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Council approves 2005 Budget Draft

Rise Thew Forrester

Diocesan council met in Marquette July 24 to approve a draft of the 2005 budget for review by the regions in August. Dick Graybill, Diocesan Treasurer, reported that the finance committee was able to balance the proposed 2005 budget. Jim Kelsey, Bishop, noted that health insurance for staff will increase about 14%, instead of the expected 20-25% that we have experienced in the past several years.

They also heard reports on several of the ongoing goals set at the planning overnight last November. Kevin Thew Forrester, Ministry Development Coordinator, reported that several gatherings have been held to develop the diocesan vision and strategy for youth ministry. Plans are being made for a youth ministry that integrate what we have done in the past (camp at Page Center, Winter gathering, Happening) on a thematic basis, and also to begin some new events.

Rayford Ray reported that the Core Team (the leadership team working collaboratively for oversight of the diocese with the bishop) has been working with organizational consultant Cliff Crockford to discern gifts and strengths for leadership in mission, advocacy, liturgical, administrative, communication, formation, and the wider faith community.

They hope to make a presentation to Diocesan Convention in October.

The Diocesan Office Building Committee submitted a list of needed repairs and renovations for the building on Ridge Street in Marquette, compiled after a consultation with a local building inspector. Some repairs need to be done this year, some are suggested for next year and following. Dick Graybill and the Building Committee will be exploring ways to finance the needed work, and getting cost estimates

Jim Kelsey updated Council on conversations with St. Luke's on the Trail, Sugar Island, which has voted to re-form as a community church, and disassociate from the diocese. See the article on the front page of this issue for more information.

The next Council meeting will be held Saturday, October 2, in Marquette.

Call for Nominations

The Diocesan office will be sending out nomination forms with Convention materials in September. Please look at the list of open leadership positions and consider standing for election or nominating someone you think has the skill and gifts to offer the diocese. Openings will also be posted on the diocesan website.

Interfaith Earth Keepers Covenant Created

Spiritual leaders of nine different religious communities released a public document in July confirming their commitment to "protection of the natural environment" in the Great Lakes Basin. Signers included James A. Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan, and representatives of the Roman Catholic, United Methodist, Lutheran (ELCA), Presbyterian, Zen Buddhist, Baha'i Jewish, and Unitarian Universalist traditions.



The Covenant specifically invites faith communities to collectively initiate annual "clean sweeps" in collaboration with state and federal programs, "encouraging the collection and disposal of toxic chemicals that threaten our neighborhoods, towns, and villages." It also pledges to work alongside citizen advisory bodies for the Canadian in United States governments in "coordinating a network—a spiritual shield—for protecting air and water quality around Lake Superior, the headwaters of all the Great Lakes." *The Continued on Page D...*

St. Luke's, Sugar Island votes to become Community Church

St. Luke's on the Trail, on Sugar Island, has voted to cease their affiliation with the Episcopal Church and to re-form themselves as a non-denominational congregation to be known as St. Luke's Community Church.

St. Luke's was founded in the 1980's at the initiative of Joe and Jane Schaeffer, two devout Episcopalians. Initial services were held in the living room of their summer camp, on the southern end of the island, which is located on the St. Mary River just across from Sault Ste. Marie. As the summer congregation began to grow, the Schaeffers donated some of their own land, and construction began on a beautiful chapel set back into the woods. By the time the new chapel was dedicated, the congregation had really taken hold.

From the start, St. Luke's has attracted worshipers from many different denominations. The Schaeffers and others who assumed leadership after them have always encouraged inclusiveness and



Pen and Ink drawing of St. Luke's on the Trail, Sugar Island

welcomed any and all who have come. Services have been held almost exclusively during the summer months. They have used the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, and once a month Episcopal clergy have presided, but all along the congrega-

tion has used a Baptist hymnal and featured worship leaders and liturgical styles which have reflected the variety of traditions represented in the congregation. Most members have continued to be active members of congregations of other denominations throughout the country during the winter months.

In the summer of 2003, members of St. Luke's on the Trail expressed opposition to actions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis which gave consent to the election of Gene Robinson, a gay man in a long-term committed relationship, as bishop of New Hampshire, and approved a resolution acknowledging the practice of blessing same-sex relationships in some locations around the country. The discussions which followed clarified for the congregation that they are more truly a Community Church than properly an Episcopal congregation. After much discussion and *Continued on Page E...*

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DEADLINES

October Issue
Tuesday, September 7

November Issue
Tuesday, October 5

From Across the Pond: Reflections on Church in the U.P.



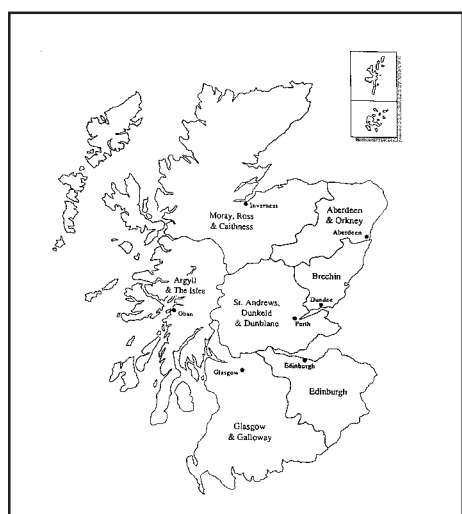
Susan Wiffin of Scotland enjoys the beauty of the Upper Peninsula in May

Here in the Diocese of Northern Michigan we are accustomed to having visitors come from around the US and the world to see first-hand how we “do church” here. Occasionally, visitors stay for a longer visit and are able to reflect back to us more fully what they experience. Susan Wiffin, and Liz Moir visited from Scotland this spring and stayed for three weeks, and offered this account of their time in our part of the world. --Editor

Susan Wiffin, Provincial Mission Coordinator, Scottish Episcopal Church writes:

For a number of years the Scottish Episcopal Church has been developing new patterns of mission and ministry. One of these developments has been the introduction and development of Local Collaborative Ministry (what you would call Mutual Ministry) within a number of congregations throughout the seven dioceses.

I had met Kevin Thew-Forrester in April 2000 when he was in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and again when I worked alongside him and Charlie Piper on their visit to the Church in Wales in July last year, with a follow-on visit to Scotland, so when it was time to make another trip ‘over the pond’ to encounter



more of the ECUSA Mutual Ministry experience, N Michigan was the obvious place to choose! And so it was in May of this year, funded by the Local Collaborative Ministry Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, I made a three week visit to Northern Michigan to explore the following areas:

- The changing and developing role of the stipendiary clergy
- Educational and formational materials used by congregations, and in particular focus on ‘Life Cycles’.
- The training and ongoing professional development of Missioners and Ministry Developers
- The nature, structures and policies of a Collaborative Diocese

In the near future I will be putting together a report on that visit and would be happy to post it on Upchat if folks would be interested, but in the meantime we thought you might like to read some other insights into our trip – through the words of my friend and travelling companion, Liz Moir....declared an honorary Yooper by the folks at Iron Mountain!

Liz Moir writes: Christ’s light shines and the Great Lakes sparkle.

We Scots are always discussing the weather as our lives are governed by it – mostly conversations are centred on “umbrellas” and whether we will need one. Susan was armed with hers as we ventured to the USA.

We arrived at Marquette airport just after midnight and received a lovely, warm and friendly greeting from Rise Thew Forrester. Based in Marquette, we

stayed at the Diocesan Flat which soon became home for us. We were welcomed by Jane and Gloria who were so kind, especially during our first few days as we coped with time changes – (British, Eastern and Central), remembering to drive on the correct side of the road, watching out for “one way” street signs! They were on hand to answer questions about every subject under the sun and generally took us under their wings for which we were so thankful.

Our ventures around the UP took us to Gladstone, Ishpeming, Crystal Falls, Iron Mountain, Saulte Saint Marie, Macinac Island, Houghton, Conway, Copper Mountain and Gladstone – to name but some of the places visited. A trip of some 2,000 miles – Susan driving, Liz praying!



Liz Moir, honorary Yooperpalian

I came along with Liz as a travelling companion – Christ recommends that we travel in pairs. We were invited to attend several interesting meetings and conferences through which I came to understand more about the experience of Christ in the daily lives of the baptised.

There were meetings which can only be described as serendipitous. To be sitting alongside Anita Wingert and during a conversation with her, discovering that we had both attended the same Elementary school (Sciennes) in Edinburgh, my home-town. This was remarkable and very exciting as we discussed the possibility that she may have been in the same class/year as my older sister. We now have that link to the past that opens up possibilities for a future visit to Scotland. To be talking to a woman whose relatives came from Fochabers where Susan currently lives, and to another who trained as a nurse in Galashiels where Susan spent three years as a priest at St Peter’s Church, were all wonderful discoveries and instantly drew us together.

A precious moment was at a lunchtime meeting, with members of the congregation from Holy Trinity in Iron Mountain. I was moved to tears as I listened to a man recount the previous Sunday’s sermon to his 90 year old father who was unable to attend church. Those who attended that service will understand my emotion as I heard Linda Piper’s sermon on ‘unconditional love’, being retold. It was theology in practice. Christ was among us.

Our first day-trip as “tourists” took us to Big Bay. It was a gloriously hot and sunny day. We kept a look out for moose as we were informed by our guide books that Moose are the natural wildlife of the area and roam the forests. We spotted a few chipmunks and the odd large bird..... but no Moose



Local wildlife eyes Scottish visitors

and then we spied one, standing on the roof of a store - and as you can see we have the photograph to prove it! (A moose, loose, on the roof of a hoose! – R. Burns, eat your heart out!).

Our invitation to attend the 2004 Province V ECW Conference on Mackinac Island was a wonderful experience and one that we shall treasure and enjoy recalling. The conference was an opportunity to catch-up with folks we had come to know as a result of visits to their churches and homes. It was an opportunity to take part in lively worship, to listen to inspiring keynote speeches and sermons from Bishops Jim Kelsey and Cate Waynick, to attend workshops of a wonderfully rich variety. An abiding memory will be of singing wholeheartedly with a group of folks, led by Kevin and Rise Thew Forrester and David Vickers - to find ourselves suddenly on our feet, encouraged by Bishop Jim Kelsey, dancing and clapping as we learned to sing an African song. It was a joyful sound full of light-heartedness.

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Meetings and Events

All Times Eastern

SEPTEMBER 2004

8	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
9	Western Region Board		Little Old Schoolhouse, Trout Crk
10-11	Diaconal Ministry Conference		St Stephen's, Escanaba
11	Standing Committee		Trinity, Gladstone
17-18	LifeCycles		Diocesan Offices, Marquette
24-25	ECW Retreat		Page Center, Little Lake
23-28	House of Bishops		
25	South Central Region Board	10:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
25	Presider Workshop	1:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba

OCTOBER 2004

2	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
9	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
12	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
15-17	Diocesan Convention		Western Region - Houghton
19	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
22-24	Visitors Weekend		

NOVEMBER 2004

6	Sexual Boundaries Training	9:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
7	UTO Fall Ingathering		
12-13	Council Goal Setting Overnight		Diocesan Offices, Marquette
13	ECW Board	1:00 pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
18	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
20	Commission on Ministry	9:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
20	South Central Region Board		
20	Preaching Workshop	1:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba

DECEMBER 2004

11	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
15	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	11:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
18	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

Tales from our Visitors from Scotland

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Our visit to the Soo Locks was a marvellous experience. We stood in amazed silence as we watched massive ships slip effortlessly into the locks, witnessed their twenty-one foot descent as the water level sank and then marvelled at they sailed quietly out into Lake Huron.

The journey to Copper Mountain was an adventure through the mist and rain. We believe the views are stunning, the wildlife enchanting, the experiences thrilling and the people friendly and welcoming – we can vouch for the friendliness of the folks but we will have to revisit to confirm the rest. The day we travelled was cold, wet and misty but enjoyable none-the-less as we were tourists and it was our last day in the UP. We travelled up to a viewpoint through a thick forest. We expected wildlife to appear and we were not disappointed as a white-tailed deer stopped grazing for a few moments to have a look at what was interrupting her lunch, was not too impressed with what she saw and quietly continued her meal. That was all we saw. We arrived at the top and we could barely see the “Scenic View” sign, never mind the view itself! We expected there to be a “Closed” sign but luckily the store was open and we were able to spend our dollars on goods to take home. During our conversation, we discovered that the owner of the store was an Episcopalian and our conversation soon shifted in direction as we discussed our visit, and spoke of people who were now familiar to us. The lady this store gave us one of the

most memorable quotes of our trip: **“In the past, my church family was important to me, now I am important to my church family”.**

We drove down out of the mist to discover picturesque Copper Harbour lying beneath and found that the very next store we visited was also owned by Episcopalians and we were soon talking as if we’d known each other for years!!

This was a wonderful visit to a diocese that has a vision of the world that is the embodiment of the Body of Christ. The Fruits of the Spirit were so obvious as we were shown such kindness – true generosity of spirit and wonderful hospitality – YOOPER style! There are so many memories and we have much to be thankful for. It was a time of sharing some of the experiences of each others lives in our history and culture; by learning from each other, of listening and watching, in the quiet and in the solitude, the tears and laughter - wonderful fun. We sang, read scripture, prayed and broke bread together and witnessed a way of being “the Body of Christ” that felt so right – Christ-centred; the love of God surrounds you and you feel cherished. And in the work of the Body, we saw how gifts and skills are recognised, honoured and used appropriately.

We thank God for all that we experienced and shared during our visit and until we meet again, we wish you well and pray that Christ’s Light sparkles and shines on the lives and situations of the folks in the UP.

CAMP NEW DAY UP Custom Painted Chair Raffle

This wooden spindle back chair was rescued by Kathleen and Jim Martindale during the annual clean up at the Page Conference Center this spring. Although in fine physical condition, cosmetically it needed help as the 3 layers of paint that could be seen were blistered and peeling. Kathleen brought it to Kathy Lenten who owns My Workshop in Negaunee and asked her to “spruce it up a bit”.

One thing led to another and many hours later we have a chair that we would like to raffle off. A donation of \$1 is suggested for a ticket and the money that is raised will go to sponsor a Camp New Day camper. The goal is to be able to sponsor several campers! Tickets will be available by calling Kathy Lenten at 475-9663 or 225-1078 or by contacting the Diocesan office. The drawing will be held at the Diocesan convention in October.



Custom painted chair by artist Kathy Lenten will be raffled off at Diocesan Conventnion to raise funds for Camp New Day UP

Transitions

Deaths

Gwen M. Dale
Trinity, Houghton

Olive Messier
St. John's Munising

Richard Derouin
St. Stephen's, Escanaba

Eunice Pohl
St. Stephen's, Escanaba

Baptisms

Austin Smith
St. Alban's, Manistique

Durst ends his ministry at Trinity, Houghton

Ted E. Durst concluded an almost three year tenure at Trinity Episcopal Church in Houghton at the end of July. Events leading up to Durst and his partner Mark Britt's last Sunday at Trinity included conversations between Durst and members of both the Vestry and Episcopal Association for College Work (EACW) Board of Directors. These conversations, facilitated by Jon Magnuson of the Cedar Tree Institute, focused on celebrating shared experiences and accomplishments of the past three years, expressing feelings of gratitude, loss or incompleteness, and blessing Durst on his way with prayer and laying

hopes and concerns for the future. Fr. Ted and Mark's final Sunday was July 25th. The liturgy included the blessing of Trinity's new baby grand piano and rededication of the restored echo division of Trinity's 1913 Austin Pipe Organ, opus 419, which had been silenced for over 15 years. The liturgy then concluded with the prayers read by priest and people and the final blessing by Durst, designated for the ending of a pastoral relationship in the Book of Occasional Services. Of interest, the liturgy all occurred in semi-darkness, lighted only by candles as a transformer in Houghton failed an hour before the liturgy began, silencing the organ on its day of rededication.

This Sunday was also first Communion for Jordan, Brianne and Reilly Hiltunen, children of Lori and Don Hiltunen, and grand children of Linda and Butch Vollwerth. The church was filled with members of the congregation and many visitors and friends who came to give thanks for the ministry of Ted and Mark and their daughter, Mary, and to bless them on their way.

Ted and Mark are moving to the Chicago area where Ted will serve as Priest-in-Charge of both the Church of Holy Innocents in Hoffman Estates and St. Columba's Church in Hanover Park. They will reside at 314 Berkeley, Streamwood, IL 60107 and may be reached via e-mail at tedur@aol.com. Ted, Mark and Mary wish to express their profound gratitude to God, the people of Trinity Church and of the Diocese of Northern Michigan, and a host of friends in the Upper Peninsula for the opportunity to have served as priest and clergy family in this place.



Ted Durst at Trinity, Houghton

on of hands. A picnic was shared by all who attended, and Mark grilled the hot dogs. Later in the week, a dessert social was held for the entire congregation at which similar conversations were had between Ted and Mark and members of the congregation, focusing on shared joys and accomplishments as well as



Mist rises from Little Lake at Page Center

Holding a Sacred Trust in Creation

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Covenant makes a commitment for a "new educational effort to bring a deeper appreciation for important environmental issues" that shape often bitter public debates and lies as cause for social unrest. The nine leaders also encourage partnerships of their parishes and congregations with American Indian Tribes in Northern Michigan sharing a common vision for future protection of the earth's natural resources.

"The basic elements of nature are so evident to us in the U.P., and many of us have chosen to live here, even at some sacrifice, simply because of our love for creation and all that surrounds us here," Kelsey said. "I am so pleased to have been asked to join with leaders of many different faith groups throughout our area to affirm these basic principles and to plan to take action as people of faith in a world which otherwise stands in peril from our technological and exploitative advances. This is an important and vital ministry we are given to share with our neighbors. I'm grateful for it." Kelsey will appoint two members of our diocese to serve on the steering committee.

Jon Magnuson, a Lutheran pastor in Marquette, and Director of The Cedar Tree Institute, a nonprofit organization providing programs in the area of mental health, religion, and environment, says of the effort, "The battles over the environment here in the Upper Peninsula increasingly define basic life questions for all of us. These concerns are shaping the conscience for a new generation. It's important that people of faith, representing deep, tested spiritual traditions, are at the table as we make not only economic but moral and ethical decisions that will impact our children and grandchildren for generations to come."

Implementation of the Earth Keeper Covenant will be carried out by a team of representatives from each of the nine traditions with the assistance of The Cedar Tree Institute, The Central Lake Superior Watershed, and The Nature Conservancy. This two year project is partially underwritten with support from the Environmental Protection Agency of the federal government. For more information contact The Cedar Tree Institute at 906-228-5494 or Charlie West at 906-225-0616, email mqchaz@earthlink.net

Third year of **CAMP NEW DAY UP**

Close to 50 campers were expected to attend Camp New Day U.P. in August. Camp New Day U.P. is an ecumenical summer camp program for the children and other young relatives of prisoners.

This year's camps were offered August 8 -14 for children from the ages of nine to 12 at Presbytery Point camp, and for 13- and 14-year-old youth at Camp Michigamme. A third camp for children from nine to 12 years old, was held at

Page Center August 15- 21.

Camp New Day U.P. provides participants with a wholesome camping experience in a Christian setting. It is designed to help children at risk break the cycle of fear and discover that Christ can lead them to lives of compassion and love for themselves, their parents and their neighbors. It is free of charge to participants and funded by grants and donations.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

We envision a world in which all people live together in peace and in harmony with all of creation, where all can contribute and the gifts of all are joyfully received, nurtured, and supported, where our diversity is celebrated in community, and every human being is recognized as having eternal significance.

We commit ourselves to identify, nurture, and support the baptismal ministry of every single member/person of this diocese. The baptismal covenant is our guide and inspiration.

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“Role of the Presider” Workshop in South Central

Rayford Ray

The South Central Region invites those who preside at worship to come to a Workshop on the Role of the Presider on Saturday, September 25th at St. Stephen's, Escanaba, from 1:00pm-3:00pm

The diocesan liturgy committee of this diocese will facilitate a workshop exploring facets of the “Role of the Presider.” All Priests, Worship Coordinators, Worship Leaders (lay readers) and anyone else who is interested in the subject are invited to take part. The topics will include the following:

- “The Role of the Presider” in relationship to other participants
- Vestments
- Body language
- Presiders as subject to community standards
- Ample time for Questions & Answers
- Where do we go from here (future gatherings & topics)
- A display of books and other materials will be available

Lunch will be provided at Noon for those arriving early. Childcare will be available for this workshop. To register please call the diocesan office at 1-800-236-0087 or email Jane Cislucyis, Diocesan Operations Coordinator at janeislucyis@dionomi.org. Please register by Friday, September 17th.

Decision to re-form at Sugar Island

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deliberation, the congregation voted to withdraw from the Episcopal Church and to begin the process of filing for their own papers of incorporation as an independent congregation.

As this transition takes place, negotiations are underway for the disposition of the buildings and grounds, which are the property of the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

Jim Kelsey, Bishop, has conferred with the Standing Committee, Trust Association, and Diocesan Council and determined that the property is not for sale, but will be rented to St. Luke's Community Church for the foreseeable future, assuming agreement can be reached concerning financial arrangements, property maintenance, and liability insurance. A committee

of the Trust Association is overseeing these negotiations with the leadership of St. Luke's.

Of these developments, Kelsey said, “This is a source of great sadness for me and for many of us, who have fond memories of Joe and Jane Schaeffer and the early days of St. Luke's, but it is clear that this congregation is growing in new and unexpected directions, and we wish them Godspeed as they continue along their journey. We are hoping and fully expect to retain a warm relationship throughout this transition and for many years to come.”

Gathering for Youth ministry Celebrates, Plans for 2005

Rise Thew Forrester

Sixteen adults from around the diocese gathered July 22 in Escanaba to reflect and frame a vision for youth ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan. Linda Grenz of LeaderResources, the publisher of the *LifeCycles* adult formation process, joined them as facilitator of the discussions.

They recounted highlights of youth ministry around the diocese in the past few years, including Summer camp, Happening (a three-day retreat format), Winter Youth Rallies, gifts and skills of young persons being offered and received, Regional intergenerational picnics, Confirmation services (especially where it was clear that youth had been formed in community or mentored by adults, the national Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) once every three years, among others named.

They then reflected on what makes those events and experiences work well; what are the ingredients to a vibrant youth ministry? They named the following as some important pieces:

- +Participation by youth in church life that is “serious” or “adult” work and in which they are a regular part of the congregation's life rather than being put “on display” as a token youth.
- +Routine so youth know what to expect and feel welcome/comfortable even if they come irregularly or arrive late
- +Bonding experiences (camp, Happening, etc.)
- +Build community and relationships in a safe place
- +Form youth as adults — discuss real issues
- +Adults who are flexible, respect youth, can listen, have a good sense of self, are mature adults, enjoy being with youth, are

Knitters Needed

Warm woolies for wayfarers

The Christmas-at-Sea program of the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) of New York & New Jersey is looking for knitters. Knit a cap, scarf, or other items for mariners far away from home on Christmas Day. All who work at sea face particular perils, endure substantial physical hardships, observe strict discipline, suffer lonesome separations, and confront dangerous seas. SCI serves seafarers by offering pastoral care, onboard communion and liturgical services, Christmas gifts, pro bono legal aid, and support of social services for seafarers and their families.



Most seafarers come from tropical to temperate countries and are unprepared for frigid winter temperatures. The garments are deeply appreciated. Last year they placed over 14,000 hand-knitted gifts onboard vessels, but more knitters are needed.

One of the Christmas-at-Sea patterns is a custom-designed river mariner's scarf. SCI has an extensive ministry to the 30,000 mariners on the inland waterways called Ministry on the

River. Our nation's river mariners perform dangerous work and endure long periods away from home and family. The Seamen's Church Institute provides onboard pastoral care, social services, and Christmas and Easter gifts to these mariners in partnership with close to 100 River Friendly Churches in 11 states.

Captain Roger Haskell of the Motor Vessel Sea-Land Comet explains, “Crossing oceans, especially stormy ones at Christmas can be depressing. There is loneliness in 40-knot winds and 35-foot seas that is difficult to express to those who have never experienced it. We received our packages of presents from Seamen's Church Institute in Elizabeth on November 13 and here we are more than half way across the Pacific in route from Yokohama to Long Beach on Christmas. That's 12 ports and 19 time zones. The fact that there are people who will sit down and make gifts like these for merchant mariners they've never met is truly moving. You have brightened our Christmas away from home. May God bless all of you.”

Because demand exceeds the number of garments received, knitted items are collected year-round. Add your name to the list of 3,500 knitters from every state by contacting Barbara Clauson at Christmas-at-Sea, 212-349-9090, cas@seamenschurch.org or download patterns from www.seamenschurch.org



willing to learn, and are authentic.

Challenges for youth ministry in this diocese includes issues of time (for youth, leaders, congregations), becoming creative and adaptive to what is needed.

“Do we hold the fort or change when things don't seem to go well? Sometimes energy re-surfaces just when we're about to drop something due to lack of interest. Other times we feel like we're holding on to old ways when we ought to be moving into something new. How do we decide what to do?”

Participants raised the possibility that we may have a tendency to judge “success” by numbers. Sometimes meeting with just a three or four youth has a profound impact on them — an event we may have judged a “failure” because so few showed up.

How do we help youth become adults — how do we help them trust themselves and

learn to care for themselves.

Having recounted highlights, looked at what works and what is needed, they began to name and shape their future hopes and vision for youth ministry in the U.P. They'd like to see: Youth included in the planning, mentoring in churches with just a couple of youth, youth who have come through a strong children's ministry program (they see a need to have good Sunday Schools, good camp programs if youth are going to be interested in continuing life in the church); a strong diocesan/regional/congregational community; some kind of trip away: mission, pilgrimage, work camp; and a wide range of adults involved in youth ministry with opportunities for them to experience success with youth even if they don't see themselves as “good with youth;” a way for many adults to do something small or time-limited vs. all.



Jim Kelsey demonstrates proper fire extinguisher technique for the staff.



Campers and staff of Senior camp pose for the official, formal toga portrait.

Summer 2004 Youth Camps at Page Center

Summer 2005 Dates

***Junior Camp
(5th-7th grades)
June 19-24, 2005***

***Senior Camp
(8th - 12th)
June 26-July 1, 2005***



Jake Sim shows off his limbo technique at the last night of camp party



It's western night at the OK corral as campers enjoy board games and snacks.



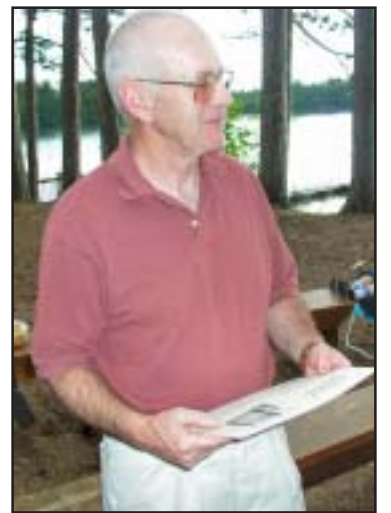
Staffer Brian Abeln rustles up some vittles on the grill.



Junior Campers and Staff sit down for a meal on a clear summer evening.



Larry Shell and Bonnie Turner at the closing Eucharist for Junior Camp.



Jim Martindale was honored for his 50 years of involvement with camps.



Mmmm, s'mores, a blazing campfire after a long hard day of swimming, playing and learning!



Mud! A summer thunderstorm left some puddles that called out for spashing.

Peacock first in division at Teal Lake Swim

Gwen Hetler

At 9am on Saturday, July 17, Ginny Peacock, rector of Grace Church, Ishpeming and St. John's, Negaunee, Missioner for Holy Innocents in Little Lake, and manager of The Page Center, left the Negaunee Beach at Teal Lake for a 2.5 mile swim to the Al Quaal Beach in Ishpeming. She and 34 additional swimmers were participating in the Teal Lake Swim, an event promoted by the Diabetes Outreach Network, to raise money in support of a camp for kids with diabetes which will be held in Marquette in August. One hour thirty-seven minutes and twelve seconds later she emerged to take first place in the "female swimmers over 50" category. Approximately \$10,000 was raised, with pledges for Ginny from her three churches totaling nearly \$1000. Members of all three churches were on hand to cheer for Ginny as she began and to greet her when she completed the swim.

Northern Michigan Diaconal Ministry Conference *Mentoring for Competency in the Promises*

September 10-11, 2004

What: A conference for current deacons, diaconal ministry coordinators, and those in Covenant groups identified for those ministries, along with any others interested in diaconal ministries.

When: Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 10-11

Where: St. Stephen's, Escanaba

Who: John Willets of DePaul University, Chicago will be the facilitator. Willets was the leader of the previous diocesan diaconal ministry conference, and was heard with great enthusiasm.

What shall we do there?

- Telling our stories
- Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
- Deconstructing mentoring as a process
- Identifying the skills: active listening, suspending assumptions, asking questions

Call the diocesan office for registration information 906-228-7160, or 800-236-0087, or visit the diocesan web page, www.dionomi.org

Women's Fall Retreat Planned for September

The annual fall silent retreat for women, sponsored by Northern Michigan's ECW, will be held on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25 at the Page Conference Center at Little Lake.

The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 pm (Eastern) Friday and ends at 4:00 pm Saturday. The retreat leader is Ginny Peacock, who has conducted the retreat from its inception at Little Lake. The cost is \$20 and includes simple meals on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday plus the overnight accommodations. There is the added incentive of being able to spend a night before or after the retreat at Little Lake for the nominal cost of \$6.00 per night.. Please bring personal hygiene items plus sleeping bags or sheets, pillows, towels and washcloths. Mail the following registration form to Judy Britton at 365 Kirkpatrick Lane, Gwinn, MI 49841 or call her at 906-346-6852. You may also register online at www.dionomi.org

Plan to arrive by Friday 5:00 PM EST and extend the invitation to your friends. Female guests of all denominations are welcome!!! Enjoy this time of prayer, reflection and meditation with us as well as the opportunity for spiritual growth and enjoyment of the tranquility of the lake. Deadline for registration is the 15th of September 2004.

What's New on the Web

Barbara Susan, diocesan Webservant, is working on improvements to our webpage at www.dionomi.org. By the time you read this, we expect to have online registration capabilities, the possibility of an online chat section, surveys, and other improvements.

Dan Weingarten, the original designer of our site, is also working on some changes for us.

If you haven't taken a look for a while, pop on over to www.dionomi.org!



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As of the end of July, we had received 146 contributions to *The Church in Hiawathaland* for a total of \$5140. Mailing expenses were \$444, leaving a net amount of \$4596 received. Contributions continue to arrive.

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