



LORICA

May 2008

priest's message

Whole Music and Art for a Whole World

We are going to have a Music and Arts Camp this summer! No, it is not biblically based or doctrinally oriented, but it is something we want to offer young teens as a challenge. The camp is for any young teens who either can play an instrument, have an interest in music or want to experiment in the broad field of art.

Why on earth are we, a church, offering such a camp? Is not this the job of the schools? Our answer is no! Thinking, questioning, trying new things and working together are obviously key elements to our program, but there is more. The notions of challenge best describe what we are about. Sports challenge our young people physically, mathematics and other academic subjects challenge our young people mentally, but it is in the area of the arts that teens get a chance to make sense of their world and express their insights in different forms. This is a challenge for their spiritual selves.

In the early teen years people begin to form opinions about their world and realize the task of having to compete in a huge, complex reality that is this international home we call earth. This is the reason we are providing the spiritual challenge for young people to work together, to make music together, to make art together and even cook their own meals together. All of these activities are the backdrop to young people sharing, listening and supporting each other in their endeavors at trying something new.

This is a spiritual matter because whether we like it or not, our world is going to be in these young people's hands in a couple of decades. Their ability to meet challenges, to confront difficulties and to believe not just in themselves, but in each other, is going to be crucial. Even more vital is their ability to recognize grace and hope, present in all facets of our existence. There is the horror, the destructive, the ugly but none of that is what has brought us this far. Our children need a firm sense of faith in the process of creation, of our becoming, that runs through the history of our world. Arguments about God's existence are futile exercises, dogmatic belief barren ground, but as we seek the good, we learn to recognize the divine, breathe it and finally embrace the divine for ourselves. This takes effort, time, leadership and faith in the creative process we see all around us. Our summer camp is intended to introduce the participants to a living experience of learning how to love, to wonder, and be partners with God in His on-going act of creation. We expect this experience will challenge

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The Lorica's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ through communication, information, education, and wholesome entertainment.

We intend to make quality and substance a priority and to provide a safe forum for dialogue on the spiritual and social issues of the day in which divergent views are treated respectfully and without judgment.

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them to think about the massive questions we all face living here on this earth. What is the source of our existence? What is the purpose for our lives? How must we all learn to live for the benefit of others? How must we come together to even have a future on this planet?

This is why the title of our camp is "Whole Music and Art for a Whole World", and why we, a church, are offering it to any who want to come.

Fr. Peter



Pentecost

On Pentecost Sunday - one of our biggest feast days in the church year - we celebrate the birth of Christianity. One wonderful aspect of this feast day is that it's a day of celebration free from the demands of our consumer so-

ciety. A Pentecost celebration can be fresh, worshipful, meaningful and fun, without the stress of preparing a big dinner or buying gifts. The scripture readings for the day are dramatic and full of marvelous imagery, including tongues of fire, wind, and people praying in all the languages of the world. Traditionally, we decorate the church in red and use streamers, flames (real & not real), doves and sounds of wind, but there are many ways to observe the day.

During the education hours on May 4 and May 11, we will get ready for our Pentecost celebration. May 4 will be our spiritual preparation: we'll explore the scriptures and how they relate to our hectic, secular lives today. From there, we'll think deeply about how best to observe Pentecost at our church. What symbols and ideas speak to us most clearly? Then, on May 11, we'll put our thoughts into action and prepare for the actual Pentecost service - including two baptisms - and celebrate the day. Our service will be traditional - but we'll also try to bring it alive in some special ways.

Rejoice!

Sunday Forums

When you come on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., you get to enjoy yummy food - fresh fruit, bagels, lox and cream cheese, good coffee and good company. Now you also get to enjoy more opportunities to explore your faith. Following the successful Lenten Sunday Forums, the Faith Formation Committee has put together several more topics for your participation.

May 4 and 11: Preparing for Pentecost.

Hands on activities and learning as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great Feast of Pentecost and baptism. This is a creative, all-ages time for learning and celebrating the Holy Spirit of God moving and blowing through our community, stirring us up and bringing us Peace.

May 18 and 25: The Millennium Development Goals and our life as Christians.

A tactile and hands-on opportunity to pray for the world and to understand more about how each of us as individuals and as a church can make a difference in changing the world. This will be set up in the Rotunda and is an all-ages opportunity.

June 1, 8 and 15: Staying focused on God: what can I do on a daily basis to keep me from road-rage and remain focused on God?

We will look at prayer aids for everyday life, and hear from each other how our faith keeps us sane when the world feels like it is coming unhinged.

News & Views

We hope you are reading the newspapers. Sr. Dorothy Kiest and Sr. Mary Patrick were pictured celebrating the Seattle visit of the Dalai Lama in the *Seattle PI*. Additionally, the Rizzotti family's picture was in the *Mukilteo Beacon* showing them serenading their neighbors with carols during our unseasonal April snowstorm.

From Mother Cynthia

The word discern means to understand something that is not immediately clear or obvious. The root of discern is *discere*, which is the act of study and practice. This community has been seeking to find clarity and learning what kind of clergy leadership you want for the future. As you have been sharing your thoughts and opinions in the listening sessions, I have been doing my own discerning, studying this community, listening and asking questions of my own, trying to learn how I see myself as your priest.

This is not an easy process! Just as your answers and opinions have varied, my experiences among you have varied. Just as a congregation seeks to find the “perfect” priest, every priest would love to find the “perfect” congregation. When something is without blemish or errors or faults, then we say it is perfect. When a meal is completed and everyone is full and lacks for nothing else to eat, then we say it is perfect. When someone has all the necessary characteristics required for a given situation and is proficiently skilled, then we say that person is perfect for the job.

However, it is our expectations of completeness, wholeness and being proficiently skilled that trip us up. I will never be anyone’s perfect priest – except for God’s. You will never be any priest’s perfect congregation – except for God’s.

And what better place for us to begin to learn more about each other than through God and with God. Our desire to learn and worship God together is what completes the process of uniting a priest and a congregation – and makes us perfect for each other. We are perfect for each other when our hopes are aligned for building and living as God’s people.

Just as you are not yet clear about my suitability for St. Hilda St. Patrick, I am not yet fully clear about your suitability for me. However, I am falling in love with this church, and all the delightful and varied characters and personalities that come here to worship. I love your generous welcome, your willingness to try different ways to pray, and your delight in fellowship. I love that it doesn’t matter if one has been worshipping in this community for 6 months or 40 years, everyone has a place at St. Hilda St. Patrick. I love that you all desire to know and experience our Lord’s presence in your life everyday, and that you have taken on this process of learning and listening for who should be your next priest. It is a sign of a healthy community. And I would very much like to continue learning and growing together with you, and to continue growing more perfect together as we build God’s kingdom.

Welcome Brian Wright, Deacon-in-Training

St. Hilda St. Patrick has been selected by Bishop Nedi to be a field education site for Brian Wright, who is studying and training to be a deacon. Brian joins us in May and will be part of our community for 9 months to a year. He has been a member of Trinity, Everett, and lives near Lake Stevens. As an intern, Brian will be part of our congregational life, take his turn as a lay Eucharist Minister, and occasionally preach. By offering our congregation as a field education site, we get to learn and help teach what a

deacon does within a church community. Deacons (and deacon-interns) are not paid, and their primary ministry is to take the church to the world, and bring the world into the church. Over the next several months, we will be exploring more what that means both on Sunday mornings and in our everyday ministry. It is both an honor and a privilege to selected to be part of Brian’s diaconal training, and a great opportunity for St. Hilda St. Patrick!

BOOK REVIEW

90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper

This book is an easy read. That said, it is about one man's life experience that is hard to forget. Don Piper's details of events in his life are reflected in his physical, emotional, spiritual battles and joys. When I hear the journeys of others, I ponder their lessons learned, internalize them and then use them in my own daily life.

Do not let the title deceive you, as this is not a book about the "afterlife" or what you will experience in heaven. It is all about life, living and how God is with you every step. The events of Don's life are explained but the emphasis is on the interactions with others; how God places people in our lives, and we are placed in the lives of others.

Don Piper starts out by giving the details of a horrendous car accident and his death, but quickly turns the reader to his healing journey. He is bold and honest with his emotional and physical healing and how they are also intertwined with the fact that he is a pastor. He blends his healing, as a man, and as a man of God. This struggle is a large part of his healing processes, along with his past and present relationship with God. The reader will walk with him through his accident, death, life, physical pain, depression, questioning and come with him out the other side to his joys, peace and purpose.

Reviewed by Debbie Lindhardt

Bishop's Committee April Recap

Fr. Peter and Mo. Cynthia work hard to take care of our spiritual needs while the Bishop's Committee works hard to take care of the running of the church so Fr. Peter and Mo. Cynthia can do what they do best. One of the subjects that comes up every month in the Bishop's Committee meeting is: communication, communication, communication. With that in mind, the Lorica will give you a brief recap of the previous month's Bishop's Committee meeting.

Over the last few months, the remodeling of the Sunday school wing and the leasing of that space to an early childhood education preschool, has been discussed. Deb Walrath, director of Every Voice Early Childhood Education Preschool gives the Bishop's Committee regular progress reports and is working closely with the Senior Warden. A final feasibility study and construction costs have yet to be presented to the Committee. If we go forward with this, with all that needs to be done, the school would open the fall of 2009 at the earliest.

Mo. Cynthia talked to Bishop Nedi about St. Hilda St. Patrick becoming a field education site for deacons-in-training. We have approved Brian Wright to come do his field training here. He will be here to learn about being a deacon, not to be a deacon. This is a learning experience for Brian; he will not be paid.

Half of the St Hilda St Patrick physical plant is forty years old and in need of constant upkeep or repair. Right away, we are in need of extra handicapped railings which will go into the women's restroom. In the near future, the restroom in the north wing will be remodeled to add handicapped equipment and a drop down changing table to become a Family Restroom. In the next few months, the phone system will be replaced. Bob Espeseth will present a phone plan and cost at a future Bishop's Committee meeting. Our flat roof continues to leak. Don Stapleton saw a solution to the problem on a roof in Bellingham and will get bids to fix the roof for the long run. The Senior Warden has permission to purchase the handicapped rail for temporary installation in the women's restroom until the Family Restroom is remodeled.

For future discussion: Hospitality & Breakfast re-evaluation; research Bishop's Committee by-laws; group charters and information for newcomers (Don Stapleton had samples from St Paul's, Bellingham).

A list of your Bishop's Committee members is on the back page of the Lorica. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to one of them.

The Purpose of Stuff

Have you noticed? We have a lot of STUFF at the church. Lots of it. All over. In all the nooks and crannies. In the hallways. In the bath rooms. In the office. Everywhere. And it all has a PURPOSE. It is to feed us. To feed others. To teach our kids. To make music. To hang on the walls. To prop up on the floor. To have other stuff sit in it or on it. To teach us. To be there when we need it. If we need it. Some of it we use regularly. Some of it we used once. Some if it we might use again. Some of it someone else might use again, but not 'me'. Hmmm. What to do with all the STUFF!

The first thing to do with it is to identify what it is for, why it is here, and who has a clue about it.

Then we will take all the stuff that has a purpose and about which someone has a clue, and we will store it.

We'll take all the other stuff and THROW IT OUT!

Here's how we will do it...

➤ Label anything for which you have any knowledge or responsibility and that you think should be kept.

Labels and instructions for usage are in the workroom (currently in the plastic bin hanging on Mary's door). Please do this before the end of May.

➤ We (you are welcome to be one of the 'we' – just let me know) are developing a storage plan and will appropriately store the STUFF that is labeled.

➤ The rest of the STUFF may be thrown away. Things that look like they have a purpose MAY have a second chance. While any STUFF may be thrown away at any time by anyone who chooses to clean up, we will plan to focus on cleaning up unlabeled STUFF in June.

Brought to you by, Jane Tuttle,
Your Senior Warden



Schedules for May 2008

	Last Easter May 4	Pentecost May 11	1st Pentecost May 18	2nd Pentecost May 25
Altar Guild	Team D Janet Kowalski Melody Oxley Rosemay Stapleton	Team D	Team A Désha Davis Pam Gaspar	Team A
Hospitality Team	John Herberling <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Martha Walker <i>Light Breakfast</i>	Jeff Cheek <i>Full Breakfast</i>	Don Stapleton <i>Light Breakfast</i>
Greeters	April & Glenn Cooper	Janet Eaton Maria Han	Gwynne Briggs Don Kelso	Richard Lee Martha Walker
Ushers	Melody Oxley Mary Helen Roberts	Janet & Joe Kowalski	Pat & Jim Allendoerfer	Debbie & Lars Lindhardt



May Birthdays

- 1 Liam Callahan
- 2 Sarah Brown
Martha Walker
- 5 Marcos Valle
- 6 Don Kelso
- 10 Dianne Weigel
- 12 Helen Eyles
- 14 Matthew Campbell
- 16 Graham Haslam
Benjamin Leonard
- 22 Philby Brown
- 23 Elaina Kelso
Nate Rizzotti
- 27 Marc-Anthony
Pendergrass-Valle
- 28 Frank Dean
- 29 Arthur Eyles
Betty Romero

Call for Recipes

Overheard after coffee hour/ breakfast/any potluck: *"Oh! This is good! Can I have the recipe?"* To make it easier for all of us to have that recipe, we'd like to put together a cookbook with all our favorite church recipes. We are hoping for enough to make a nice cookbook to sell at the auction in the fall.

Send in that favorite recipe to office@sthildastpatrick.org with Recipe in the subject line.

Stay tuned, we will need illustrations and photos.

Thanks!

Youth Service Change

This month, the Youth Service will be the third Sunday of the month. See you at 5 p.m., May 18th.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is quite low in protein sources such as canned meats (tuna, vienna sausages, spam, chicken, etc.) and we are OUT of peanut butter and canned fruit! As usual, the chili department is overstocked, but soups are a little bit on the low side of our usual supply. When you are shopping, please purchase and item or two for our pantry. Many thanks, Paige

Save This Date

June 28th, we will have a party for Fr. Peter and Lisa that will go down in the history of St Hilda St Patrick as one of the best. You don't want to miss it!

Plant and Garden Art Sale - May 10

Please mark your calendars for the annual Plant and Garden Art Sale sponsored by the Landscaping Committee. This is the only major fundraiser for this committee for 2008, so please help make it a great success. The 2007 proceeds purchased and installed the fence section south of the Labyrinth. This year's proceeds will be used for a major landscaping endeavor. We can use your support on **May 10th**, not only as volunteers and shoppers, but also to donate plants (divide and conquer those perennials!), pots, garden art, birdhouses/feeders, garden furniture, herbal soaps, lavender - anything of a plant, shrub, or garden nature that can be donated toward this worthy cause. Members of the Landscaping Committee will be available to pick up your donations if you are unable to get them to the church. Please feel free to contact Melody Oxley with any questions or comments. Thank you all for your continued support to this fun event.

Boy Scouts Willing to Work

St Hilda St Patrick's Boy Scout Troop 123 is raising money for gas to drive to camp this summer by doing your chores. No job is too small. Here is a sample of what they are willing to do: yard work, painting, gutter cleaning (one story houses only!), outside window washing, furniture moving, garage cleaning out and organizing, power washing, and organizing basements. They will work to your schedule. There are five willing and able scouts who will come to your home at your convenience with their adult leaders and parents to do what needs to be done. Your donation can be to use and pay for a few or all of them. All jobs approved by the Scoutmaster. Please call Terry Abbot or Alex Gilman.

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