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Remembering the Sabbath - by Fr. Mark Moore



The events and news at St. Paul's recently have been somewhat like our weather. They have been wonderful, distressing, fearful, grateful, awe-inspiring, maddening, caring and loving. Like storms that quickly move through the area and tear off roofs and knock down trees we hear distressing news about the health of some of our parishioners and friends. Notice how long the list is of people we pray for on Sundays. The Daughters of the King have indeed been very busy lately, praying for many people. But those same storms brought the rain for crops and gardens like so many who have reached out with compassion to others in need.

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Many of you know that recently I injured my knee. And as a result I have been moving a lot slower lately. Since injuring my knee I have been hearing an important phrase from quite a few people. It goes like this; Injuries and illnesses are God's way of forcing us to slowdown, and to step back from our stressful lives. Indeed, we often get so busy that we become stressed. Sundays are not a day of rest, even if we do go to church. We go to church and rush off to other commitments, and there are so many to choose from! The concept of Sabbath is not just a day to go to church. It is a special day to be spent mindful of God and one another. If the only difference between Sunday and any other day is the one hour spent in church then we have missed the point of Sabbath.



Remembering the Sabbath - continued

The concept of Sabbath does not mean Sunday or Saturday. For me, my Sabbath is Monday. It is my day of rest. But I often don't rest or do those things that are renewing for me. I sometimes use my day off as a day for catching up on paperwork and email. I suggest that our whole culture seems to be in the same boat. For the past 20 years we have been rushing so hard and so fast to take advantage of the rising prices in the housing market, and to acquire as much stuff as we can. Consumerism has accelerated to an incredible pace. Our pursuit of things and things to do that might make us happy have left little time for companionship, relationship, and meals together. Several people have said to me that my knee injury was to force me to spend more time in relationship and companionship with others. It is a time to rethink my own future especially in the transitional time between Mary and me. Life has become so stressful that we make mistakes or press too hard and bang, we hit a wall. It has been said that 80% of all patients in hospitals are there with stress related injuries or illnesses.

I know that many of you are under a lot of stress as well. Stress from jobs, relationships, or health problems. I think our initial reaction is to double our efforts and work harder or longer. I suggest we reconsider the concept of Sabbath. Of course I want everyone in church on Sunday. Remember it is through study, worship and prayer that we learn more about God and our neighbor. But Sabbath is also a time to learn more about ourselves and how we relate to others. So here's an idea. Next time you are the store and pass by the card section, buy a card for someone, or make one yourself. Not necessarily for someone who is ill or injured, but just someone about whom you are thinking. Tell them in whatever way that suits you, you care. Stop by and visit a friend. Spend enough time to learn something you didn't know about them. Grow your relationship with them. And let them learn something about you too.

In a couple of weeks we will have the opportunity to do that as a parish. Our annual parish picnic will be held at Wrights once again. Plan on attending and consider it a day of rest, a day of companionship, and a day of relationship. Consider it Sabbath. A whole day spent solely with God and one another. It seems like the need is great. And if need it anyway, here is a great opportunity to live it for a day. Who knows, you might even feel better!

Peace always,

Fr. Mark

The Money Tree - by Vicki Wright , Senior Warden

Running any business, government agency, school or church all takes money. Cold, hard cash is what makes the wheels turn, whatever venue it happens to be. If only money grew on trees to make the challenge of funding the operation of an enterprise easier.

As a child I remember the song, "The Money Tree". The song lyrics indicated that if money grew on trees it would be easy to "Pull up an easy chair and sit yourself down and lean back" to enjoy life! The familiar chorus went onto to say, "Oh, the money tree, the money tree, it's a beautiful sight to see." If God had given us a money tree, it certainly would make life easier.

We have no money tree, so we must rely on the resources available to us. During the past few months, we have looked closely at what is available through the Diocese of Milwaukee. There are two funding opportunities that will assist us in meeting our budget deficit, through congregational growth: the Meachem Fund for Congregational Development and the Financial Aid Grant.



St. Paul's did receive \$5,000 for a Meachem grant. Hooray! This is all about growing our St. Paul's family; it cannot be used to supplement income to cover operating costs such as our electricity bill!! As proposed, the funds from the Meachem grant will be used on continued development of our music program, developing community awareness through advertising, training members of the congregation at CDI (Church Development Institute), and further development of our outreach program. You may remember from some previous research that congregations that have good music and successful outreach programs grow, so these activities are among the planned uses for this grant.

We also applied for a Financial Aid Grant. It is still unknown how much funding we will receive, but we did apply for \$25,000. If we do receive funding, we must agree to the following:

The Vestry must meet with the Mission and Development Liaison. We have already scheduled an initial meeting on July 6th with this representative.

We agree to discuss with this representative our ministry review process and provide documentation.

A team of three or four from the congregation must participate in CDI beginning in November 2011.

We must apply for a 2011 Welcoming Challenge Grant and complete the project. Our group from last year has started working on this already.

We will provide a report for Convention either through a written report or video documentation.

We agree to respond to the requirements in a timely fashion.

As an aided Parish, the Vestry is aware that we must have a complete financial audit each year.

It is imperative that we use these funds only as intended, for growing our St. Paul's family. We must continue to find ways in which to cover our various operating costs.

It is exciting that we have the possibility of qualifying for this funding! This has been made possible only through the many, many efforts of parish members, previous vestries and treasurers. All of you have helped put us in an organized position of being able to assure the Diocese that this assistance will help us grow and work toward being financially self-sufficient.

A note from our Treasurer - by Alice Mirk



Treasurer's News

Not a lot to report, however, we have completed the paperwork with our bank and thanks to Peter Wright's efforts we are now able to offer direct transfer of funds for your church offering for anyone who would care to participate. Please email me at wamcp70@charter.net for the form or further information on how this works.

Your quarterly giving statements are due again soon. Please make an effort to pick them up in the back of the church when they are announced, it saves us a bundle in postage! I anticipate the next giving statements will be ready for pickup July 10th.



New Outreach Program! “Mary’s Room” –A Parent’s Resource for infants and children up to 24 months.

St Paul’s Church may be small but it is on the cutting edge again with another outreach effort. Thanks to a little seed money from the Meecham Grant we are beginning a crèche program. This is an outreach program that will supply, free of charge, children’s gently used or new clothing, furniture, packages of diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, bibs and soft toys to area residents in need. This will be a complimentary program to the WIC food program, we won’t supply any food or medicine but all the other stuff including baby bottles and pacifiers that parents find essential but are not covered by WIC!

We are asking the congregation of St Paul’s to find it in their hearts to add a packet of wipes or diapers to their grocery list on a routine basis and to add a packet of sleepers or a receiving blanket to their trip to Shopko or similar shops, and when you are planning that rummage sale remember Mary’s Room and consider a tax deductible donation of children’s clothing prior to setting up your rummage table.

Mary’s Room is scheduled to open September 1, 2011 in the basement (Sweeney Room). We will open twice weekly, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you have questions or donations or would like to donate an hour or two of your time please see Alice Mirk or give her a call at 261-3857.

LEAD LIKE JESUS

Lessons for Everyone from the Greatest Leadership Role Model

Authors: Ken Blanchard & Phil Hodges; published by Fine Communications, New York, NY;

236 pages; Price: \$7.98 at Barnes & Noble -Brookfield, WI

This book review by Paul Citerony, June 2011

This is a weighty book that should be digested over a period of time rather than skimmed in a fast reading. If applied, the illustrated concepts by the authors could change the way everyone, especially leaders mark their lives, work, and relationships.

In beginning, authors Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges encourage readers to ask themselves three key questions: Am I a leader? Am I willing to pattern Jesus as my leadership role model? How can I lead like Jesus?

It explains relationships should be best based on trust and respect which maintain integrity and excellence in services and programs. In practice of responsible stewardship the authors say, leaders are defined by how they use their influence. Further, if our instincts are self-promotion and self-protection, then we'll use our influence to fulfill those needs. (Self-interest, they believe, is the most difficult obstacle we face in leading like Jesus). Conversely, if we are driven by dedication and service to good causes or relationships, then we will model and encourage these values in others. They look at four areas, - domains of leading like Jesus --- "head, heart, hands and habits" --- and carefully study each.

It is timely these days to consider what the authors mean by "leader." They write, "Anytime you seek to influence the thinking, behavior or development of people toward accomplishing a goal in their personal or professional lives, you are taking on the role of a leader." In other words, to benefit from this book we need not have to be in business. We could be a minister, a parent, a nurse, a teacher, a coach, or a business manager. Blanchard and Hodges define differences between being a 'life leader' (such as a parent) and an organizational leader (a manager in a company).

This book is very descriptive when the authors get practical rather than theoretical and show Jesus welcomed disagreement and wasn't afraid of it. (They ask do we welcome feedback when we find someone who will tell us the truth!) Can we address our own credibility as an individual before trying to improve things at an organizational level? - (Is our security based on what others think?) For your job have you planned for a successor? (Could that seem threatening?) There's an excellent section on identifying pride and fear, and how it affects our ability to lead. Indeed, the examples of how pride and fear influence leadership are among the best parts of the book.

Authors Blanchard and Hodges also list "rank-ordered values" for leading like Jesus

- ✦ Honor God in everything you do.
- ✦ Build relationships based on trust and respect.
- ✦ Maintain integrity and excellence in programs and services.

Practice responsible stewardship.

Included with other helpful content is a practical chart showing the four meaningful learning stages (novice, apprentice, journeyman, and master/teacher) and the respective obstacles to success. Here is specific help; rather than just telling readers to get into a focus group, the authors offer a specific model of what this would look like. Chapter end summaries, specific scripture references along with personal and fictional examples flesh out the concepts. *Lead Like Jesus* relates suggestions to reflect on various key points which assist readers in fully engaging and applying the material.

About the Authors:

✦ *Ken Blanchard has written or co-written more than thirty-five books including the **One Minute Manager**. His company is renowned for instructing workplace learning, applying team effectiveness, employee productivity and leadership.*

Phil Hodges worked thirty-six years as an industrial relations manager and human resource specialist with U.S. Steel and Xerox Corp. He has co-authored five books relating to his fields of practice.

“One of the world’s great problems is ego-centric, self-serving leadership—leaders who think people exist for their benefit, instead of vice versa. In stark contrast, Jesus modeled servant leadership, leading by example. He said, “I came to serve, not to be served.” Now two thousand years later, Jesus has over 2.1 billion followers, which makes him the undisputed greatest leader of all time.....That’s why you should read this book!”

-----RICK WARREN, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*

St. Paul's Outreach Food Ministry

Appreciates Your Support!

“Put a Jar in the Car, -

Stick a Can in the Van

The idea of the slogan is to remind us all that the BEST way to remember to bring food for the area needy is to LEAVE IT IN THE TRUNK of your car, after you have been grocery shopping. That way you will always have your contribution with you when you come to church.

St. Paul's Food Outreach

Current Pantry needs are: dry cereal (corn flakes, etc.), oatmeal, saltine crackers, pancake mix, pancake syrup, spaghetti sauce, rice, applesauce, instant milk, coffee, Ramen Noodles, canned meats, chicken, beef stew, pork & beans, potatoes (fresh and packaged), Spam, tuna, etc., peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, macaroni and cheese, packaged dry pasta, canned soups (especially tomato, chicken noodle, and vegetable), casserole mixes (tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Hamburger Helper).



Baby Food

Beverages: soda or btl. water and dried milk and coffee creamer

Condiments mustard, vinegar, olives (large and small cans), peppers, most common spices.

Desserts cake, cookie, brownie and muffin mixes, frostings, pie fillings and crusts, puddings, toppings, packaged dessert bakes and small cookies

Fruits small packages or boxes of dried fruit

Financial donations are always greatly appreciated.

Mixes stuffing mixes, "shake and bake." crumbs, bread mixes, also boxes of couscous, barley.

Canned Seafood

sardines, shrimp, salmon, scallops, clams and crab

Single Serving Size small cans or containers of fruits and vegetables or other foods and "One Bowl" of soups and desserts.

On-going urgent needs are:

toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo, bath soap, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent (liquid or powder).

These provisions can only be met with generous donations.

Thank you for your continued generosity. The Food Outreach Program is located at:
Paul's Episcopal Church

413 South 2nd. St.

Watertown, WI 53094

920-261-1150

coordinator's email....Wendy Wilkey<wilkey@netwurx.net>;

Open: Sundays, 9 am – 12 noon

Look for the Foods Outreach collection bin in St. Paul's Guild Hall.

The Charm Bracelet

It lay, stretched out for sale
 Tarnished almost black
 At the church rummage sale.

An anonymous drop off
 Telling a story of travels
 Documented in silver.
 Iowa, Idaho, Disneyland.

I thought of my own bracelet,
 Started at 21,
 Charms for each sentinel life event.

Would it end like this? Handled by sympathetic strangers
 At a rummage sale?
 Speculated and wondered over?

Faith, tangible as silver and infinitely more comforting
 Is the true and lasting possession.

With us unto death and beyond –

Everything else will be rummage.....
 Someday.



Alice Mirk

May 2011



Kids Korner

Sunday School will restart in September. The date is September 18th! We look forward to another year of Godly Play for the younger set up to 6th Grade, and for the older kids we are developing a curriculum that will combine Bible Study with active community connections.

The schedule will be similar to last year's units. We will have a fall unit that will go to November, then a Nativity unit that will go to Christmas. Then we will have a Lenten and Easter period and because Easter is early we will probably have a Pentecost period too! All of these units will have breaks between and we will try to get the schedule out in time for the next news letter so you can have it handy for everyone in the family.

We hope everyone is having a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Peace Be With You

Alice



July 31 - Parish Picnic at Peter and Vicki Wright's home in Fort Atkinson.
See the Bulletin for more details.



This past year I have reported to you about several projects the Daughters of the King have worked on. At our most recent meeting, I asked what project they would like to take on next. It was unanimous. They want to be fed. Giving out to others over a long period of time tends to deplete a human being. We can only give so long without being completely depleted ourselves. Like pouring water from a pitcher, eventually the pitcher needs to be refilled.

The Daughters are committed to a number of things but first on that list is our own spiritual development. So we intend to go on a local day retreat here in the area and then in February we plan on taking on a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Convent in Sewanee, Tennessee. A holy mountain to many who have been there. We plan on going by car to keep the cost down. I can also say that all church women are welcome to make the pilgrimage with us. Details will follow. Here are some pictures for now.

<http://www.stmaryssewanee.org/>

For His Sake,
Georgia





Helping Hands

"Fellowship Opportunities"

Coffee Time Hosts & Hostesses

Each Sunday our parishioner volunteers bring and serve the refreshments after the service. You can bring cheeses, fruit, bagels, or anything else you'd like to have first thing in the morning! (The church provides the coffee. This is an easy way to become involved and meet new exciting people in the church. If you can help, please sign up in Guild Hall or call St. Paul 's at 920-261-1150.

Choir Notes - By Robert Borkenhagen



Music@St. Paul's

The choir is now on their summer break and will be back singing again in September.

My thanks to all of you that have helped to support our music ministry in our parish. I have had a lot of very positive comments and feedback, which I appreciate very much.

As I spoke about in the last newsletter about moving the organ console, if you would like to make a donation or memorialize someone by making a gift, please mark your giving envelopes "Organ Fund."

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

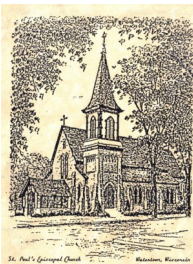
God Bless,

Bob Borkenhagen

Organist/Choir Director



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