

Priest Monthly Report

31 March 2012

| Av. Sunday Att. | Visits | Services |
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| 2008 – na | Regular – 3 | Penitential, H.E. & Sermon -- 4 |
| 2009 – 37 | Hospital – 2 | P.H.C. -- 6 |
| 2010 – 31 | Homebound – 7 | Stations of the Cross -- 5 |
| 2011 – 27 | Crisis – 0 | Compline -- 4 |
| 2012 – 23 | New – 2 | |
| | Other – <u>1</u> | |
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Visits -- This month I visited with Alan Tisdale who is staying in the area with his daughter, and with Kristen Volchanski who is a Lehigh University student. Paul Crowe, a Susquehanna University student, has also joined us for worship but we have not yet visited. Private Communion were with Bob Long (3), Linda Klingensmith, George Heilman, and Betty Wertz. Two hospital visits were with Bob Long.

Reviewing History -- I continue to learn of parish history such as the use of a set of vestments and veils for Holy Week.

As we developed our policy for parish hall events it was helpful for people to share past events, especially with regard to permitting alcohol.

I also learned that there is not a strong history of attending services of Holy Week, but I will continue the practice of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Great Vigil. Following Easter I will gather with those interested to review the services since Christmas.

Reviewing Identity -- Who are we as a church in Snyder County needs to be explored. What is our place among the great variety of churches? I may get a better understanding of the neighboring congregations as I attend Selinsgrove Ministerium meetings in May. As outlined in the article for the May-June Halo, I think we have six gifts – the current active congregation, adult education, Martha's Table, hospitality, worship and a financial foundation built on legacy generosity. Once we have a better handle on who we are, it will be easier to talk to others about All Saints.

An initial idea is that we might become a venue for additional programming for the arts. It is my understanding that All Saints has never mounted a fund drive other than for the annual operating budget. Later this Spring we are going to launch the 2012 Window Restoration Campaign. Our goal is 100% participation by our members, and to restore six windows, three in the narthex and three in the sacristy. The financial goal is \$7,000.

Reviewing Leadership -- Bob Stranko is the chair of the 2012 Window Restoration Campaign, and will be inviting others to join him. There will be a parish letter, member contact, Sunday presentations and updates, and a chart to track our progress.

Jim Rogers is now the hot water heater man and the thermostat man. Laura Keister has joined Don Stanley and Arnold Gentner on the finance team. Stephanie Sterner and Chris Packard are learning the bell ringing routine. The reading of the Passion Narrative includes many voices. Bruce Johnson will soon be joining me in making home communion visits. We are expanding our leadership.

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Glenda Wertz called a coffee hour meeting to coordinate the Election Day food sale, and is good at using email to keep us all up to date.

Don Stanley's leadership of the Finance Committee called a meeting with Ken Hakes from Prudential to help us make better sense of our investment account. The goal is to continue to manage that account so it grows in its ability to provide Building and Grounds income as our buildings age.

Reviewing Linkage to the Diocese and the Bishop -- We will be hosting the Diocesan Council on 19 April. Brenda Stranko, Stephanie Sterner, Jim Rogers and Susie Wentzel will be attending the Diocesan Lay Leadership Conference in Lewisburg on the 31st. This is an annual event, and it is good to learn as well as meet with other leaders from around Central Pennsylvania. I look forward to their report in the next Halo.

Challenges/New Possibilities -- Andy France and his brass quintet will be joining us for worship on 22 April. I am hoping this will be the first of many special music events. With the number groups that use our facilities, we need some additional signage to invite all to join us for Sunday worship.

This month Vestry passed a revised 2012 operating budget the includes almost a \$10,000. gap. We are hopeful that with careful management of expenses and increased generosity that we may close the gap. The new chart of accounts makes our finances much clearer.

On 29 April following worship there will be a brief meeting to share the outcome of the first quarter lead by the Stewardship Committee. They are already developing plans for the Fall campaign for 2013.

Other -- It was great to go to Fanwood, N.J. for Noah's 4th birthday. We are also planning to attend Haidyn's baptism at Penetcost (Memorial Day weekend). The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin will be our guest celebrant.

I attended a morning continuing education event at Evangelical Hospital on hospice.

I have been reading a book shared with me by Bruce Johnson about faith and movies. I understand that we have the capability to have movie events in the parish hall.

When we have people new to All Saints and to the Episcopal Church there needs to be helpful material to share with them. Some has been produced by All Saints; some will need to be purchased.

The Market Street sign will be changed from "Anglican Services" to "Sunday Worship".

Hours scheduled 22 per week; hours worked 174, 39 hour per week.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Donecker, priest in charge