

The Good News - November 9, 2008

We are using the Track 1 Lesson and Psalm in today's insert.

LCEM Board – The LCEM Board meets at St. Paul's, LaSalle on Wed, Nov 12 with HE at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

UTO Giving Update – The following amounts were donated to the United Thank Offering by parishioners of the LCEM. St. Paul's, LaSalle gave \$55; Christ, Streator gave \$105; and Christ, Ottawa gave \$225.87. All donations were presented at the Deaneray Day in Belvidere on Nov 1. Thank you to everyone who gave to UTO. For your convenience boxes are on the back tables to take home for your change collection until the Spring UTO Ingathering. Thank you for your continued support of ECW and UTO.

Annual Stewardship Campaign. Please give prayerful consideration to your financial support for your congregation and the LCEM in 2009 and return your pledge card today. The treasurers are starting to put together budgets for 2009 and knowing your financial commitment would be very helpful. Thank you.

Diocesan Convention – The 171st C invention of the Diocese of Chicago is Nov 21 & 22 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, IL. For more information please contact the Diocese at 800-426-3894 or go to www.episcopalchicago.org Everyone in the diocese is welcome to attend convention.

Nets for Life - In response to the Bishop's charge to the people of our Diocese, the LCEM Board has issued this challenge: Each household in the four congregations is asked to purchase at least one malaria net at \$12 each. The congregation that meets or exceeds their goal by the largest percentage will win the "Golden Net" award to be displayed at their church. There will be a poster at the back of each church showing your congregation's goal and progress. The challenge ends Nov 30, 2008. Please make all checks payable to your own church with "Nets for Life" on the memo line. Remember the real winners of this challenge are those who receive the nets and that lives that are saved! Each net last 5 years; proper instruction on their use and follow up visits are included in the cost.

Thanksgiving Day Service – The LCEM Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am at Christ, Ottawa.

Foyer Sign up – A sign up sheet is at the back of each church if you wish to sign up to host a Foyer. Please also contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 with questions.

BOOKS - Streator needs adult and children's books and good used children's clothing to give away. Please leave all items at the back of your church for pick up. Thanks.

Christ Church, Streator

Streator Vestry – The Vestry meets on Thursday, Nov 13 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Eve – Christ, Streator is the host of this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service in Streator on Nov 26 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Community Meal – Next meal is Sat, Nov 29, 11:30am-1pm. Please call Gert Dawson at

815-672-4342 if you can help. All help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who pitch in each month. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

St. Andrew's, Grand Ridge

Country Jams Are Back – The Open Session Country Jams are back. All acoustic musicians/instruments welcome. The next Jam is Fri. evening, Dec 5, 7-10pm at Christ, Ottawa. Other Jams are on the first Friday of each month through Mar 09. We need volunteers for the kitchen at each Jam. Please contact Lou Boyd (815-249-6879) or Barb Mills (815-434-6295) for more info on how to join in or help out. Everyone is welcome to come and listen.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

LaSalle Bishop's Committee – The Bishop's Committee meets downstairs today after the service. Everyone is welcome.

2008 Flowers - Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers in the coming weeks, in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or some special occasion. Thank you.

Christ Church, Ottawa

Ottawa Vestry – The Vestry meets on Monday, November 17 at 7pm. All are welcome.

Community Meal – The next meal is Dec 7 from 12-1pm. Mary Fabricius is the host and the meal is spaghetti. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going. A host is needed for the meal on January 4. Please call the office 815-434-0627 if you can host this meal. Thanks.

"Honey Do" List – Al Kammerer has put a "Honey Do" list at the back of the church. If you would like to help with an item please contact Al (815-795-3936) or write your name & number next to the task. If you can provide financial assistance to cover task expenses please place your donation in the offering plate marked with the Honey Do task you are helping to complete. And if you know of a task please add it to the list. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you don't see the list please call Al.

Coffee Hour Needs – Coffee hour hosts are needed after the 10:30am service. Bring a treat, (cookies, pastries, muffins, etc.) mix the drinks, make the coffee & clean up; that's all there is to it! Please sign up on the calendar downstairs.

Fill the Freezer – Our emergency food supply is gone. We get requests for help for food and have nothing to offer. Those who come have exhausted all other outlets. So, when you prepare meals if you have extra please put a serving in a freezer container, write your name & the date prepared and bring it for our freezer. Extra containers are downstairs. Thanks for your help in feeding the needy.

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The Good News – November 2, 2008

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All Soul's Day – Service is Mon, Nov 3 at Christ, Ott. at 7pm. Forms available today only.

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Christ Church, Streator

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St. Paul's, LaSalle

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon – Our Annual Soup & Sandwich has been postponed until the problem in the Parish Hall is resolved.

Fr. Throop Needs Your Help - Fr. Throop is leading a seminar on the evening of Thursday, November 13th at IVCC in Oglesby. Because of his limitations, he needs a little extra help.

Can a member pick him up from campus that evening? Can someone house him overnight? And, if you or someone you know can transport him to Peoria on the morning of Friday, November 14th--maybe to ride with you on a shopping trip or a work-related trip--he would be VERY grateful. Please let him know by calling him at (309) 681-0995 or e-mail him at drthroop@yahoo.com. Thanks for any help you can give, and do let him know ASAP. God bless!

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Community Meal – The next meal is today from 12-1pm. Diane DiGregorio is the host and the meal is spaghetti. Please stay to help if you can and don't forget to eat. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going. Next month's meal will again be spaghetti and Mary Fabricius will be the host.

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ECW/UTO Fall Deanery Day – The Rockford Deanery Fall Deanery Day is Sat, Nov 1 at Holy Trinity Episc. Church, 217 Hurlbut Ave., Belvidere, IL from 10am until 1:30pm.

Please RSVP by Oct 26 to Jalayne Riewerts at 815-778-3664 or jality@thewisp.net. A voluntary donation will be collected at time of registration to help cover expenses. Bev Madsen (815-434-4120) has room if anyone needs a ride.

ECW/UTO Sunday – The LCEM celebrates UTO Sunday TODAY. Please take a UTO envelope and make a donation today. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is how the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) help in the US and around the world with mission and ministry through grants. All donations received will be offered at the service on Sat, Nov 1 at the Rockford Deanery Fall Deanery Day.

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Bible Study – The Bible study group meets at Christ, Ottawa at 7pm on Thursday evening; Oct 16. Please join us. Questions? See Fr. Crist.

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Christ Church, Streator

Community Meal – Next meal is Sat, Oct 25, 11:30am-1pm. Please call Gert Dawson at 815-672-4342 if you can help. We could use extra help this month due to the increase in the amount of people we expect to serve. We are also asking for donations of bags of single serving size chips. If you wish please dress in costume. Thanks to all who pitch in each month. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

LaSalle Bishop's Committee Meeting – The next regular meeting is today at 11:30am in the church basement. Please plan on attending.

Health Care Workers Service – An ecumenical service to honor workers in the health care industry will be celebrated at St. Paul's, LaSalle on Saturday, October 18 at 5pm. Everyone in the LCEM is invited to attend.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon – Our Annual Soup & Sandwich has been postponed until the problem in the Parish Hall is resolved.

Tellers/Counters – Tellers to count each Sunday's offering, prepare and make the deposit are needed. This process takes about 15 minutes. Fran can show anyone interested how it is done if you contact her at 815-220-0238.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Sunday School – Our Sunday School is geared toward children in grades 4-6. Grades 7 and up youth will have their own program, look for more details soon, but they are welcome to come and sit in with the other Sunday school children.

Nursery – The nursery is downstairs for the littler ones. We need weekly volunteers. We have 2 Sundays covered by Fran and Buffy, 3 more are needed. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Coffee Hour Needs – Coffee hour hosts are needed after the 10:30am service. Bring a treat, (cookies, pastries, muffins, etc.) mix the drinks, make the coffee & clean up; that's all there is to it! Please sign up on the calendar downstairs. Today we have Sundaes!

Chalice Bearers Needed – Our 10:30am service is in need of chalice bearers. If you feel a calling to this ministry please see Fr. Crist. Thanks.

Community Meal – The next meal is Nov 2 from 12-1pm. Diane DiGregorio is the host and the meal will be back to spaghetti, yum! She can use all the help you can provide. A sign up sheet is on the back table. Mary Fabricius is hosting the December meal. Please contact the office 815-434-0627 if you can host a future meal. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

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LCEM Board – The next meeting is Wed, Oct 8 at Christ, Streater beginning with HE at 6:30pm. Please plan on attending. Thank you.

Bible Study – The Bible study group meets at Christ, Ottawa at 7pm on Thursday evenings; Oct 9 and Oct 16. Please join us. Questions? See Fr. Crist.

Foyer Sign up – There is a sign up sheet at the back of each church if you wish to sign up to host a Foyer. Please also contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 with questions.

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Christ Church, Streater

Community Meal – Next meal is Sat, Oct 25, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. Everyone is welcome to come and eat. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

Coffee hour sign-ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Thanks.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

LaSalle Bishop's Committee Meeting – The next regular meeting is Sunday, October 12 at 11:30am in the church basement. Please plan on attending.

Tellers/Counters – We need tellers to count the Sunday offering and prepare the deposit at the end of each service. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. This takes about 15 minutes. Fran will show anyone interested how it is done any Friday afternoon when she is in the office, or please see Fr. Crist or any Bishop's Committee member for more information or contact Fran at the LCEM office with any questions.

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Nursery – The nursery is downstairs for the littler ones. We are looking for weekly volunteers. We already have 2 Sundays covered by Fran and Buffy, 3 more are needed. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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Chalice Bearers Needed – Our 10:30am service is in need of chalice bearers. If you feel a calling to this ministry please see Fr. Crist. Thanks.

Community Meal – The next meal is today from 12-1pm We will be serving hot dogs & burgers with chips, drinks and desserts. Fran Gibson is the host and can use any help you can offer. Thanks. Please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479 or the office to host an upcoming meal. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

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The Good News – September 21, 2008

Organ Dedication Celebration – This afternoon Christ Church, Streator will be dedicating their new organ with an organ concert by former Rector the Rev. Robert Bates at 3pm. The dedication and concert will be followed by refreshments. Everyone in the LCEM is invited to come and celebrate with us.

Bible Study – There will a Bible study group meeting at Christ, Ottawa at 7pm on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 25 for 4 weeks. Please join us. Questions? See Fr. Crist.

State of the Congregations Evaluation – We are requesting a return date of Friday, September 26 for all completed questionnaires. You do not need to identify yourself on the questionnaire. Everyone's input is important to this process. Thank you for your help.

Blessing of the Animals – The LCEM will host a Blessing of the Animals service on the south lawn of Christ Church, Ottawa on Sunday, Sept 28 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to bring their animal friends for this service especially for them. If you have any questions please contact the LCEM office, 815-220-0238.

A Thank You Note – Received from Camp New Day – Thank you so very much for making and sending us the blankets. We really appreciate them. We are using them on our beds and on campfire. Signed: Kate, Ranelle (we appreciate you. God Bless You All!), Chris, Ellen, Antonio, Jonathan, Tina+, Imani, Simone, Amard, Phil, Jayla, Shimell, and Emmanuel (I got the orange one.)

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Keeping God's People Safe – Saturday, September 27 Levels 1 & 2 will be offered at St. Anne's Episcopal Church; 401 North Cherry Street; Morrison IL 61270. The Schedule is Level 1 - 9:30-11:30am; Lunch: 11:30am-12pm; Level 2 – 12 -3:30pm. If you have taken Level 1 and now want to take Level 2 you can request to do here. Please call LCEM office for registration details.

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St. Paul's, LaSalle

Special Bishop's Committee Meeting – Fr. Crist has called a special Bishop's Committee meeting for Sunday, Sept 28 at 11:45am in the church basement. Please plan on attending. We will be discussing the problems in the Parish Hall among other items. Thank you.

Tellers/Counters – We need tellers to count the Sunday offering and prepare the deposit at the end of each service. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. This takes about 15 minutes. Fran will show anyone interested how it is done any Friday afternoon when she is in the office, or please see Fr. Crist or any Bishop's Committee member for more information or contact Fran at the LCEM office with any questions.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You – Last weekend the church basement was flooded, we had a small pond. A super thank you to all the guys who pitched right in and helped our sexton, Joe Martin to get it cleaned up: Steve Grzywa, Brian Hoskins, Paul Salt, and Chris Koepke. Thank you to Chris Koepke for also supplying and installing a new sump. If I left anyone out please let me know. Thanks again, Fran and all other Christ, Ottawa members.

Save the Date - Save **Oct 4** and let's all come together and save the church some money.

We have a "honey do" list with something for everyone from painting and cleaning to other repairs. The more folks that show up the more we can get done. Thank you. Al Kammerer.

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Blessing of the Animals – The LCEM will host a Blessing of the Animals service on the south lawn of Christ Church, Ottawa on Sunday, Sept 28 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to bring their animal friends for this service especially for them. If you have any questions please contact the LCEM office, 815-220-0238.

Foyer Sign up – There is a sign up sheet at the back of each church if you wish to sign up to host a Foyer. Please also contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 with questions.

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Fax Number – LCEM now has a working fax at the Ottawa location. If you need to send a fax to any LCEM churches please use 815-434-6904. Thank you.

Keeping God's People Safe – Saturday, September 27 Levels 1 & 2 will be offered at St. Anne's Episcopal Church; 401 North Cherry Street; Morrison IL 61270. The Schedule is Level 1 - 9:30-11:30am; Lunch: 11:30am-12pm; Level 2 – 12 -3:30pm. If you have taken Level 1 and now want to take Level 2 you can request to do here. Please call LCEM office for registration details.

ROMP A THON – Thanks to all who donated to ROMP. To date \$2,752 has been raised. The LCEM raised \$110. Greg was safely back on his way on Wed, Sept 10 grateful for a place to stay for the night. He plans on riding until he reaches his goal of \$10,000 extending his ride into Wisconsin. You can help by going to www.rompglobal.org to make a donation. He is a most impressive young man trying to help those less fortunate around the world.

Christ Church, Streator

Sunday School – Sunday School starts today. All children are welcome.

Streator Vestry –Thurs Sept 18 at 6:30pm Please plan on attending.

Community Meal – Next meal is Sat, Sept 27, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. Everyone is welcome to come and eat. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

Coffee hour sign-ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Thanks.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

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Annual Soup n'Sandwich – Today is our potluck luncheon kick off meeting for the Soup & Sandwich fund raiser luncheon on November 8th after the service. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. We need volunteers to help cook, and organize this fundraiser. All LCEM members are invited to volunteer and/or attend the luncheon.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Sunday School News – Dee Norris & Heidi Henry have graciously come forward to the calling of keeping our Sunday School alive in Ottawa. We start the new year today at 10:30am for all children thru 6th grade. Grades 7 and up youth will have their own program, look for more details soon. They are welcome to come and help with new Sunday school.

Nursery – We now have a nursery downstairs for the littler ones. We are looking for weekly volunteers. We already have 2 Sundays covered by Fran and Buffy, 3 more are needed. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Ottawa Vestry – Monday, Sept 15 at 7pm please plan on attending.

Coffee Hour Needs – Coffee hour hosts are needed after the 10:30am service. Bring a treat, (cookies, pastries, muffins, etc.) mix the drinks, make the coffee & clean up; that's all there is to it! Please sign up on the calendar downstairs. Jan Martin is today's hostess.

Chalice Bearers Needed – Our 10:30am service is down to 2 chalice bearers. If you feel a calling to this ministry please see Fr. Crist. Thanks.

Community Meal – The next meal is Sun, Oct 5 from 12-1pm Coordinators are needed. If you can host this meal please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479. Thanks to all who pitch in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

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The Good News – September 7, 2008

Instructed Eucharist – Today at the 10:30am service at Christ, Ottawa. This is geared toward our young people for them to better understand our service order and Eucharist.

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Christ Church, Streator

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Christ Church, Ottawa

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St. Andrew’s, Farm Ridge

Condolences – Sincere Condolences to Chuck & Beth Rice, their family and friends on the passing of son, Robb Rice on August 20. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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The Good News – August 10, 2008

LCEM Board – The LCEM Board meets in the Ottawa Rectory this Wed, August 13 at 7pm. There will be a Holy Eucharist service prior to the meeting at 6:30pm in the church.

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St. Andrew’s, Farm Ridge

Guest Organist – Please welcome Jan Martin of Christ, Ottawa, our guest organist today.

Christ Church, Streator

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“God’s Beautiful World – If I Were A Butterfly,” an adventure in nature at St. Andrew’s, Grand Ridge. **August 8th** is a campout for youths in grades 7-12 who will help with the next day’s outing. **August 9th** from 9:30am – 2:30pm is the outing for children in grades 1-6. Please bring a sack lunch. Registration forms were mailed to all children of the LCEM who we knew were of the age for the each outing. Please return your registration form asap. Please contact Fr. Crist at 815-672-4311 for more information.

Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America is August 12th, Contact Sue Cromer at 312-751-6722 or scromer@episcopalchicago.org with any questions or for ticket ordering info.

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Summerfest – A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who participated in St. Andrew’s Annual Summerfest. We had food, games, animals, music, a silent auction and more. A fun time was had by all you attended. Thank you again to all who helped in any way and to everyone who came out to enjoy Summerfest at St. Andrew’s.

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Diocesan Convention Delegates - Delegates are still needed to represent the LCEM for Diocesan Convention on Nov 21 & 22. We need 2 delegates and 2 alternates for St. Paul's, LaSalle, and 1 delegate and 2 alternates for Christ, Streator. If you wish to experience our Diocese in action then Convention would be a great event to attend at the Westin Hotel, Lombard. Please contact the LCEM office at 815-220-0238 asap.

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“God’s Beautiful World – If I Were A Butterfly,” an adventure in nature at St. Andrew’s, Grand Ridge. **August 8th** is a campout for youths in grades 7-12 who will help with the next day’s outing. **August 9th** from 9:30am – 2:30pm is the outing for children in grades 1-6. Please bring a sack lunch. Please contact Fr. Crist at 815-672-4311 for more information.

Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America is August 12th, Contact Sue Cromer at 312-751-6722 or scromer@episcopalchicago.org with any questions or for ticket ordering info.

Alzheimer’s Memory Walk - Sunday, August 17th at Baker Lake in Peru beginning at 1pm. For more information please contact Max McQueen 815-224-2118 or Shanon Edwards 815-223-1551.

Whose Church Is It Anyway? Formation Leaders Conference is August 22 & 23 at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein. Please contact Courtenay Smith at 312-751-4206 or csmith@episcopalchicago.org for information on registration. There are brochures with registration information on the back tables.

St. Andrew’s, Farm Ridge

Summerfest – IS TODAY from 1 – 4 pm at St. Andrew’s in the Fields, Grand Ridge, co-sponsored by the Midwest Institute for Environmental Spirituality (MIES) & St. Andrew’s. There will be fun & games for all ages, a petting zoo, a silent auction, and fellowship for all ages. Food will be available for sale. Come out and celebrate Summer at St. Andrew’s. Patrons are needed to help defray advertising and other expenses. Please send a \$15 check to MIES, 132 S. Vermillion St., Streator, IL 61364, or bring it with you this afternoon. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy Summerfest!

Christ Church, Streator

Community Meal – Next meal is Saturday, August 30, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. If you haven’t volunteered before your help would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

Coffee hour sign-ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Thanks.

St. Paul’s, LaSalle

Reorganizing the Basement & Parish Hall – We are reorganizing, all items that we are not sure of ownership will be placed at the back of the Parish Hall. They will be there for a month. After that time any leftover items will be donated to local charities or other stations. Volunteers are also welcome to help. Also, there are some “artifacts” that were found. If anyone is talented (i.e., scrap booking,) we would love to make an ongoing scrapbook to catalog the history of St. Paul’s. Please contact Maryfran or Randi Brown with any questions.

New Nursery – We are setting up a new nursery area in the basement. Any baby items you may have that are in good condition and would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Maryfran or Randi for a list of needed items.

Quarterly Statements – Your quarterly giving statement should arrive soon. Please call 815-220-0238 with any discrepancies. Thank you.

Bishop’s Committee Meeting – The next meeting of LaSalle’s Bishop’s Committee is Sunday, August 10 after the service. Please plan on attending.

2008 Flowers - Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers in the coming weeks, in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone or some special occasion. Thank you.

Save the Date – Tentative date for St. Paul’s Annual Soup n’ Sandwich has been set as November 8th. Further info will be provided in later bulletins. Also volunteers are needed to help, cook, and organize this fundraiser. We would like to extend an invitation to all LCEM members to volunteer and/or attend.

Christ Church, Ottawa

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Community Meal – The next meal is Sun, August 3 from 12-1pm and will be hosted by Heidi Henry & Fran Gibson. They can use all the help you can provide. The menu is sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, watermelon, ice cream & beverage and will be set up outside on the north side of the church, weather permitting. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. If you wish to host a future meal please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479. Thanks to everyone who pitches in each month to keep this very worthy community service going.

Fill the Freezer – Our emergency food supply is gone. We get requests for help for food and have nothing to offer. Those who come have exhausted all other outlets. So, when you prepare meals if you have extra please put a serving in a freezer container, write your name & the date prepared and bring it for our freezer. Thanks for your help in feeding the needy.

Community Needs - Please also continue to fill the shopping cart at the back of church. Items needed are listed on the cart. They are taken to the Food Pantry and ADV/ SAS regularly. There is also a Laundry Soap bottle on the back table for your coins for laundry used by A Servant’s Heart to help the homeless clean their clothes.

The Good News – April 27, 2008

The Bishop's Visit Update – Bishop Jeffrey & Lisa Lee had a wonderful visit to the LCEM. There were nearly 100 LCEM parishioners at the service with over 80 staying to enjoy the grand potluck luncheon. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to set up, clean up, prepare food, bring wine, punch, and bread, etc. It is wonderful to see all of the partner congregations working together to make the Bishop's first visit to the LCEM a memorable occasion. Thank you to the Sunday Schools of LaSalle, Streator & Ottawa for the children who sang for all of us.

Prayers Blankets – Close to 50 prayer blankets and shawls were blessed by the Bishop during his visit. This year our blankets will go to the Diocese of No. Michigan, Camp New Day and No. Indiana, Camp New Happenings. Both camps are sponsored by these dioceses for the children of prisoners. We can still use gifts of money to buy fleece and have more blankets to tie. Contact Bev Madsen, Maryfran Crist or Max McQueen.

Rummage Sale – All of the money generated by the rummage sale yesterday & Friday will go directly to the orphans of Afghanistan. Thank you to Heidi Henry for putting everything together and thanks to Chris Henry for his help in setting up for the sale, thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale. There were some very nice things offered.

Cursillo Weekend – Fr. Crist will be away at Cursillo from Thurs – Sunday, May 1-4. The Rectora at this Cursillo will be Shanon Edwards of St. Paul's, LaSalle. Please say a prayer for a successful Cursillo weekend for all.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Rogation Celebration – Today there is a special Blessing of the Fields service at 2pm. There is no 9am service that day. All are welcome.

Christ Church, Streator

Community Meal – The next meal is Saturday, May 31, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. Everyone is welcome.

Powers/Smith Wedding – Congratulations to Lisa (Powers) & Michael Smith who were married at Christ Church, Streator yesterday.

Coffee hour sign-ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour in May. Thanks.

2008 Flowers - Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers in the coming weeks, in memory of or thanksgiving for someone or some special occasion. Thank you.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

May Baskets - are coming! All proceeds to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of La Salle County. Order forms are available at the back of the church. Volunteers are needed to provide homemade treats to fill the baskets, to help fill them on April 30, and to help deliver them on May 1. Treats may include small cookies,

cakes, breads (individually wrapped slices), candy, or savory treats. Please contact Julie Peterson (juliep79@comcast.net or 815-223-6682) if you can help.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Community Meal – Our hosts for the May meal on the 4th will be Ken Moss & Bev Madsen. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. If you can host an upcoming meal please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479. Thanks to everyone who pitches in each month to keep up this very worthy program for our community and church family.

Community Needs - Please continue to fill the shopping cart at the back of church. Items needed are listed on the cart. They are taken to the Food Pantry and ADV/SAS regularly. There is also a Laundry Soup bottle on the back table for you coins for laundry used by A Servant's Heart to help the homeless clean their clothes.

Ottawa Vestry – The next meeting is Monday, May 19 at 7pm. Please plan on attending. All are welcome.

THE GOOD NEWS 4/20/2008

LaSalle County Episcopal Ministry

Please Welcome Bishop Jeffrey Lee, and his family, as he leads us in Worship Today.

Join us for a reception luncheon in the undercroft after the service.

Prayers Blankets – The blankets presented today for Blessing will go to the Diocese of No. Michigan (Camp New Day) and No. Indiana (Camp New Happenings.) Both camps are sponsored by these dioceses for the children of prisoners. We can still use gifts of money to buy fleece and we have more blankets to tie. Contact Bev Madsen, Maryfran Crist or Max McQueen.

Rummage Sale – A rummage sale is planned at Christ, Ottawa on Fri & Sat Apr 25/26 from 8am - 2pm both days. All proceeds will benefit Afghan orphans. Items for donation may be put in the garage at Christ, Ottawa. No clothing please. See or call Heidi Henry 815-795-6596 if you wish to donate items or can help with set up or on the days of the sale.

Foyer - The April Foyer will be hosted by the Grzywas at their home on Sat., Apr. 26 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP: 815-357-5500. Families & Kids welcome! Directions: From the south side of Ottawa: From Rt 23, turn east onto East McKinley Rd at the Kroger and go about 7 miles to the 4-way stop south of Marseilles. *

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Then all follow these Directions: From the 4-way stop south of Marseilles, head east ½ mile. Turn right toward LaSalle Lake Fish and Wildlife / National Guard Training Area. After almost 3 ½ miles, take the left turn at the National Guard buildings (N23rd Rd). Go 1 ½ miles, turn left on E2659th Rd. after 1 mile, turn left on N2409th Rd. Our house is on the end court, furthest left. Hope you can make it - Mary and Steve.

Contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 if you wish to host a future Foyer.

Everyone is welcome to attend Foyer.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Rogation Celebration – Sunday, April 27 come celebrate the Blessing of the Fields service at 2pm. There is no 9am service that day. All are welcome.

Christ Church, Streator

Community Meal – April 26, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. Everyone is welcome.

Powers/Smith Wedding – Lisa Powers and Michael Smith will be married at Christ, Streator on Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm. Congratulations and best wishes.

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Alzheimer's Care Support – This group will meet in the Parish Hall on Thurs, Apr 24 from 3 – 7 pm.

Christ Church, Ottawa

Ottawa Vestry – The next meeting is Monday, April, 21 at 7 pm. Please plan on attending. All are welcome.

Community Meal – Our hosts for April's meal, Mary Fabicius & Jan Martin, wish to thank everyone who pitched in for this meal. All of the many hands were greatly appreciated. The hosts for the May meal are Ken Moss & Bev Madsen. If you can host an upcoming meal please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479. Thanks to everyone who pitches in each month to keep up this very worthy program for our community and church family.

The Good News 4/13/2008

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Prayers Blankets – If you have made blankets at home please bring them to the Bishop's Service on April 20 at Christ, Ottawa for Blessing. Our blankets this year will go to the Diocese of No. Michigan (Camp New Day) and No. Indiana (Camp New Happenings.) Both camps are sponsored by these dioceses for the children of prisoners. We can still use gifts of money to buy fleece and have more blankets to tie. Contact Bev Madsen, Maryfran Crist or Max McQueen.

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Fr. John Throop Update - Fr. Throop is with us today in LaSalle. He will also be with us at Ottawa next week.

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St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

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Condolences – Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Charles Moore who passed away last week. May he rest in peace.

Christ Church, Streator

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Fr. John Throop Update - Fr. Throop underwent a follow up procedure on March 27 and after 5 hrs of surgery almost all of the tumor was removed. He will need radiation treatment sometime in April to get the last fibers. His vision should improve as the swelling subsides. Please keep him in your prayers. He will be recuperating at home for the month of April. If you wish to send him get well wishes his home address is: 1214 W. Northcrest Ave., Peoria, IL 61614.

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Christ Church, Streator

Condolences - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Walker of Christ Church, Streator who passed away April 1 after a long illness. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them. Sincere condolences to Don Walker, his family and friends.

Community Meal – April 26, 11:30am-1pm. Please see Gert Dawson for what is needed. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee hour sign-ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour in April. Thanks.

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St. Paul's, LaSalle

Trivia Night – Please contact Julie Peterson if you can volunteer in any way to make this another successful event hosted by St. Paul's.

LaSalle Bishop's Committee – The Bishop's Committee will meet April 13 after the coffee hour. Please plan on attending. Everyone is welcome.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

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Environmental Spirituality Program - Please join Fr. Crist for MIES' program on Environmental Spirituality tomorrow evening, March 31 at 7pm at Christ, Ottawa.

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you wish to send him get well wishes his home address is: 1214 W. Northcrest Ave., Peoria, IL 61614.

Leadership & Ministry Fair – Saturday, April 19 the Diocese will have their fair. Brochures are at the back of each church. There are many excellent learning opportunities available. All information on registration are in the brochure or can be found on the Diocesan website: www.episcopalchicago.org

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, April 6 following the regular 9am service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Ottawa Vestry – The next meeting is Monday, April, 21 at 7pm. Please plan on attending. All are welcome.

The Good News 3/9/2008

Pancake Supper – Christ Church, Ottawa will host a pancake supper on Saturday, March 15 from 5-7 pm. Tickets are \$5 for anyone 6 and over. All children under 6 are free. It is an all you can eat meal of pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverage. Baked goods will also be available for purchase. If you purchased tickets for Shrove Tuesday they will be honored here. Additional tickets are available from any Christ, Ottawa parishioner or at the door. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend or two.

Adult Study – During Lent there will be adult study sessions on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 am at Christ, Ottawa. Everyone is welcome to attend. See Fr. Crist for information.

Bible Study – The next session is Tuesday, March 11 from 7-8pm at LaSalle. All are welcome.

Foyer – The March Foyer will be hosted by Heidi & Stan Henry. Date, Time & Location to be announced soon.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge

County Seat Country Jams – The next Jam is Fri, April 4 from 7-10pm at Christ, Ottawa. All volunteers are welcome. Please contact Lou Boyd (249-6879).

Winter Closing - Please keep the people of St. Andrew's in your prayers as they close for the winter. See you Easter Day 2008 for the 7:30 am service.

Christ Church, Streater

Streater Vestry – The next meeting of the Vestry is Thursday, March 13 at 7pm. Please plan on attending.

Easter Flowers – Please use the envelopes on the back table to donate for Easter flowers by March 9. Thank you.

2008 Flowers & Coffee hour – New sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

Coffee Hour Sign ups - Please sign up to host a coffee hour in the coming weeks.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

Bishop's Committee – The next meeting is Sunday, March 9 at noon. Please plan on attending.

Easter Flowers - Donors are needed; envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please indicate on the envelope what you would like listed in the Easter bulletin, In memory of or In thanksgiving for _____. Please put envelopes in the offering plate or give to Julie Peterson by March 9, if possible.

Trivia Night – A Trivia Night and Bake Sale are scheduled for Saturday, April 12 beginning at 7pm in the St. Paul's Parish Hall, LaSalle. Donation is \$10 per person. Proceeds will be split between the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of LaSalle County and Alzheimer's Memory Walk. All are invited to participate. Bring a team or come join one! Volunteer workers are also needed to provide baked goods, help with refreshments, and collect money. Please speak to Randi Brown if you can help.

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Christ Church, Ottawa

Sunday School News – For our children's Lent project we are collecting non-perishable items for the Food Pantry or ADV/SAS. Instead of filling the cart at the back of the church we will try to completely line the labyrinth we built in the rectory. Any items would be greatly appreciated. Please see the list on the shopping cart for items needed by the food pantry and ADV/SAS. Next, a Family night is planned on Wednesday March 19th starting at 5:30pm with a pizza dinner. We will have an activity, a Holy Week discussion with Fr. Crist and then Eucharist. Lastly, there will be no formal Sunday school on Palm Sunday (March 16th) but the children are asked to take part in the procession of palms and the reading the Passion Gospel. There also will be no Sunday school on Easter. There WILL BE Sunday school on March 30th. Any questions should be directed to Julie Dominis. Thank you.

Community Meal – Please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479 if you can host a meal in the months following. We still need hosts for April and beyond. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy program for our community and our church family.

Easter Flowers – Please use the envelopes on the back table to donate for Easter flowers by March 9. The cost is \$11 each. Thank you.

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The Good News 2/17/2008

Condolences – It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of The Rev. Charles Fitch, former rector of Christ Church Ottawa from 1960 to 1970. Sincere condolences to his family and friends and to all of the parishioners of Ottawa who knew him. The following is the obituary from our local paper: BRISTOW, Va. - The Rev. Charles Walton Fitch, 87, of Bristow, Va., and the Washington, D.C., area, died Saturday, Feb. 9, in Manassas, Va. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Dunn Loring, Va. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in Arlington National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Money & King Funeral Home in Vienna, Va. Mr. Fitch was born Jan. 18, 1921, in Washington, D.C. He was a former rector of Christ Church in Ottawa from 1960 to 1970 prior to his retirement. He was active in supply work in the Diocese of Fond du Lac until November 2000. He moved back to Washington in May 2003 to live with his daughter. He is survived by a daughter, Emily Louise (Peter II) Joran of Bristow; and two grandchildren, Katherine and Lauren Joran. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary C. Fitch, and three sisters. Obituary written by family members.

NIU Shootings – Please pray for all of those affected by the Valentine's Day shootings at Northern Illinois University. May the grace of God and our prayers help those who lost loved ones and those left injured in this time of tragedy. See the notice issued by our Diocese of Chicago, found on the bulletin board at all churches.

Adult Study – During Lent there will be adult study sessions on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 am at Christ, Ottawa. Everyone is welcome to attend. See Fr. Crist for information.

Bible Study – The next session is Tuesday, February, 19 from 7-8pm at LaSalle. All are welcome.

Newsletter Deadline – The next deadline is Monday, February 25. Please get any items in to the LCEM office by that date to be included in the Newsletter. Thank you.

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Christ Church, Streator

Condolences – Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jackie Dawson of Christ Church, Streator. She passed away last Monday in Oklahoma and was buried on Friday in Streator. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep her sister-law, Gertrude Dawson and family, in your prayers in their time of loss.

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LCEM Board – The first meeting of the new LCEM Board will be Wednesday, February 13 at Christ, Ottawa beginning with Holy Eucharist at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Souper Bowl of Caring – Last Sunday there was a soup pot on the back table. All money collected, \$84.17 was matched by the Outreach Fund and sent to the Community Food Basket. To date Christ, Ottawa has participated in 12 Souper Bowls, has raised over \$3800 and donated over 5000 lbs. of non perishables to our local food pantry. Keep filling that shopping cart. Thanks for your support.

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The Good News 2/3/2008

Seating of our 12th Bishop of Chicago – This afternoon at 4pm is the Seating of The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, the 12th Bishop of our Diocese of Chicago at St. James Cathedral, Chicago. The Seating will be celebrated as Evensong and everyone is welcome to attend. So, if you couldn't make the consecration yesterday you are more than welcome this afternoon.

Annual Meetings – The Annual Meeting for Streator is today. St. Andrew's will have their Annual Meeting on April 6. Please make prayerful consideration to serve on a Vestry, Bishop's Committee or the LCEM Board in 2008 and beyond. Thank you.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Christ Church, Ottawa is hosting their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb 5 from 5-7pm. It is all you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, dessert and beverage for only \$5 per person with children under 6 free. Please come and splurge on a meal the day before Lent when we give up the "fat" as they say. It will be a time of good food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and tickets are available at the door.

Ash Wednesday Services – Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes: 12 noon at Christ, Streator and 7pm at Christ, Ottawa.

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St. Paul's, LaSalle

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Community Meal – Please join us today for barbecue pork and all the fixings hosted by Heidi Henry and gang. All volunteers are most appreciated. And as always everyone is welcome to eat. Next month's meal will be hosted by Ken Moss & Bev Madsen. Please contact Judy Russell at 815-433-9479 if you can host a meal in the months following. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy program for our community and our church family.

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The Good News 1/27/2008

12th Bishop of Chicago's Consecration – The ordination and consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey Lee, bishop-elect of our Diocese of Chicago will be held at 1pm on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the House of Hope Arena in Chicago's Pullman District (far south side.) All clergy and lay members are invited. Tickets are free but must be reserved. Anyone wishing to attend this event please contact Julie Stillwell at 815-673-1865 or email her at stillwell3@verizon.net. Although Julie has already ordered tickets for LCEMers who called her there will be extra tickets sent to the LCEM for anyone who may still want to go. Please contact Julie for ride information. Julie can answer any questions you may have about the consecration and/or reception.

Annual Meetings – Annual Meetings are scheduled for Ottawa today (*note special service time of 9:30am followed by meeting,) and for Streator next Sunday, February 3. Also, please make prayerful consideration to serve on a Vestry, Bishop's Committee or the LCEM Board in 2008 and beyond. For information please contact a member of your church's governing body or any LCEM Board member or Fr. Crist. Thank you.

Bible Study – The next session is Tuesday, January 29 from 7-8pm at LaSalle. All are welcome.

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Christ Church, Streator

Streator Vestry – There will be a Streator Vestry meeting on Thurs, Jan 31 at 7pm. Please plan on attending.

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Annual Meeting – Please stay for the meeting there is much to discuss. Please make prayerful consideration to volunteer for one of the openings on the Vestry, LCEM Board, as Convention Delegates, etc.

Condolences – Sincere condolences to son Mark & daughter-in law Angela Miller, their family and friends on the passing of Don Miller this week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Annual Meetings – Annual Meetings are scheduled for LaSalle on Sunday, January 20, for Ottawa on Sunday, January 27 note special service time of 9:30am followed by meeting, and for Streator on Sunday, February 3. All items that need to be included in the Annual Report; (i.e.: Budgets & Financial Reports, LCEM Chair & Warden's Letters, Church School reports, Altar Guild reports, statistics, etc.) must be submitted to Fran by January 7. Also, Please make prayerful consideration to serve on a Vestry, Bishop's Committee or the LCEM Board in 2008 and beyond. For information please contact a member of your church's governing body or any LCEM Board member. Thank you.

Bible Study – There is no session this Tuesday evenings but we'll be back on January 22 from 7-8pm at LaSalle. All are welcome.

Sunday School – Resumes today. Welcome Back.

Foyer - Please contact Buffy Hoskins at 815-667-4835 or buffy81673@sbcglobal.net for information on hosting Foyer.

2008 Calendars - We are collecting any extra 2008 calendars to be sent to the Seaman's Institute for our men and women at sea until January 14.

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2008 Relay for Life Kick Off –The kick-off for the LaSalle County American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser will be on Thursday, January 24 at Celebrations 150 on Rt. 6 from 6-9pm. Our LCEM team needs members to help raise money and participate in the June Relay. Please speak to Julie Peterson 815-223-6682 or juliep79@insightbb.com or Jane Hart 672-7900 if you would like to join the team and/or attend the kick-off.

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