



A Mid-Sabbatical Update from Gary Manning

Greetings all!

By the time you read this, I will be a few days into the Tour de DioMil. However, I'm writing this note on August 21, after completing a time of retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, California. Over the past five weeks, I've had plenty of activity – I've met many new folks, had a delightful road trip with Tabitha and Matthew and read a dozen books or so (and parts of another five or six). I've also spent hours and hours outside – by the seashore in Ireland, by the shores of Lakes Superior and Michigan and in the rolling hills of California. For much of this time, I've tried to stay (mostly) off my usual constant connection to all things electronic and cyberspace.

The question I carried with me into this sabbatical time was, “*What does it mean for a priest to exercise ‘the cure/care of souls’?*” This isn't simply a mental exercise for me. Neither does the question represent any sort of vocational crisis. In many ways, I'm clearer about my joy in and love for this vocation now than at any time in my nine years of ordained ministry. But I do believe the question is formative for the next portion of our ministry together as parish and rector. At this point, the question has opened up all sorts of possibilities in my imagination about what “caring for souls” might look like at Trinity Church. I can hardly wait to tell you all about some of the possibilities that have occurred to me!

In the meantime, I know that our Vestry is praying, thinking and reflecting with one another and with you all about how our mutual ministry will unfold in the months and years ahead. I can hardly wait to hear the results of those conversations either! Between now and October 1, be assured of several things – my deep appreciation for this gift of sabbatical; my sincere thanks for **ALL** the folks who are working so hard while I'm away; and my continued prayers for our mission and ministry as Trinity Church. See you soon!

Blessings,

Gary B. Manning, Rector

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
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**Financial Update
as of July 31, 2011
By Beth Vogel, Treasurer**

At the end of July, pledge receipts for 2011 were at 96% of the budgeted amount. Thanks to all parishioners who have kept up on their pledges.

Open offerings through the end of July totaled over \$23,900. This is \$15,000 over the amount budgeted. This will go a long way to help with our projected deficit for 2011. If you are new to Trinity, and would like to make a pledge for 2011 please contact me through the church office.

Expenses through the end of July were pretty much in line with the budgeted amount.

At the end of June we received our second quarter contribution from the Trinity Church Foundation (aka Endowment Fund) in the amount of \$11,706. Contributions to the Foundation, over and above your pledge, are always welcome. Make sure to indicate on the memo line of your check that the contribution is for the Foundation.

The Review of the 2010 financial information has been completed by an outside CPA firm. No problems were found. If you would like to look at a copy of the report please contact the church office.

The June rummage sale raised over \$1,600 for the Tour de DioMil.

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A Sabbatical Prayer



During his time away, Gary, the Wardens and the Vestry have covenanted to pray for Trinity Church daily using the collect found on page 817 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Parishioners are invited to participate in this practice as well. Here's the collect for those who do not have a Prayer Book:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rehearsals Resume in September!



This summer has been among one of the busier ones for Laura and me. Between familial obligations, continuing education, and the occasional fun week out of town, we've had much going on in our lives. I'm looking forward to the fall, when things will settle down. I think.

September brings "the program year" (also called "the school year," and known by liturgy nerds as "festal season"). September 7th marks the first rehearsals of the program year for your Trinity Ringers and Parish Choir. You are invited to join either group. It requires a commitment to Sunday mornings, and to Wednesday night rehearsals. Here's what you need to know:

Parish Choir: Meets for rehearsals Wednesday night, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, with Sunday services from September 11 to Trinity Sunday. Music reading ability is not necessary, but is extremely helpful. Hymnals, BCPs, choral music and vestments (the ever fashionable "Trinity Red" cassock and white surplice) will be provided. Best view in the church. Some processing required. Musical styles range from chant to 21st century sacred choral works. Three of each part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) wanted, but one of each would be deeply appreciated.

Trinity Ringers: Meets for rehearsals Wednesday night, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with playdates varying throughout the year. The ability to read music is required, although highlighters make life much easier that way. Minimum age: Entering fourth grade as of September 2011. Must be able to lift and swing metal objects of various sizes (think kettlebells in a limited range of motion). A minimum of two newbies needed to keep up with the current losses of graduation and relocation, but five and six newbies would be ideal. Will train on-the-job—come to rehearsal September 7th ready to go!

~ Gene Traas

TRINITY PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

2011

**(CO-ED) GOLF OUTING!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

11 A.M.

\$60 a person

New Berlin Hills Golf Course

**Followed by a cook out on
the Rector's Deck**

**Call Chris Jeske with questions
414-453-2465**

VESTRY COMPLINE

7:00 pm

Thursday, September 1

Join members of Trinity's Vestry for Compline on September 1, at 7:00 pm followed by open discussion of the vestry's discernment regarding Trinity's future ministry priorities.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Compline and discussion.



**TRINITY BLOOD
DRIVE**

Saturday, September 17th from
10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Trinity Church.

Sign up on line at

https://web.bcw.edu/bcw/mobile_scheduler/bdc_schedule.php?did=108447&type=&d_aid=

EVENSONG



Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 pm in the Nave

Evensong has its roots in the monastic life of the Roman Church. Monasteries closely followed the Pauline exhortation to “pray constantly,” and did so by praying the Office Hours—prayer services offered at specific times of the monastic day. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer created Evensong by fusing two monastic Offices—Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Prayer at the Close of Day).

Evensong is a wondrous combination of readings from Daily Prayer, Psalms appropriate to the day, prayers, hymns, chants, sung canticles and anthems. This combination of spoken and sung Word gives us a time to pause, to pray, to feel closer to God, especially on this day, the 10th year anniversary of the terrorism attacks on the United States.

Ministry Fair on Kick Off Sunday September 18 In The Parish Hall

Kick off Sunday is September 18th. Along with our tradition of dressing in the garb of our favorite sports team, we will hold a ministry fair in the fellowship hall. What is this fair about? If you have ever wondered about any of the many ministries at Trinity, altar guild, ushering, committee work, the auction, Sunday school teacher, nursery helper and more, this is the place to find out more information. The ministry fair will be “staffed” by a parishioner who is part of a program and wants to tell you more about it. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the activity, perhaps sign up to be part of it and also fellowship time. You will be amazed at the number activities that Trinity is involved in. Hope to see you there.

I have been bringing my own reusable shopping bags to the stores for quite some time. But occasionally, I forget them or they simply won't hold everything. That's when I am confronted with the question if I want “paper or plastic?” Thinking that this is like choosing between two evils, I never quite know what to pick.

Fourteen plastic bags contain enough petroleum to drive a car one mile
380 billion plastic bags are thrown away in the US every year
Cities spend up to 17 cents per bag in disposal costs (taxpayer's money)

Making a paper bag

Emits 70% more global warming gases than making a plastic bag
Creates 50 times more water pollution
Uses 4 times more raw material
Consumes 2 times more energy

Paper or Plastic?

Paper bags are unlikely to be reused and break or tear easily. Although paper bags are recyclable and biodegradable, about 80% end up in landfills, where they do not biodegrade well, due to the lack of oxygen. They cost more to the landfill because they take up more space by weight and volume than plastic bags do. Between paper and plastic, choose plastic if you have to. The best choice for the environment will always be your reusable bag. BYOB – Bring Your Own Bag! (reference: www.onebagatatime.com)



Tour de Dio Mil

Pedaling the Perimeter for Folks on the Fringe

By the time you read this Gary, along with several other riders, will be well on his way on his bicycle tour around the perimeter of the Diocese. Please keep Gary and the group in your prayers as they continue on this unique adventure.

Remember, it is not too late to contribute in support of Gary and the three ministries he is supporting: The Haiti Project, ERD clean water initiatives and World Bicycle Relief. Donations may be made directly on the Tour website at <http://tourdediomil.weebly.com/> or by check payable to Trinity with "Tour de DioMil" on the memo line.



Behind The Scenes



Every Sunday, and for many more services throughout the year, we are handed a bulletin to help us follow the service. Seems like a simple thing, just words on a page, pretty much the same each Sunday....Really . Here is what it takes to make the bulletin available each Sunday. First Barb Neils, our administrative assistant changes the front to the correct season of the year, date and chooses a graphic. Then the lessons are taken from the lectionary and inserted into the bulletin. Gene Traas selects the music for the day and those are inserted. Who will be preaching and assisting? Then the birthdays, prayers and other activities at the church for Sunday and the following week are added. This includes meetings, services and other special activities that Barb keeps track of on the church's master calendar. All of the parishioners who are "working" at the service are listed. Then the announcements are created. What does the parish need to know about so they can be present, help out or include in their prayers.

Now that the information is gathered and typed into the bulletin, it is proof read. Then it is sent to the printer (really to our photocopier in the office). Barb knows the number of copies we usually need based on attendance. Large font bulletins are also printed. This all happens so that on Friday morning our "Holy Folders" can fold and insert announcements into each bulletin. (No, we do not own a machine that folds our bulletins !) This work is done faithfully by Ellen Holtz and Mary Lou Mehring each Friday morning. They occasionally have help from Joan Zeiger, Joan Pfeil or others. You can count on our "Holy Folders" to be there whenever they are needed.

Seems simple, really not. It is only through the hard work of our "Holy Folders" and Barb Neils that we have our bulletin each Sunday. Thank you good and faithful servants for a job well done.

Buildings and Grounds Update

The Vestry recently was notified that an undesignated bequest will soon be received. Based on this knowledge, the Vestry has decided to allocate some of the funds for repairs and improvements to two of the properties Trinity Church owns. For those of you who don't know, the parish owns the Milwaukee Ave. house to the west of the Church and the Church Street house next to the parking lot. The Vestry will make no other decisions regarding the use of the undesignated bequest until the money is received. However, due to deferred maintenance on the Church Street Rectory and the need for new carpeting for the Nave, the Vestry felt it was important not to wait until the funds were received.

It was time to replace the worn, stained and torn carpeting in the Church which has served us well. Some will like the new choice, some will miss the old, but all should know that the selection was made with a careful eye to uniting the various colors and materials which currently make up our church.

Hopefully, many of you will have noticed the exterior improvements to the landscape outside the Church Street Rectory, especially the lovely new brick patio where many overgrown shrubs and a struggling crab tree used to be. Once again, parishioner Bryan Simon has worked his magic to enhance the outside of a Trinity Church property. Most likely you will NOT have noticed the crushed stone path that was re-graded to address drainage issues. This is not as beautiful, but it is important to the care of the property. All changes have been made with the goal of keeping things as low maintenance as possible, while creating pleasing outdoor space for the current and any future residents of the Rectory. Additional shrubs and plants were removed and will be replaced with low-maintenance options. Timing was perfect, as plant removal also helps improve access to paint the badly peeling porch railing.

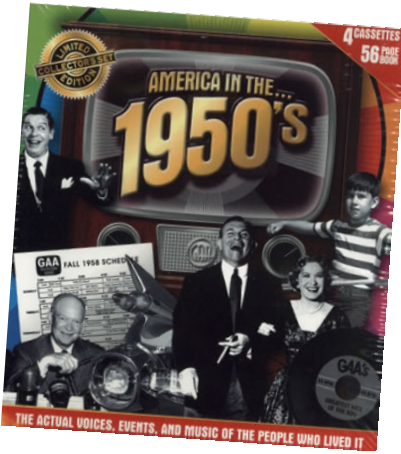
To identify the Church Street Rectory's inside repair/replacement needs, a committee of two parishioners and one Vestry member did a walk-through. Cheryl Boyd, Bill Robison and Betsy Jeffery created a list of needs and placed them in order of priority, the first tier of which we hope to complete this year with the money available. Next came the work of the Buildings and Grounds (B&G) committee. B&G looked at the list and solicited bids for painting and flooring. We hope to finish the first round of improvements soon.

At times, the work of B&G, the Vestry, and many other parishioners working quietly behind the scenes in maintaining 3 properties seems never-ending. Tight budgets make it especially hard to make choices. With this gift, it has truly been a blessing to be able to be good stewards and care well for that which has been entrusted to Trinity.

~ Ann Brophy

St. Monica's Guild meets on September 27 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Church in the Lounge.

Remembering the '50s!



A jukebox? Maybe. Poodle skirts? Probably. Fun? Definitely! This year's Awesome Auction for Outreach will be loaded with opportunities to have a great time. And, if you are new to Trinity or you're attending the auction for the first time, you get in FREE! Hopefully **Saturday, November 12** is already marked on your calendar. Bidding will start at 6:00 pm and begin to close at 8:15. After last year's success, we will again feature a staggered closing of auction items (which means if you got outbid on something, you'll have a chance to win something else).

On-site child care is free, available anytime after 5:30, and as always, there will be plenty of delicious food and drinks to enjoy.

We already have a few great auction items, but the more variety we have the better. Please help us make this the best auction ever by donating new goods and services. Watch for donation and sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall and at the information center in the Narthex. You can bring items to church or provide details of your donation anytime before November 11.

Please visit the auction table at the Ministry Fair on Kick-off Sunday, September 18, for more details. Most importantly, please attend the auction on November 12 – and bring your family, friends and neighbors to share in the fun and the bidding!

Trinity Episcopal Environmental Ministries (TEEM)

TEEM has been busy in the last few months working with the Buildings and Grounds committee discussing whether the installation of a rain barrel would be prudent and advantageous for the care of the gardens, but also to help to divert rain water from the Wauwatosa sewer system. The Milwaukee Metro area has a water management problem which doesn't appear to have been resolved by the construction of the deep tunnels. Our crazy summer rain storms bring too much water too fast, and each summer there are numerous dumpings of overflow into Lake Michigan which is either not or only partially treated. On a local level, each one of us can install a rain barrel easily by diverting a downspout (or two or three!) into a barrel, which then has an overflow tube which takes that extra water into your garden or grass. Ask a TEEM member for more information.

Please join us for our monthly meetings, on the last Sunday of the month (September 25th) after the 9:30 service. Be Green!

~ Emily Vaill Pfaff

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				7:00 pm Chess Club 7:00 pm Vestry Compline	6:30 am Holy Eucharist	8:00 am Red Door Clothes
4 12 Pentecost Scrip Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Fellowship	5 LABOR DAY Parish Office Closed	6	7 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	8 7:00 pm Chess Club	9 6:30 am Holy Eucharist Bike Tour DioMil ends	10 Habitat for Humanity 9:00 am-10:00 am Mum Sale 11:00 am Co-Ed Golf Outing @ New Berlin Hills
11 13 Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Mum sale after services 7:00 pm Evensong	12 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	13	14 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	15 7:00 pm Chess Club 7:00 pm Living Compline	16 6:30 am Holy Eucharist NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 8:00 am Red Door Clothes 10:00am—2:00 pm Blood Center Bood Drive
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25 15 Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Christian Formation & Fellowship 10:45 am TEEM Mtg.	26 7:00 pm Preconvention Hearing @All Saints' Cathedral	27 1:00 pm St. Monica's Guild @ Trinity in the Lounge 7:00pm Preconvention Hearing @ St. Luke's In Madison	28 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	29 7:00 pm Chess Club	30 6:30 am Holy Eucharist	

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Wear your favorite
SPORTS TEAM APPAREL

on Sunday, September 18

when we kick off a new program year!

(Christian Formation classes begin the next week, Sept. 25)

**KICK-OFF SUNDAY
IS SEPTEMBER 18!**

Come to the Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall to
learn more about the many groups within Trinity Church
and how you can participate in them!