated to the Jericho Road Project in New Orleans.

Wiseman attends NEHM Conference

By Dolores Wiseman

I was privileged to attend the National Episcopal Health Ministry Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, April 15-18, 2009.

We gathered to strengthen our ministries and inspire us to blaze new paths through health ministry. The keynote speaker spoke on the differences between healing and curing, the biblical sense of healing, and insight and the effects of hope in our lives. The banquet speaker showed us a way to literally make words, affirmations and scripture come alive using sign language, breathing, movement and music.

The five workshop sessions I attended were:

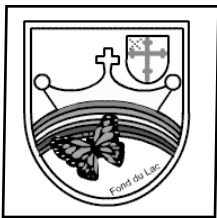
- 1.) Discerning health ministry/parish nursing for your congregation or diocese – learning why health ministry exists, the importance of having a health ministry, and theological roots behind current health ministry.
- 2.) If it's good for the church, it's good for the clergy – purpose of health ministry, ways health ministry supports clergy well-being.
- 3.) Staying afloat – preserving your capacity to care, learn wise and practical self-care practices.
- 4.) Lord, teach us to pray – exploring ways to pray with others.
- 5.) Health literacy – understanding basic health information and the need to make appropriate health decisions; how to follow instructions for treatment; how it's okay to ask questions and use "teach back" technique when teaching others how to take care of self.

I found it a wonderful experience and very worthwhile conference. I took a number of thoughts from the conference that will be helpful in the diocese.

Financial help to allow me to attend was provided in the form of a scholarship to cover the conference and hotel room, financial assistance from the diocesan budget for plane fare, and financial assistance for food from my home parish.

For more information on health ministries in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, contact Diocesan Health Ministries coordinator Dolores Wiseman at (920) 734-0642 or e-mail: Deewiseman@aol.com.

Cursillo Weekends



Monarch 65
Sept. 10-13, 2009

Spencer Lake
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Sunday, June 14, 3-5 p.m.
St. Peter's, Ripon

Sunday, Aug. 16, 3-5 p.m.,
St. Ambrose, Antigo

Parish Rep. Training

June 7, 3-5 p.m. – St. Anne's, DePere

June 28, 3-5 p.m. – Intercession, Stevens Point

For more information, visit:
www.monarchcursillo.org

Stops planned in Lac du Flambeau, Oneida

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the country. It will carry the message that historical trauma can be healed – and prevented from being passed on to yet another generation – through a willingness to “forgive the unforgivable.”

Daylong workshops are planned at the school sites to share educational information about the schools, encourage open discussion in a facilitated talking circle format, and to conduct healing ceremonies involving local tribal elders and mental health professionals to release the unresolved grief that school survivors and/or their descendants may still be carrying from trauma experienced at one of the schools.

Everyone, American Indian or otherwise, is encouraged to express their solidarity with the request for a U.S. government apology by signing an online petition for “Apology for Abuses at U.S. Indian Schools.” You can sign the petition at www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Apology-For-Indian-School-Abuses. Additional information, including dates for each of the 24 site visits in

various states, is also available on the website.

Funding assistance needed

Despite vigorous fund raising efforts, donations required to complete this journey are well below the mark. Many Native Americans have sent letters and comments sharing first-hand experience in terms of historical trauma and how critically important this journey is to them.

Journey organizers are seeking financial support of \$18.79 per mile, although any level of contribution will be appreciated. Your tax deductible donation can be easily made one of several ways:

- Check or money order payable to: White Bison, Inc., 6145 Lehman Drive, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.
- Call toll-free (877) 871-1495 to donate via MasterCard, Visa or American Express.
- Visit the secure website at www.whitebison.org for donation via PayPal.

A testimony of transformation: God's healing power revealed

By Ken Kurtenacker, member
St. John's, New London

I am often asked why I drive 85 miles round trip from Green Bay to be involved in St. John's, New London? This is my story:

Once upon a time, I was comfortable, I was safe, and I was content. I am pretty sure I qualified for being lukewarm. Being lukewarm is not good. Check out Rev 3:15-17. Looking back, I was mechanically doing all the right things, but I did not feel them. My heart was not involved. I did not relate to Jesus as my friend, my personal savior. He was important, but distant. I had stopped growing spiritually and I did not even know it. I was managing my life just fine – thank you. Then I encountered a medical problem and God used that time of helplessness to move in.

My wife and I had started doing crossword puzzles. That was great. Being an engineer, crosswords are right down my alley. Every word can be verified by the other words linking into it. Crosswords are logical and rational. Just what I liked.

My medical condition required surgery. I figured the doctors would open me up, take care of the problem, sew me up and send me on my way. I was wrong. The surgery lasted over 12 hours and had some complications. During recovery, God made His move. A number of people talk about a peace, a warmth, or a white light during a near-death experience, but God took a different course of action to get my attention. He showed me the other side. He showed me what it is like to be separated from Him.

I was suspended over a dark bottomless pit, held up by a web work of crossword puzzle words. I was, for the

moment, safe. Then I heard a voice say, “This is not correct.” I argued my case. All the words fit together, logically the solution had to be correct. The answer was immediate: “You do not have it correct.” And then: darkness, cold, feeling completely alone, separated from everything, and fear. It was indescribable.

I woke up screaming. Nurses came running down to the ICU to see the cause of the alarm. I told them what had happened, and they claimed it was the anesthesia. I know different. I did not close my eyes for two days. I was truly afraid of what else might be in store for me, and I did not wish to see anymore. Finally fatigue took over and I slept.

At home during my rehabilitation, my wife and I talked about my vision. It was decided that I needed to seek out “more” spiritually, and that the full meaning of what had been shown to me would only be revealed as I grew closer to God. My wife and I started our search for “more” and we found St. John's, in New London. Here I was allowed to “hang around.” Something different was going on. I was exposed to inner healing, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Jesus as a friend. I have come to understand that the core of my faith needs to be that love. As I now can accept the love Jesus has for me, I am able to love others. This is the insight I needed to be able to understand. This is what God has shown to me.

I was not afraid to die because I hadn't lived, I was afraid to die because I had not loved. I had not loved my God without reserve, completely, holding nothing back; to let Him be the Lord of my heart, not just my head. The only way to do this was to replace the hurt, anger and fears that I had accumulated from this world with

the love of the Father as shown to me by Jesus. St. John's community has gently helped me do this. I thought I had everything under control. I was doing things right, going to church, and following the rules. I had filled in my life's crossword puzzle with my answers; but God had very clearly stated “no, not correct.” He required that my relationship be more than just good actions, my relationship with Him must be about my answer to the love He has for me. I needed to be the Prodigal son, and return to the Father's love each and every day. God did not intend my life to be a structured response to the world, but rather a testament to His power of forgiveness and love.

For me it has not been a lightening bolt change. It has taken time to clear out the stuff not of God and to replace it with His love and compassion. I am now more able to get “me” out of the way and be a healing conduit of God's love, to awaken the power of the Holy Spirit within me, and to be aware of God's glory in my life.

I now realize that spiritual growth never stops. There is always “more.” I may rest when I reach a plateau, but I must only pause, and then continue. That is where Christian community is so important. They encourage me to persevere, to carry on, to increase the Kingdom. Jesus says “I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10). Jesus promises me that peace and strength that I need. All I had to do was say “yes” to His love, clean out my heart, let Him move in, and then put that lamp on its stand so that I may give light to the whole house (Matt. 5:14-17). I am now beginning to have life to the full. My priorities are different, my use of time is different, my friends are different, my decisions are

different; I am different.

With my answer to accept the Father's love for me, the awe and wonder of a child has returned, and I recognize the majesty of God that surrounds me. The life I now live must include forgiveness and love, not just in action from my head. I must feel God's presence in my heart. I do not worry too much about tomorrow anymore. The great I AM is in charge of that. My job for today is to witness His glory as it is revealed in my life and those around me.

Clarion welcomes letters, opinions

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- 2) are respectful of others;
- 3) in most cases are less than 350 words.

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'Happening' more than a weekend

By the Rev. Dcn. Greg Schultz
Diocesan Happening Coordinator

Happening #64 is now history, but only from the point of time. It lives on in the hearts of its participants.

Jesus Christ is always a very active part in every Happening weekend, and this one was no different. The staff meets immediately following the closing Eucharist, and it is always amazing how many different times they saw Jesus active with the whole group.

Happening is a wonderful opportunity for all young people, 9th-12th grades, and adults who work with youth. We also urge clergy to attend so they have first-hand information about Happening.

Happening is a one-time event, not like a retreat you attend over and over. Your Happening weekend is just that – your weekend. You will not have another chance to experience it as a candidate again. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ, where young people learn about being disciples, and a special and unique way to experience God's joy and love. Happening examines the person of Jesus in an atmosphere of faith and love.

Happening does not impose any new type of spirituality; it provides a method through which a young person's spirituality can be nourished and shared in fellowship with other Christians.

But Happening is not just a weekend experience, it is a life-long experience. I am sure anyone who has attended looks back at their Happening as a positive and Spirit-filled experience.

I have seen the weekend transform lives in many areas of a young person's life – in school, at home, and in the world. They learn that Jesus is continually making a difference in their lives, and will continue to do so.

The weekend is led by a group of young people that have already attended a Happening, with the help of some adults. After you have attended, you may be asked to serve on a future Happening weekend.

It only gets better after your initial weekend. I have served on about 13 or 14 weekends in different capacities – as laity and as clergy, from spiritual director to a "Dad," and now as the



Happening #64

Happening #64 was held April 17-19, 2009. Candidates included: Diana Gedye, St. Paul Cathedral, Fond du Lac; Rubie Mackie, St. James, Mosinee; Vida Sattahek, Taran Smith, Choua Yang and Kayla Kallas, all Trinity, Oshkosh. Happening staff included: Kevin Sampson, St. Anne's, DePere; the Rev. Dcn. Greg Schultz, Barb Schultz, Ruth Iradukunda, Peter Dobrzynski and Nick Whitford, all St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls; Nikki Tillema, non-Diocesan; Emily Kiefer, Trinity, Oshkosh; Tim Liepert, St. Thomas, Menasha; Aimee Mackie, St. James, Mosinee; Alannah Crabb, All Saints', Appleton; the Rev. Wilson Roane; and the Rev. Diane Murray, Diocesan Youth Coordinator.

Happening coordinator.

Just like any other ministry, we need your help to spread the word. For information, contact me at the diocesan office at (920) 830-8866 or at happening@diofdl.org, or contact the Rev. Diane Murray at the same number or e-mail.

Summer Camp at Camp Lakotah, Wautoma

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's 2009 Summer Camp will be held at Camp Lakotah, near Wautoma. Sessions include:

- Senior Session (for those completing grades 9-12, ages 15-18) – June 14-20.
- Middler Session – June 21-25.
- Junior Session – June 21-25.
- KinderCamp Session – June 25-27.

To obtain camper and volunteer applications, visit <http://camp.episcopalfonddulac.org>. Or, contact Deacon Diane Murray at (920) 918-4004 (cell) or (920) 893-2860 (home).

Congregations, briefly

Compiled by Meredyth Albright
& Dave Natzke



St. Paul's

St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls & St. Paul's, Plymouth

St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls and St. Paul's, Plymouth are co-hosting "Fireside Discipleship" the first and third Wednesdays of June, 7 p.m.. Activities include gathering around a campfire, discussing discipleship in our lives, allowing for quiet time, and singing simple songs.

On Sunday 10 a.m., June 28, St. Peter's and St. Paul's will gather at Rochester Park, Sheboygan Falls, for the feast of our namesakes along with a joint picnic.



St. Peter's

St. Peter's annual church camping event will be held July 22-26 on Long Lake, in the Kettle Moraine State Forest.



St. James

St. James, Manitowoc

The Homework Club had an end-of-year party. Average attendance was 11 students (1st-5th grad) every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the school year. A backyard bonfire will be held at the Mike and Laura Igniera home. A brat fry to benefit Project KAN/Cool will be held June 27.



St. Luke's

St. Luke's, Sister Bay

Member Dick Egan was recognized by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for his role in establishing FUVIRESE, a self-governing, non-profit cooperative foundation that provides support and services for disabled people in Ecuador. An updated "all-purpose" directory has been published and posted on the congregation's website: www.diofdl.org/sisterbay.



St. John's

St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids

The Personal Essentials Pantry hosted a "drive-through" brat fry to generate funds. Product distribution through the pantry, which provides soap, shampoo, laundry detergent and other essentials not covered by food stamps, grew from 126 items in January to 1,779 items in April.



St. Paul's

St. Paul's, Suamico

Members of the congregation are planning to spread the word of St. Paul's during two community events in June. Following successful participation in the 2008 Sesquicentennial Parade, the church is planning to have a float in the Summer Solstice Parade, June 20. St. Paul's will provide people to work at Bayfest, a community celebration on the banks of the Fox River at Leicht Memorial Park, June 12-14. A Pampered Chef Book Party generated \$212 for the Women's Guild.

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Clergy updates: Ordinations set

God willing and the people consenting, the Rev. Dcn Mark Evans and the Rev. Dcn. Anne Schnaare will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Fond du Lac. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Deacon Evans graduated from Nashotah House Theological Seminary; Deacon Schnaare graduated from the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee).

Ordination anniversaries

Charles Payson - Priest
June 1, 1973

Robert J.C. Brown - Priest
June 2, 1957

Samuel Morrison - Priest
June 2, 1976

Arthur Kephart - Priest
June 6, 1959

Vicki Natzke - Priest
June 8, 2002

Dutton Morehouse - Deacon
June 11, 1994

Evelyn Payson - Deacon
June 13, 1992

James Douglas McQueen II - Priest
June 14, 2008

MacDonald Wilhite - Priest
June 15, 1975

Georgeanne Cusic - Deacon
June 19, 2004

Ian Montgomery - Priest
June 28, 1976

Nigel Bousfield - Priest
June 29, 2003

Edward Franks - Priest
June 30, 1982



Helping Habitat

Alison, Mark and Sally Hunner (l to r), St. James, Manitowoc traveled to Alexandria, Louisiana in March on a work trip to help Habitat for Humanity. It marked Mark and Sally's 16th work trip for Habitat, and Alison's first.



St. Augustine's, Rhinelander
The 7th Annual Winter Art Festival, hosted by St. Augustine's, Rhinelander in February 2009, netted \$1,600 for the food pantry. The Rev. Dean Einerson, Rector presents the check to Guy Hansen, director of the local Food Pantry.

Congregations, from page J

St. James, Mosinee

St. James will host a Wausau Area Episcopal Church Eucharist and Cookout on the Feast of St. James, July 25.

Christ the King and Holy Nativity, Sturgeon Bay and Jacksonport



Christ the King/
Holy Nativity

The Annual Meeting will be held June 7, at Sturgeon Bay. The Door County All Episcopal Picnic will be held July 19, at the Peninsula Arts Center.



St. Thomas

St. Thomas, Menasha

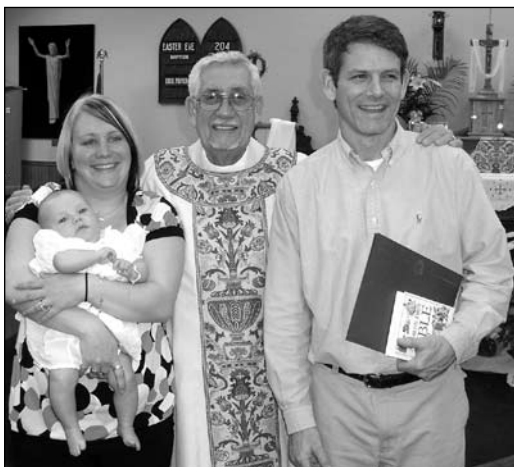
St. Thomas' search team will begin accepting applications/profiles from priests and nominations from parishioners on June 1.



Holy Apostles

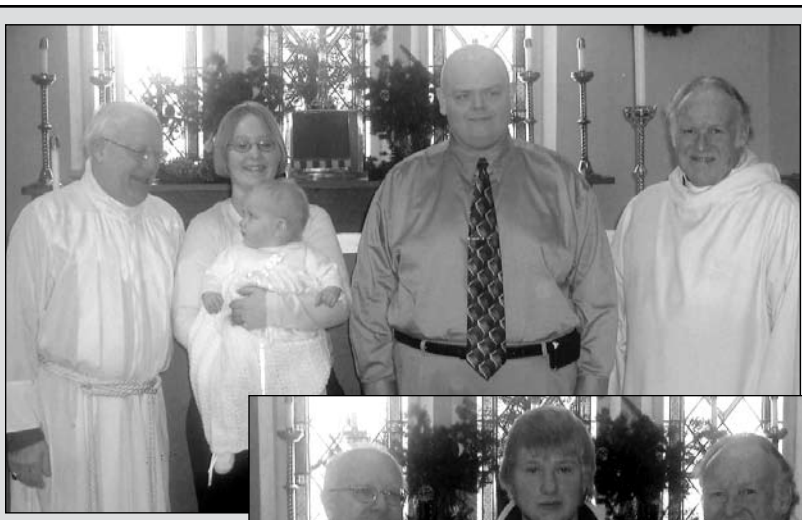
Holy Apostles, Oneida

Monday, May 4, 2009 marked the one-year anniversary of service by Mthr. Kristina Henning as Vicar of Holy Apostles.



St. Paul's, Suamico

Conor James O'Donnell, son of Nikki and Brian O'Donnell was baptized at the Easter Vigil at St. Paul's, Suamico on April 11. Also pictured is the Rev. James Conratt, Vicar.



Holy Trinity, Waupun

During his Visitation at Holy Trinity, Waupun in December 2008, Bishop Jacobus baptized

Aurora Jade Barber, daughter of Samantha VandeSlunt and Garland Barber (top photo) and confirmed Zach VandeSlunt (inset photo). Also pictured is the Rev. Peter Bird, Vicar.



Church of the Holy Nativity, Jacksonport

Many years ago, the historic Church of the Holy Nativity, Jacksonport was warmed by a wood stove, faithfully stoked to a crackling red glow by the unforgettable "Gertie" Erskine. With Gertie's death, the wood stove was replaced by a propane space heater, which after 20 years or so, became unreliable and even raised concerns about its safety. Just in time to provide needed warmth for the Passion Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services, the old space heater has been replaced by a state-of-the-art wall furnace. As a bonus, the new furnace takes up almost no floor space, so now there is more room for the popular after-service receptions, such as shown here following the Great Vigil of Easter.



St. Ambrose, Antigo

During his visitation on Easter Sunday 2009, Bishop Russ and Jerrie Jacobus view the picture boards prepared for the commemoration of 100 years in the stone church of St. Ambrose, Antigo.



St. John's, Shawano

During his Visitation to St. John's, Shawano, Bishop Jacobus (back right) confirmed (front, l-r) Katelyn Onesti, Ted Myers and Serenna Golinow. Also pictured is the Rev. Dcn. Charles Daily (back right).



Trinity

Trinity, Oshkosh

TLC (Trinity's Loving Couples) will read The Love Dare this summer. The congregation's "Sunday in the Park" will be held July 12. Trinity will purchase and install a "Hearing Loop" system to assist members with hearing aids.



St. Mark's

St. Mark's, Waupaca

Jazz Vespers will be held at 5 p.m. on Sundays June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6. Services are held in the lower shelter of South Park, overlooking Shadow Lake. Volunteers are well into the planning for its first Vacation Bible School in many years. Crocodile Dock will be held at St. Mark's Aug. 3-7.



St. Peter's

St. Peter's Ripon

Plans are in the initial stages for St. Peter's Sesquicentennial to be celebrated with a variety of events between June 13, 2010 and Jan. 23, 2011.

Send congregational news to: **Meredyth Albright**, 445 B. Division St., Iola, WI, 54945 or e-mail: malbright@tds.net.

St. Ambrose, Antigo, commemorates 100 years in 'stone church'

St. Ambrose, Antigo, commemorated 100 years in the stone church building in April. The visitation of the Rt. Rev. Russell Jacobus on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, marked almost exactly 100 years since the first service held in the building, Easter Sunday, April 11, 1909.

A history of the events leading up to the completion of the church building was printed, and several articles were placed in the local newspaper. The next Sunday, an open house reception was held for the public.



St. Ambrose

Calendar/Events

The Bishop's Calendar Listed on the "Bishop's Calendar" are visitations, Diocesan functions, which the Bishop may or may not be involved in personally, and other events at which the Bishop is a participant. Personal appointments with individuals are not listed.

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JUNE 2009

- 6 Standing Committee, 9 a.m., Cathedral, Fond du Lac
- 6 Eucharistic Festival, 11 a.m., Cathedral, Fond du Lac (Forum with General Convention Deputies after lunch)
- 7 Monarch Cursillo Congregation Representative Meeting, 3 p.m., St. Anne's, DePere
- 11 Executive Council Conference Call, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 12-13 Deacons School, St. John's, Wausau
- 13 Commission on Ministry meeting, 9 a.m., St. John's, Wausau
- 14 Bishop's Visitation, St. Alban's, Marshfield
- 14 Cursillo Ultreya, 3 p.m., St. Peter's, Ripon
- 14-20 Summer Camp Senior Session, Camp Lakotah, Wautoma
- 20 Christian Social Witness Committee, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 21-25 Summer Camp Middler Session, Camp Lakotah, Wautoma
- 21-25 Summer Camp Junior Session, Camp Lakotah, Wautoma
- 23-26 National Episcopal Historians and Archivist (NEHA) Meeting, DeKoven Center, Racine
- 25-27 Summer Camp KinderCamp Session, Camp Lakotah, Wautoma
- 27 Mark Evans and Anne Schnaare Ordination to the Priesthood, 11 a.m., Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Fond du Lac
- 28 Visitation, St. Agnes, Algoma
- 28 Monarch Cursillo Congregation Representative Meeting, 3 p.m., Intercession, Stevens Point

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JULY 2009

- 7 General Convention Legislative Committees meet
- 8-17 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, Calif.
- 8-17 Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Anaheim, Calif.
- 18 Christian Social Witness Committee, 9:30-11:30
- 19-27 Diocesan Youth Mission Trip, Juarez, Mexico

- 26 Visitation, St. Luke's, Sister Bay
- 31 Deadline for Ticket Purchase, Bishop's Night at the Ball Park (see Aug. 21)

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AUGUST 2009

- 1 Standing Committee, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Anne's, De Pere
- 1 Commission on Ministry, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's, De Pere
- 2 Visitation, All Saints', Elkhart Lake
- 2 Clergy & Spouse Dinner Cruise, 5 p.m., Clear Water Harbor, Waupaca
- 9 Visitation, St. Mary of the Snows, Eagle River
- 11 Episcopal Day at Six Flags, Gurnee, Ill.
- 13 Executive Council, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Cathedral, Fond du Lac
- 15 Christian Social Witness Committee, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 15 Visitation and Assumption Festival, Precious Blood, Gardner
- 15 Visitation, Holy Nativity, Jacksonport
- 16 Visitation, Christ the King, Sturgeon Bay
- 16 Monarch Cursillo Ultreya, 3 p.m., St. Ambrose, Antigo
- 20-23 Women's Mini-Week, Camp Lakotah, Wautoma
- 21 Bishop's Night at the Ballpark, Timber Rattlers' Stadium, Appleton
- 22 Visitation, St. James, Mosinee
- 23 Visitation, St. Augustine's, Rhineland-er

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SEPTEMBER 2009

- 4-5 Deacons School, Wausau
- 6 Visitation, Atonement, Fish Creek
- 7 Labor Day - Office closed
- 10-13 Monarch Cursillo Three-Day Weekend
- 13 Visitation, St. Paul's, Marinette
- 14-15 Clergy Continuing Education, Monte Alverno, Appleton
- 19 Christian Social Witness Committee.
- 19 Trustees' Meeting; 10 a.m.-noon, Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay
- 20 Visitation, All Saints', Appleton
- 25-27 ECW Retreat, Camp Tamarack, Waupaca

OCTOBER 2009

- 2-3 Deacons School, Wausau
- 3 Diocesan Altar Guild, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Grace, Sheboygan
- 4 Visitation, St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls
- 9-11 Clergy Spouse Retreat, Monte Alverno, Appleton
- 15 Executive Council, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., All Saints, Appleton
- 17 Walsingham Pilgrimage, Grace, Sheboygan

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Clarion deadlines

Do you have information, an article or photo you'd like to share in the *Clarion*?

July deadline is June 1
August deadline is July 1

thew Payne at the Diocesan Office, 1051 N. Lynndale Dr., Suite 1B, Appleton, WI 54914; e-mail: mpayne@diofdl.org. If sending photos via e-mail, please submit in .jpg or .tif format. Larger images, 1600x1280) are best.

Wisconsin Council of Churches

'Musical Peacemaking' workshop set

"War No More: Musical Peacemaking" will be held June 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Bauer Lodge, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake. Presented by Ken Medema, this workshop will look at the place of music and other arts in worship. Cost is \$50, including lunch. Contact (608) 846-7880 or thauge@wcucc.org.

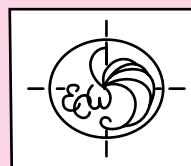
June 22-26: Washington Island Forum

The 2009 Washington Island Forum, "Encountering the Unsung Jesus," will be held June 22-26, on Washington Island, off the northern tip of Wisconsin's Door County. Presenters include Dr. Marlene Kropf, associate professor at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary; and Rev. John Lambertson Bell, a minister in the Church of Scotland, noted broadcaster, lecturer and musician.

For registration forms, write to: Wisconsin Council of Churches, 750 Windsor St., Ste. 301, Sun Prairie, WI 53590; phone: (608) 837-3108; or register online at www.wichurches.org under "Events." Housing is available separately. For a list of accommodations, visit www.washingtonislandchamber.com.

Contact Wisconsin Council of Churches

Phone: (608) 837-3108; web site: www.wichurches.org/events.



Women's Ministies & ECW Activities

46th Triennial Meeting of the ECW

"Grow in Grace"

July 8-18, 2009 - Anaheim, CA

Women's Mini-Week

Aug. 20-23, 2009

Camp Lakotah, in Wautoma

www.womensminiweek.org

Women's Retreat

"Finding Rest in a Restless World"

Sept. 25-27, 2009

Camp Tamarack, Waupaca

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