

Cross Connections



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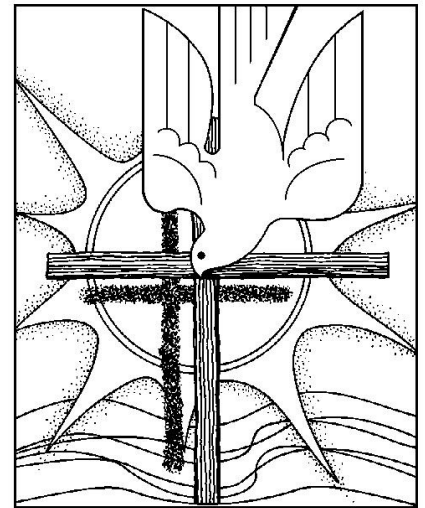
Wills & Estate Planning

Do I Need a Will?

Can I Write My Own Will?

Join us for the answers to these questions, as well as a discussion of the top seven mistakes people make in their estate planning.

On **Sunday, April 22 at 1:00 pm**, attorney Anne Page Watson will be with us in Trinity Hall to help us understand estate planning and answer questions we might have about estate planning and wills. Anne is hoping you will bring questions for the discussions on this subject. There will be an insert in the bulletin in the coming weeks which you can write down your questions.



There will be a small lunch provided (sign up on the insert – a free-will offering will be accepted to cover costs). It would be great if you could sign up so we can plan ahead on our numbers. Put this on your calendar, and join with us for stories and answers.

This session on wills and power of attorney forms is just the beginning of some educational opportunities on end of life issues and planning for the future. We have had several members die without proper health care planning or estate planning. As a congregation, we are hoping to provide you opportunities to think about these issues and prepare. Part of this preparation is also thinking about funeral planning. The church offers forms to help you prepare for your funeral to be what you desire. Planning should not wait until death is near. Planning is just that – planning. As your pastor, I encourage you to participate in all of the upcoming events. Some will be sponsored by the stewardship committee, some by me and /or the council. Watch future newsletters for events that can help you prepare, plan and make life easier for those we leave behind.

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From the Pastor...

It always strikes me how often I sit at my computer to write a newsletter article. It seems I just finish one and am on my way to writing another. Since my last article, we have said farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Laura Wind, completed our Wednesday Lenten worship series and it will be almost or Easter before you receive this *Cross Connections*.

We will rejoice soon with one of our own, Christy Lohr-Sapp will be ordained at Duke Chapel on April 15th as the associate Dean of Duke Chapel. The service will be at 2 pm and we ask you to watch for the formal announcement coming soon.

We will be switching to setting one in the ELW beginning on Palm Sunday and stay in that setting until the end of May. At that time we will switch to Marty Haugen's setting Now the Feast and Celebration for the summer months.

Soon it will be summer and folks will be traveling. Kathy and I will finally be taking our long anticipated vacation in June. We will be taking the Queen Mary 2 across the pond to South Hampton England and then spending a week in and around London. We want to again thank you all for helping to make this a reality for us.

I continue to rejoice with you all over our current internship experience. Vicar Adam is a joy and blessing. Please continue to encourage and engage him while he is with us.

Other information I want you to be aware of includes the fact that we will be getting the Damascus House wiring done soon. Hopefully the week after Easter. We are still about \$15,000 short in raising enough money to pay for the stained glass repairs. The congregation council is working on many projects including a visioning process which we will begin working with members of the NC Synod on May 5th. The Stewardship Committee and Council are working on offering a Wills workshop on April 22 and the Synod's Planned Giving Advisor will be meeting with us in May to help our membership in preparing for retirement and after.

This is a vibrant place that showed how vibrant during Lenten worship. People shared their stories and it was meaningful and filled us with joy. Thanks again to all who were bold and told their stories. Thanks to Vicar Adam for his hard work in leading this effort.

Please keep Vicar Ali Tranvik in your prayers as she takes on the full duties for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Duke.

Pray for our fellowship often and with fervor.

God's peace, Pastor Scott

From the Vicar...

"Why Christian?" Recently, I attended a conference at Duke Chapel hosted by Lutheran pastor, theologian, and author Nadia Bolz-Weber and Evangelical-turned-Episcopalian blogger and author Rachel Held Evans. The conference was called "Why Christian?" Each time they host this conference, they invite highly regarded Christian leaders to answer that very question: "Why Christian?" Why are you a Christian in today's church? This year, all of the speakers were women which seemed like a fitting start to counter-balance centuries of dominating male voices.

We heard from Emmy Kegler, an ELCA pastor of a small church on the north side of Minneapolis who has remained a Christian with her future wife despite the heavily homophobic messages she heard in her fundamentalist youth group.

We heard from Gail Song Bantum, executive pastor of Quest Church in Seattle who spoke of remaining Christian as not only a female pastor but a female pastor in what she called a highly patriarchal Korean culture.

We heard from Nicole Garcia, a transgender Latina who is completing her seminary work at Luther Seminary and will be up for first call in the ELCA shortly who spoke about being Christian and what made her unique – namely that as a trans woman of color, that she is still alive today since so many trans women, especially trans women of color, are routinely beaten, murdered, or driven to suicide at much higher rates than any other group.

We heard from Kate Bowler, a Duke University professor of religion who studies the American prosperity gospel – namely, if you are good enough, God will bless you with material wealth and health – who remains Christian despite being diagnosed at the age of 35 with stage-four cancer and had the very foundations of her faith shaken.

We heard from Tuhina Verma Rasche, a Lutheran pastor ordained through the ELCA who was raised Hindu and remains Christian in a denomination that is over 96% white making her as a woman of color under-represented and feel unwelcome in her own church.

We heard from Donna Coletrane Battle, the chaplain at Meredith College in Raleigh who remains Christian despite facing the repeated horrors of racism in her life that have infiltrated even what she thought of as her "safe places."

We heard from Kaitlin Curtice, a member of the Potawatomi Tribe who remains Christian despite

centuries of forced conversions of her people, approval of forced removal of native peoples from their lands, and policies predicated on the idea of “kill the Indian, save the man.”

We heard from Theresa S. Thames, the associate dean of religious life at Princeton who remains Christian despite having suffered sexual abuse at the hands of church deacons growing up.

We heard from the conference hosts Nadia Bolz-Weber who spoke of remaining Christian because of how she related to Jesus differently at each phase of her life, even when she entirely rejected the church and Rachel Held Evans who spoke of remaining Christian in a culture that identifies Christianity more with a fire-and-brimstone street-corner preaching and congregations that boycott funerals than with the compassionate servitude, never-ending forgiveness, and radical welcome of Jesus.

All of these testimonials spoke of a God of love amid terrible circumstances that could have easily caused anyone of them to turn their backs on the church.

The way these ten women answered such a seemingly basic question got me to thinking: “How might I answer this question?” So many of the speakers’ stories overlapped with my own story in numerous ways, but my story had a few differences – including the traumas of accidentally burning down the church sanctuary of the church I attended in college and being asked to leave the denomination in which I grew up once they found out I was gay or be officially excommunicated. So, despite these traumas and experiences of outsidership, why am I a Christian?

Martin Luther wrote very plainly in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed (the part about the Holy Spirit that comes after Jesus coming to judge the living from the dead): “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with God’s gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.” That is to say, I am Christian not because I choose Christ but because the Holy Spirit chose me! And the same goes for each one of you.

I am Christian because God chose to send God’s Son into this world to be born, live, and minister among the poor and powerless of this world. In this season of Easter, I am a Christian because in Jesus, God chose to die on a cross rather than be in the sin-accounting business any longer. I am a Christian because God chose to defeat death through death. What’s more, I am a Christian because God chose to bring life out of death. I am a Christian because the

risen Jesus chose to appear first to Mary Magdalene, a person of little consequence by first century standards because of her gender, ethnicity, and lack of access to power who centuries of patriarchy further denigrated by misidentifying her as a harlot; she is the one who Jesus chose to first entrust with the good news of his resurrection. I am a Christian because the Holy Spirit chose me, a person rejected by the church in which he was raised. I am a Christian because God chose and empowered me to become a follower of Christ. When all is said and done, I am a Christian not because of my own choices but because of God’s “foolish” choices (see 1 Corinthians 1:20-29).

This summer, some of our youth will travel to Houston for the ELCA 2018 National Youth Gathering where they will fellowship, study, serve, and worship along side 30,000+ other Lutheran youth from across the country and come to learn of God’s “foolish” choices in this world – how God chooses them and how that choice makes all the difference! Please consider helping our youth afford this trip with a financial gift. In the atrium, there will soon appear a poster of an airplane and you will have the opportunity to purchase a pilot, a wing, a seat belt, or even an air sickness bag to help us get to Houston. Please consider giving generously to our youth as they explore for themselves, “Why Christian?”

Love in Christ,
Vicar Adam

Duke Lutheran Selected as 2018 Duke Chapel Student Preacher

Few pastors, preachers, and theologians get to preach from the pulpit of Duke Chapel, and now one of our very own Duke Lutherans will join the ranks! Come hear Senior and Duke Lutherans President D. J.



Chatelaine preach on Sunday, April 8th at 11 am. To join the Duke Lutherans group, meet us on the outdoor chapel steps at 10:50 am, or to watch the service online, go to: www.chapel.duke.edu/dukestream-video-fallback.

Here’s D.J. himself on how he’s been preparing, on life after graduation, and on what Duke Lutherans has meant to him during his time at Duke...

How have you been involved with Duke Chapel throughout the past four years?

I began worshiping at the Chapel my freshman year and was introduced to the Chapel Scholars Program by a friend. As a Chapel Scholar, I've read Scripture and served Communion in worship, participated in book discussion groups with other Chapel Scholars, and have served on the Chapel's Mission of the Month Committee.

How are you preparing for your sermon?

I was encouraged to apply to be the student preacher by Ali and Pastor Laura after much deliberation. First, I went through the readings a few times and meditated on where the Holy Spirit was guiding me. Led towards the scripture I'm now preaching on, I spent a few days thinking and writing about related themes. Finishing my draft, I forwarded to my editor-in-chief – my Mom – to take a look. After receiving the green light from her, I submitted my sermon and a month later received the good news that I had been chosen to preach! I then got to work with Pastor Bruce Puckett at Duke Chapel, who offered helpful suggestions to better focus my sermon on the message I feel led to convey.

How has your faith been formed at Duke to help shape and prepare you for this moment?

Uff da, this is a big question. Most importantly, Duke Lutherans has been an anchor for me during my time at Duke, as both a refuge when times got tough, and as a community that continues to challenge and direct my faith formation. Further opportunities to develop relationships with non-Lutheran classmates have broadened my outlook on the world, testing my faith in ways that have made me ask questions like, "Why am I Lutheran? Why do I believe Jesus is Lord?" Finding more nuanced ways of thinking about these questions, my faith has been strengthened at Duke in ways I could not have anticipated.

What are you preaching on, and what do you hope listeners take away from your sermon?

I'm preaching on 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 and focusing on the idea that on the second Sunday of Easter, we should rejoice that Christ is Risen. But at the same time, we must "beware of darkness," that is, sin and the many voices in this world that lead us away from Christ. Bonhoeffer calls this radical way of being "the cost of discipleship." At Duke and in our world today, we can easily get lost in the darkness and the distractions that cause us to forget our neighbors and fail to be in "true fellowship with one another," as John writes.

What are you most excited for regarding preaching in Duke Chapel?

I'm still in disbelief that I have the privilege to preach from such a storied pulpit, a memory I'm sure I'll pinch myself about in the years to come, wherever life leads me. I'm excited to join the community that has shared the Good News in this context and offer a young Lutheran voice to the conversation.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I've accepted a position to be the Youth Coordinator at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. In this role, I'll be learning from and guiding a vibrant bunch of 6th - 12 graders in youth programming, mission trips, and faith formation. At this point, I'm discerning future plans, which may include divinity school, law school, or urban planning. Ultimately, I'd like to find a vocation where I can work with others to help bring people together across the division. Beyond that, I plan to keep paying music, running, and finding joy in every day.

Council Updates

*by George Seiz
Congregational Council President*

Thanks to all members who attended the March 11, 2018 Congregation meeting and voted to accept the 2017 Yearbook. As I mentioned at the meeting this annual report is a good representation of who we are as a congregation and the ministries we support. It's a valuable resource for information on committee activities and the wonderful people who serve on those committees. Thanks to all committee members for contributing to the success of our church.

I spoke briefly at the Congregation meeting about two topics; the first was the upcoming 100 year celebration of St. Paul's in 2022. Planning has already started for this event and will need to continue right up to the date of celebration, May 1, 2022. Activities and events leading up to the date of celebration may include such things as: updating A History of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, commissioning of an art work or piece of music, some type of creative contests or projects, a cookbook. Who knows? The possibilities are endless. If you are interested in being engaged in this event, please contact Maria Chi, Curt Hahn, or Pastor Scott.

The second topic was about a visioning process to help better define who we are as a congregation. Our church will be participating in a program called *Planting Hope*, made available by the Triangle

Conference of the North Carolina Synod. The entire **Planting Hope** process will take about 18 months. A team of 4-7 persons will be organized, consisting of few council members, the Pastor and other church members, who will attend training sessions and in turn work with our congregation thru this spiritual process. The first team training session is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018.

A 100 year celebration and a visioning process: we will be looking at our past, and at the same time uniquely positioned to look towards the future. Is there a connection here? Perhaps the spirit is at work. Let's find out.

Islam Presentations in February

Sunday, February 25, saw two enlightening presentations on Islam. During the Sunday School hour, Dr. Melanie Trexler of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, spoke to the class via Skype and answered questions from the members of the class concerning Islam. Her question and answer session was preceded by a TED talk about building bridges with our Muslim neighbors.

Then, following the 11:00 am service, Imam Mohammed Waheed, chaplain to the Muslim students at Duke, spoke in Trinity Hall. He presented two aspects of Islam. In the first part of his talk, he related how the modern Islamic congregation in America developed from what was originally a radical Muslim-like but not actually Muslim group.

In the second part, he spoke about the Islamic teachings concerning peace, social justice, civic responsibility and integrity. In each case he tied the concept to passages in the Qur'an (Islam's holy scripture). Then he furthermore demonstrated how much Islam is like our Judeo-Christian traditions in respect to these four concepts.

Finally, both speakers offered to continue the conversation with anyone who might be interested. To contact either of them, speak to one of our vicars.

Preschool Pitter Patter

by Amanda Stoen

Happy Spring! So much is happening at our preschool right now. Our classes are busy engaging children in learning about the world around them and encouraging them to try new things. Spring is an exciting time with children to dig in the dirt and to

watch plants grow from seeds.

Recently, St. Paul's Preschool & PMO received Hulafrog's Most Loved Preschool! We were voted by parents in the Durham/Chapel Hill area. We were voted on by parents in the Durham/Chapel Hill area as Most Loved Preschool Co-Winner 2018. We are honored to be recognized by parents as a beloved family-friendly business.



During the month of March, the preschool collected books to donate to Book Harvest. As I write this, we still have many more days to collect the books, but we have bins that are overflowing with books! Thank you for all of the book donations to Book Harvest.

Registration for summer camp and the 2018-19 school year has begun. Additional information can be picked up downstairs in the preschool area or can be downloaded from our website - <http://stpaulspreschooldurham.weebly.com>. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact me at the church or email: preschool@stpaulsdurham.org for more information.

Life Around the Table

Saturday Brunch – Eating Together Faithfully

Food that LAUGHS is an eight-session curriculum that explores what it means to eat daily bread as disciples of Jesus Christ. **Eating Together Faithfully** focuses on the biblical narrative and the ways Jesus invites us to share Eucharist – literally “thanksgiving” – at his table and our tables.

The core of the curriculum develops the idea that “food can laugh.” Food that LAUGHS is Local, Affordable, Uncomplicated, Good, Healthy, and Seasonal. This acronym expresses the delight God desires us to discover when we eat and invite others to eat. The goals for Eating Together Faithfully are:

1. To build communities of friendship and belonging around the themes of food and faith by eating together regularly in community.
2. To spark scriptural imagination through Bible study and shared reflections
3. To introduce “more voices” to the conversation including farmers, theologians, cooks and practitioners of faithful eating practices.
4. To strengthen the relationship between the Lord's Table and our daily tables.
5. To develop an ecological spirituality grounded in the convictions of our faith.

Eating Together Faithfully sessions meet for 2 hours and a meal is shared before the session begins. The first session at St. Paul's is Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 am - Noon with additional sessions meeting monthly in May, June and July. No session in August due to vacations, etc. And sessions resume in September.

Sessions will be held at St. Paul's as well as a local farm or restaurant and include a trip to a local Farmer's Market.

Eating Together Faithfully is a curriculum from Life Around The Table with Plainsong Farm. Continuing Conversations Group and Outreach Ministries of St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites you to participate in this outreach program. You can contact Alta Lindsay at bahiaus@nc.rr.com, Barbara Ellertson, Pat Casper, or Vicar Adam. An insert will be placed in the bulletin to register.

Habitat for Humanity Updates

by Larry Grovenstein

You may remember an earlier article late last year discussing a Durham Habitat trip to the Honduras which I planned to attend. Unfortunately, political unrest in that country made it impossible for our group of 16 to safely travel there and we had to postpone. After months of praying the situation would improve, we are finally now scheduled to depart April 6. Our group is extremely excited as the need in that area is so great. The average per capita income in Honduras is \$600 annually with more than 66% of the country living below the poverty line. Unemployment is at 28%. Habitat for Humanity has been a strong helper in this region and in prior years would normally have over 20 groups like ours traveling in between January and May providing assistance. This year because of the political situation, we will be the first. We will be much needed. We will be traveling to Santa Rosa de Copan in the mountain area of Honduras, away from the tourist type areas on the coast. We will be building cinder block structures for homes. Pray for all of us traveling, the region, and my back too.

And after much pushing from our high energy Tuesday Task Team, when I return we will be doing the electrical wiring for a Habitat home on 2115 Baltic Avenue. This will be our first 2018 Habitat Build and if anyone is interested in pulling some wire with us, let me know. We will be working on Tuesday, April 24. Experience is not required.

Planned Giving

This is one article in a series of topics about various types of planned giving. We will feature one topic each month in Cross Connections. To see the other articles in the series, check our website stpaulsdurham.org under Resources.

Part 1: Wills

Part 2: Life Insurance

Part 3: IRAs

Part 4: Charitable Gift Annuities

Part 5: Charitable Trusts

This month we feature Wills.

ARTICLE #1: Wills

[anonymously submitted] I wish my mom had made a provision for our church in her will.

Her funeral had been packed, and her pastor had helped us through her sudden illness and death at age 69 (an age that looks younger and younger to me). For her whole life, she was at church every time the doors were open ... and sometimes when they were not open. She taught Sunday School for decades, she was the Financial Secretary. She taught me what it means to love the Lord. And she taught me what Stewardship means in living the abundant life that Jesus wants us to live.

But apparently the lessons did not extend to my older brother and younger sister. When mom died, my brother was the executor, but he wanted us all to talk about what to do with her possessions and the small estate. I had naturally thought we'd begin with a tithe to the church. But neither of them agreed to give anything, each for their own reasons. In a mathematical/financial sense, it worked out for me to just give from my "share" of her estate. But it saddened me that she had not taken the opportunity to indicate to us in her will or other papers what she believed about Stewardship of everything that God gives to us.

Do you have a will? It is a basic question, but one that many people prefer to not answer. We don't like to think about our will because we don't like to think about life after we are gone.

The sad reality is that as many as 60% of Americans don't have a valid will. A will is an important final way to tell family and charities what is most important to you.

A will simply directs those we leave behind how to divide up what is left. When instructions aren't given, chaos can ensue. That is when relatives fight with each other and tension enters relationships.

A will can also be a statement of what was

important to you. It can be a final way to teach your kids that they were important to you, but so were some ministries that are making a difference in the world.

Contact your attorney to make a will or to add a codicil to your will to include St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you don't have an attorney, we can help you find one. There are options for how your gift will be used by St. Paul's. It can go to greatest need, be used for a capital project, or it could even begin an endowment to care for a particular ministry at St. Paul's. Perhaps you can consider tithing to St. Paul's through your estate or even adopting your church as an additional child.

Arts Committee News

The Arts Committee is creating labels to help members and visitors learn about various artworks around the church. The first few labels have been posted in draft form in the foyer and Trinity Hall. We'd like to hear from you: do they answer your questions? Do they leave you wondering something? We'd love to get your feedback! What would you like to know about other artworks in and around the building? Please leave a note in the Arts Committee box or send an email to tina.bessias@gmail.com.

Do you like to draw? The Arts Committee is looking for hand-drawn sketches of the wooden reredos – the back of the old altar that is hanging in the hallway outside Whitesell Hall. Please try your hand at it, and use whatever materials you're comfortable with: pencil, pen, charcoal, pastel ... We don't need a lot of detail; we're looking for something reproducible. Please submit your drawing (with your name) to the Arts Committee box by April 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Bessias, Arts Committee chair

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Our Sympathy

We remember in prayers of sympathy Kayla Gilbert who died on March 15, 2018, Kayla is the daughter of Vinny and Karen Boschetti. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, March 21 at 2:00 pm.

Welcome by Holy Baptism

On Sunday, March 4, **Robert Maher Hodavance**, son of Sima and Michael Hodavance was baptized. His sponsors are Kristen Hodavance (Aunt), and Victor Schmidt (Great-Uncle).

At the Easter Vigil, we will welcome:

- ✚ **Henry Keys**, son of Danielle and Dustin Keys. Henry was born on June 2, 2017 in Durham.
 - ✚ **Caroline King**, daughter of Candace and Wesley King. Caroline was born on September 12, 2014 in Durham. Her sponsors are Emily Tucker and Shaun Swift.
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St. Paul's Readers

A NEW book group has been formed at St. Paul's! The group will meet from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm the 3rd Thursday of each month in the St. Paul's Library. Book selection for April 19 is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. The group will be voting on future book selections at this meeting. All are welcome! For more information, contact Vicar Adam or Barb Shade.

Young In Spirit April Trip**Person County Quilt Trail**

Wed, April 11 - meet at 10:00 am at Church

YIS will take a guided bus tour of the barn painted quilts in and around Hurdle Mills. We can only sign up 14 people because we will all be on the bus with a guide so going in separate cars won't work. Sign up sheet is on the receptionist's desk. Ten have already signed up. We will leave church at 10 am and meet our guide at 11 am. After the tour we will have lunch at the Flat River Café.

Pancakes & Pajamas and Silent Auction

by Amanda Stoen



On Saturday, April 28 from 8 - 10 am, the preschool will host "Pancakes & Pajamas" in Trinity Hall! Proceeds from our breakfast will benefit the playground. We will also have a Silent

Art Auction to benefit the playground. The artwork will be available for bidding in mid-April and the winners will be announced at the breakfast. You do not need to be present to win. We plan to use the proceeds to address the mud/standing water issues in the playground as well as add some additional equipment for the large and small playground and a music area to the large playground. Please drop in for a delicious breakfast and Silent Auction! Please see Amanda Stoen for more information.

Urban Ministries Needs Bras!

Mother's Day is a time of commemoration and celebration for Mom and Mother figures. One of the most under served needs of the Urban Ministries of Durham is the need to provide particular undergarments for women – bras. These are items that are rarely donated to the UMD and items that women and mothers of all ages need.

In honor of Mothers everywhere and to help these women of our community celebrate Mother's Day in a very personal, but very needed way, St. Paul's has decided to do a special type of clothing drive during the month of April. We will be asking our congregation to purchase new brassieres of assorted sizes. To help guide you in your size selection, there will be a chart on the bulletin board of the different sizes that are needed. Please pick a size or two and mark down on the chart which you are buying. This way we will get a wide selection of sizes.

Remember these do not need to be the expensive undergarments like those that are advertized in magazines – bras from Walmart, Sears, Kohls, Target, etc. will work just fine.

While underwear is always needed, this particular drive is for only brassieres. I encourage you to spend your money on them first and then if you are so inclined, new underwear can be given too. But the priority is Bras!! If you don't want to shop for a bra, a check is always good. There is always someone else willing to do the shopping for you. Just designate that it is for the bra project.

Thank you for your generosity as St. Paul's always comes through with what is really needed at the Urban Ministries. And bras are needed!! Please bring these in by April 30!

Katherine Circle Meeting

The next meeting of the Katherine Circle will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 10:00 am. Vicar Adam will be sharing slides from his travels to the Holy Lands. Nan Treul will be doing devotions. Margaret Simis and Martha Dahl will be providing refreshments. All women are invited.