

*St. Paul's Anglican Church*  
*Fort Erie*

Summer Newsletter 2008



**Our Mission**

Equipping God's people for leadership,  
ministry and service,  
welcoming and reaching out to all,  
in Christ's name.

## What's Happened ~~~ What's Happening !!!

Hard to believe that we are fast approaching the first anniversary of Father Mark's arrival at St. Paul's.

Father Mark has brought us a new style of ministry... dynamite sermons and many new ideas. During Lent and Easter season we experimented with some physical changes. We moved the altar down closer to the people and the choir moved to the sanctuary ... nothing was permanently moved but the changes sparked an interest to come and see what was "new" each week.

In the New Year the ACW began a tradition of serving "soup and a bun" on the last Sunday of the month after the 10am service. The ladies have continued in their unfailing support of St. Paul's through this and the other ministries they provide to the parish.



The Nic's/Vic's Ladies and their fearless leader Barb Steele had a very successful St. Nick's Day in December and a spectacular day on May 10<sup>th</sup> for the Victorian Tea. They dedicated the day to Marilyn DeBeau who passed away in January of this year ... leaving a noticeable void in their group ... Marilyn would have been proud to see how they carried on with their work. For many of the folks who came out to the "Tea" it gave them a first hand look at the life and ministry at St Paul's ... and many were interested in getting a look at our historic church. The ladies started right back in planning for next year and are only taking a few weeks off over the summer before resuming their weekly meetings on Monday morning.

The Financial Advisory Committee was resurrected in the fall of 2006 during the interim ministry of Canon Terry DeForest. With all the different "endowments and funds" it was evident that there was need to revise the booklet that laid out these funds.



The final draft of the Fund Directory is now available. Gail Berrington a member of the FAC formulated the draft budgets for 2007 and 2008 which were presented at Vestry. Although initial Committee was appointed for a one year term this committee has severed for two years as we didn't want to change (the committee) at the same time as we started a new ministry with Father Mark. So as we approach the end of this year.

The Corporation will be looking to strike a "new" Financial Advisory Committee that will work on the budget for 2009.

Around the building many “maintenance issues” are being addressed ... the repairs to the bell tower stairs are being done as well as the sidewalk. Monies for this project are coming from the profit from the fundraiser held in January 2007 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex when we honoured our own Wayne Redekop for his years of service as Mayor. There is work planned for the windows on the south side of the church which involves painting and new lexan storm windows for protection. Almost all of the expense for this work is covered by money we already have set aside but we will need approximately another \$1000 to balance the cost of these needed repairs. Included in this newsletter is an explanation of the scope of the work and a special offering envelope.



As we approach the summer break when we all take time to relax and vacation, life at St Paul’s continues as we plan for many exciting events ... over the summer and into the fall ...

The Annual Golf Tournament happens the 21<sup>st</sup> of June ...the parish picnic with the Lutheran parish on June 22nd, at The Old Fort, a parish outreach fund raising dinner on July 5<sup>th</sup> and a parish dinner September 20<sup>th</sup> with AUCTION and on and on we go.

... BUT “most importantly” there will be a CELEBRATION in honour of Father Mark and Jennifer who will be married on August 3<sup>rd</sup> ... A reception is planned on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> following our **ONE church service which will be at 9:30am** for this special occasion so that we can all be part of this wonderful day.

We look forward to having you join us for Worship on Sunday’s and at all these special events as “celebrate being part of a very special faith community” here at St. Paul’s.

*Your Parish Wardens.*

## Parish Dinner

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$ 8.00 per person

*to support the discretionary fund which assists  
members of parish who have financial need.*

# Stewardship

*Did you know ?*

Our annual budget is : \$ 175,361.00

Which breaks into :

\$ 14,613.42 per month

\$ 3,372.33 per week

\$ 480.44 per day

You can give to the Church by automatic withdrawal from your bank. Forms are available in the Narthex and the parish office. This is a service provided by the Diocese at no cost to St. Paul's !

## From the Globe and Mail Opinion Page - May 30, 2008

Over breakfast earlier this week, Mr. Brooks, a political scientist at Syracuse University, shared a few other surprises about happiness. For example, despite their 35-hour work weeks and long vacations, the French are less happy than Americans. Most Americans who work are amazingly happy with their jobs, even if they work at Wal-Mart. Happiness and income are not closely related. Churchgoing people are happier than secular ones, married happier than unmarried. And people who give away their money are the happiest of all. . . .

It turns out that your mother was right. Happiness has very little to do with materialistic stuff at all. It mostly comes (and I shudder to say these words) from family, faith, friends and the dignity of work. This is a truth that Mr. Brooks thinks the urban elites ought to try to grasp. "The majority of people are very happy with these yucky traditional values," he says. "They work very well." . . . .

By the end of breakfast, Mr. Brooks has explained why almost everything I believed when I was 20 was entirely wrong. Many of the things I thought would bring me happiness did not, and many things that I despised (e.g., marriage) did. So what now? Alas, I'm not religious. Is there any other way to increase my happiness?

Yes, he tells me. Be philanthropic. People who volunteer or give money to charity are 43 per cent more likely than non-givers to say they are very happy. Conservatives are more charitable than liberals, which is another reason why they're happier. And the more you give, the happier you get.

In other words, money really can buy happiness after all – but only if you give it away.

by : MARGARET WENTE

## *Building Preservation 2008*

The following projects were approved to be completed at our Parish Council meeting on May 28, 2008. The work will be done over the course of the summer months.

### Tower Door Steps:

3 bottom steps to be lifted out and reset.  
1 step to be drilled and pinned together ( restored )  
3 top steps to have cracks and crevasses filled and sealed  
All step tread base joints to be ground out and repacked

Side walls of the steps to be repacked where required  
Foundation under bottom step to be inspected and replaced  
If required.

### Church Door Steps:

Basic maintenance to be done to preserve the steps

- chip out loose material and repack
- repair all cracks in step treads
- Seal sides of the platform with rubberized caulking to prevent water damage

### Front Sidewalk

Cut edges on individual sidewalk sections to prevent tripping.

### Church Windows

4 large stain glass windows on the South Side of the Church to have the storms removed, frames painted, and replaced with Lexan storms

1 small window on the South Side of the Church to have the storm window removed, frame painted and replaced with a Lexan storm window

Tower Door window to have storm window removed, frame of the window painted as well as the door frame ( to match church door colour ) and a new Lexan storm window to be installed.

Note : parishioners will be needed to do the removal of the tower door storm and the small window storm as well as to do all painting.

## Project Costs

Tower Door Steps	\$ 5,775.00
Church Door Steps and Sidewalk	1,785.00
Storm Windows	2,520.00
Total Cost	10,080.00

## Funds we presently have

Building Fund	1,854.00
Building Restoration Fund	7,158.17
Total	9,012.17

***Funds we need to raise to pay for these projects 1,067.83***

As you can see we almost have all the money we need for these two projects. Your donations will quickly put us over the top ! We are privileged to worship in a historic building, with that said however, there are many continuing costs associated with a building the age of St. Paul's. We would ask all in the parish to consider making a regular annual donation to our Building Fund so that we will have funds in the bank to meet our future restoration needs. Your generosity will ensure that St. Paul's will continue to be a building we can take pride in.

Thank you for considering our request,

Mark Gladding  
Priest & Rector

Sharon Insley  
Warden

Francis Blair  
Warden

## Events in June

### Trinity Lutheran and St. Paul's Anglican

#### Joint Parish Picnic

Sunday June 22, 2008

At the Old Fort



10:00 a.m. Worship  
to be followed by a Pot Luck Lunch  
Entertainment & Games for the Children

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#### June 27, 2008 Citizenship Court at St. Paul's



9:30 a.m. Interfaith worship followed by an international foods pot  
luck lunch and the Citizenship Court in the afternoon.  
We expect upwards of 50 residents of our area will become  
Canadian citizens this day.

*Come and help celebrate !*

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*June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
St. Paul's Annual Golf Tournament  
Cost is \$25.00 Phone the church  
office for details and to register.*

# *Parish Dinner and Auction*

*Saturday*

*September 20, 2008*

*Cocktails 5:30 p.m.*

*Roast Pork Dinner 6:30 p.m.*

*Auction 8:00 p.m.*

## *Tickets:*

*Available from the Parish Office (905 -871-6704)*

*\$ 20.00 per person*

*\$ 35.00 per couple*

*This is a fun raising event for the Parish.*

*Donations of items/services for the auction are invited.*

# The Three Cantors

In concert

*October 22, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.*

at

*St. Paul's Anglican Church*

32 Idylewylde Street  
Fort Erie, Ontario



PETER WALL, BILL CLIFF AND DAVID PICKETT ARE ANGLICAN PARISH PRIESTS who, with accompanist [ANGUS SINCLAIR](#), sing to benefit The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund seeking lasting solutions to world hunger through sustainable development. Proceeds from this concert will be split between COPE and the Primate's Fund.

Tickets are \$ 20.00 per person  
Available at St. Paul's                      905-871-6704

*“ Love people even in their sin, for that is the semblance of Divine Love and is the highest love one earth. Love all of God’s creation, the whole and every grain of sand of it. Love every leaf, every ray of God’s light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.”*

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

Summer is a wonderful time to fall in love with all of God’s creation. One of the mysteries of our faith is that we live in an enchanted world. The conviction of Christianity is that God is in every moment, every breath we take. As we take another breath it means that God is choosing us once again, here and now. As St. Paul spoke of God; ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’ Our trouble is we don’t see it.

As one modern writer has put it, ‘ We’re sleep-walkers. All religious teachers have recognized that we human beings do not naturally see; we have to be taught how to see.’ Our faith is about seeing the world rightly. For us life is not so much about earning and achieving as it about relationship. St. Paul’s, as any parish, is about the relationships we form with one another, this community, and the world in which we live. Success for us in the Church is measured by the quality and depth of those relationships

My prayer for all of us is that this summer will be a time when we can find some rest and refreshment for our souls. And that all of us might make the effort, and have opportunity, to fall in love again with God’s enchanted world. Our individual spiritual lives would be strengthened and the life of our parish would be enriched.

Our worship this summer will of course continue at 8:00 a.m. with a traditional service and at 10:00 a.m. with our choral liturgy. My thanks to Fr. David and Rev. Rod who will cover for the Sundays that I am away this summer. We have many wonderful events scheduled for this fall that are advertised in this newsletter. You are our best advertising so please spread the word about our Three Cantor’s concert and Parish Dinner. In a world in which so many find it easy to be negative you and I have the wonderfully positive message of Christianity and of St. Paul’s to spread to our friends and neighbours. As summer arrives may we all choose . . . . *to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.*

Your friend in Christ,

Mark +