

# On The Mark

July 17, 2011  
The Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, July 17, 2011

8:30 Cell  
8:45 1st Service  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
12:15 Prophetic Team

### Monday, July 18, 2011

7:30 "Luke for Everyone" cell

### Tuesday, July 19, 2011

8:30 Youth leave for  
Hammonasset  
Beach  
9:30 Art Group  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing  
Service  
12:15 Agape Luncheon

### Wednesday, July 20, 2011

### Thursday, July 21, 2011

7:00 Prayer

### Friday, July 22, 2011

10:00 SP Art Cell  
7:00 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, July 23, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

### Sunday, July 24, 2011

8:30 Cell  
8:45 1<sup>st</sup> Service  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Service  
12:15 Prophetic Team  
1:30 Camp Mighty Mind set-up  
5:30 Youth Group

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Psalm 86 (p. 578)  
Romans 8:18-25 (p. 1096)  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p. 947)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

I Kings 3:5-15 (p. 326)  
Romans 8:26-34 (p. 1097)  
Matthew 13:31-52 (p. 947)

*Newcomers and guests at St. Paul's are invited to come to the Prayer Room after the service for a personal word of encouragement from the Lord. Our prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.*

#### PIVOT MINISTRIES'

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BLOCK BASH!

485 Jane Street, Bridgeport,

**Saturday, July 30, 2011**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Bouncer • give-aways • face painting • Giant basketball • pony rides • raffle • something for everyone! Celebrate with our brothers from Pivot!

## I'm All Alone

"In 1941, in a village in Nazi-controlled Poland, a young man came home to discover that his father had died while he was at work. What made his father's death exceedingly more unbearable was that several years earlier, both this young man's sister and his mother had died. As he held his father's dead body in his arms, he cried out: 'I, ALL ALONE. At twenty, I've already lost all the people I've loved.'

"One writer described it like this: Ripped out of the soil of his background, his life could no longer be what it used to be. He now began a journey to a deeper communion with God. But it didn't come without tears, and it didn't come without...certain existential horror."

This is what suffering does. In an instant, everything that was solid slips away. Realities that we never wanted are thrust upon us. We are forced to face an unknown future. This is the place where God draws most near to us – in the unplanned brokenness, in the unimagined possibilities of his grace.

That young Polish man was Karol Jozel Wojtyla, but he was known later in his life as Pope John Paul II. [Quoted material taken from [Drops Like Stars](#) by Rob Bell]

## Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley  
Assistant



We want to join with the 11 other churches in Darien, plus community groups, to host a local "Feed My Starving Children" MannaPack event – to bring glory to God, to bear witness to our faith and unity to our community, to serve the Lord and His children hungry in body and spirit here in Darien and all over the world. The packing event will take place at Middlesex Middle School the first weekend in October.

The challenge for 2011 is to pack 300,000 meals and raise the \$57,000 in meal costs and \$4,000 running costs – and to involve all the community as we recruit 1500 volunteers for the packing.

In the narthex, you will see boxes of M&M tubes. We get to eat the M&M's, and replace them in the tubes with quarters! Easy. Each tube holds \$14 in quarters – enough for **74** meals.\* Please encourage your children to participate! (Not just be eating the M&M's but by saving their quarters to help feed starving children!) Checks and currency will be appreciated, too.

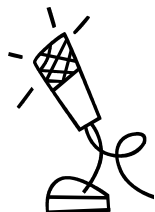
\*The cost of rice and added nutrients went up this year, so \$14 no longer provides 82 meals, but about 74 meals.

## Prayer Ministries

**Save the Date! August 7**

Immediately after the 10:30 service on August 7, we ask those of you serving in our prayer ministries, or who are interested in serving, to join us to learn simple guidelines focused on helping all of us to be the best deliverers of prayer and God's healing that we can be. Please **sign up** in the narthex as a light lunch will be served!

# M I C (MISSIONS COMMISSION)



**Flip** and **Connie** Amon [and their children Jessica and Caleb] are former members of St. Paul's who are supported by St. Paul's in their missionary work on the Jesus Film Project.

They have worked for Campus Crusade for Christ in the US and – for twenty years – in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. This summer Flip will celebrate 40 years on staff with Campus Crusade; 35 years for Connie! They now live in the Orlando area where Flip has partnership responsibilities for the Jesus film versions, in addition to The Story of Jesus for Children. Flip works with domestic and international partner ministries who utilize the Jesus film tools and strategies, and Connie writes language profiles and conducts outreach at the local university through ASK Mom. Learn more and pray for their exciting work online at [www.amon.cccministry.org](http://www.amon.cccministry.org).

## In Memory of Doris Nicholson

It is with sorrow that we announce the death on July 3, 2011, of **Doris Henrietta Nicholson., age 95**. Born in Indiana, Doris met John Edward Nicholson while at the University of Michigan; they were married for 38 years before John's untimely death.

Doris was confirmed at St. Paul's in 1985 and remained an active member until the last year or two. She was an important piece of the "silver shield" we rely on to pray for us, served as a Kitchen Angel, and seldom missed a service or an event.

She is survived by three children, John, Susan, and Tom, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Doris's funeral took place at First English Lutheran Church in Goshen, Indiana – the church where she was baptized, confirmed, and married to John – and she was buried next to John. A memorial service is planned for St. Paul's at a later date.

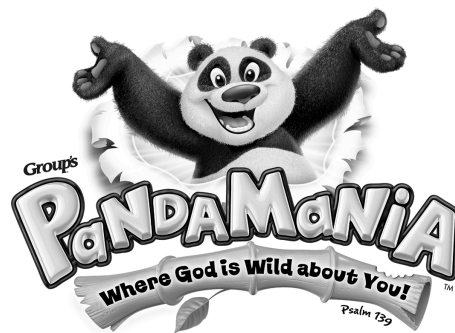
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires Inc. ([www.hcib.org](http://www.hcib.org)) or to a charity of one's choice which serves children.

Week 28	Actual	v. 2010	v. budget
<b>Revenues</b>	282,488	(18,004)	(40,589)
<b>Expenses</b>	293,600	56,600	29,477
<b>Excess/Shortfall</b>	(11,112)	38,596	(11,112)

## Bridging the Gulf

What would happen if we came together to pray for our schools in our communities, our state, and our nation – for the students and the teachers and the administrators; for what they learn and how they learn it; for safety? What if we prayed against bullying and for compassion? What if we "stood in the gap?"

Please join us on Friday, July 29 at 7 pm to pray God's blessing and guidance on the students, the teaching, the administration of the schools of our nation.

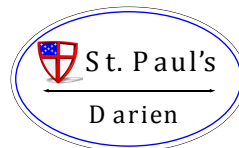


August 15 through 19 we will be overrun by PandaMania as Vacation Bible School takes over. From 9:30 to 12:30 each day, we will have pandas and snow leopards, yaks and cranes, otters, and gibbons racing through the building.

There are still two more weeks to sign up your youngsters ages 4 and up to participate. Registration forms are available in the narthex, or by going to our website [www.stpaulsdarien.org](http://www.stpaulsdarien.org) and clicking on the Panda! Still confused? Call 203 655-8773 mornings and we will guide you through it.

Don't miss the fun.

\$60 for the first child in a family; \$55 for the second; \$50 for the third; \$45 for the fourth, etc. But scholarships are available – don't let money stand in the way of a week of wonderful Experiences for your kids.



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To Make Him Known