

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

*The mission of Good Shepherd is to celebrate God's love and grow together in faith,
to serve the world in Christ's name.*

The Sheep Skin

The monthly parish newsletter

August 2011

Weekend Workshop Coming in September

Ann and I have been having a wonderful sabbatical time in Europe, Virginia, Seattle and Oregon! We feel rested and renewed, and are looking forward to returning to Good Shepherd in August. We hope that you will mark your calendars for Sunday, August 21 when there will be receptions following the 7:45 and 10:15 services to thank Catherine Tran for her service as priest-in-charge during my sabbatical, to welcome Ann and me back to Good Shepherd, and to officially bring the sabbatical time to a close.

I also hope you will mark your calendars for a special, post-sabbatical event September 30-October 2. In April, Episcopal priests and biblical scholars, Jane Patterson and John Lewis helped us to hear "the voice of the Shepherd" through their inspiring interpretation of the Old and New Testament. In this second workshop, The Rev. Robyn Szoke, the former Director of Faith Formation for the National Episcopal Church, will help us learn how to trust the "voice of the Shepherd" through a variety of spiritual practices in our daily lives, such as personal and intercessory prayer, Sunday worship, personal devotion, Sabbath rest, silence, hospitality, social justice, care for others, and dealing with challenging times.

The workshop is titled "Answering Jesus' Call to Trust and Follow the Shepherd: Exploring the Joys of Life-long Faith Formation." It will begin with a

potluck supper on Friday night followed by an intergenerational activity in which parishioners will be invited to share stories about themselves, their families and/or the Good Shepherd family. On Saturday Robyn Szoke and I will invite children, youth and adults to help us plan and lead the Sunday Eucharist service. During this workshop Robyn will also talk to parents and grandparents about different ways for them to live out the promises of baptism, and engage their families in the Christian faith and life. The weekend will continue on Sunday morning when the 10:15 Eucharist will be a specially designed service, led by Robyn Szoke and me, that involves children, youth and adults in all aspects of the liturgy. Following the 10:15 service there will be a lunch in the parish hall followed by table discussion and activities for parishioners of all ages highlighting the ways that faith formation can move from the "altar" to the "dinner table." Finally, Robyn and Christin Olson will lead a program for youth following the 6 pm Sunday night service. There is no charge for the workshop, as all costs have been included in my Lilly Sabbatical grant, and nursery care will be provided at all events.

Please plan to join us for all or part of what should be a memorable weekend!

~ Fr. Craig MacColl

Mark Your Calendars!

August 13:	Men's Group, 7:30am	August 23:	Vestry meeting, 6:30pm
August 19:	U2Charist at 7pm!	August 27:	Men's Group, 7:30am
August 21:	Thanks to Catherine & Welcome Home celebration for Fr. Craig & Ann	Sept. 30-Oct. 2:	Answering Jesus workshop

Thoughts from the Priest-in-Charge

In just a couple of weeks, Craig will be returning from his sabbatical. For these past four months, Craig has had some time for rest and recreation, time for study and reflection, and some time for visiting with friends and family, among other things. I'm sure he and Ann will have much to share with us when they return. During his sabbatical, I imagine Craig will have made some new discoveries that will inform who he is as a priest and leader. I expect that he will have changed a bit. I am looking forward to hearing about those experiences and learnings and getting to know the "new" Craig.

Craig is not the only one who will have some experiences and learnings to share. All of us have been on sabbatical, too. During that sabbatical, we have shared some adventures and discoveries. For us, this has been a time of trying a few new things. The staff and lay leadership of the parish have had an opportunity to take on some new responsibilities. There were plenty of times when I have directed questions or tasks that would normally fall to Craig to other people in the congregation. Many people have stepped up to make decisions and get things done who normally might not be involved. And as your priest for these past few months, I have led the worship in a slightly different manner than Craig does simply by being a different liturgical presence. We have also had some opportunities to slow down, take a breath, and reflect on sabbatical practices. In the midst of all that has happened during this sabbatical time, we can say that we, like Craig, have probably changed a bit.

These past few months have gone by very quickly. We can look back on them with gratitude for God's generous abundance. It is also essential to look ahead and plan for what's next. Since Craig has changed and we have changed, it will be important to take some time to get reacquainted. There may be a few surprises as the relationship between rector and congregation is reestablished. Careful communication and inten-

tional planning will be critical. Some of that planning is happening now and there is a small group of us focusing on some of the parish processes that will be a part of the post sabbatical work. But as we look ahead to what the Lilly Foundation calls the "re-entry" period of the sabbatical experience, we can all be thinking about what we might want to pay attention to and how we might want to frame things. For example, it makes sense to have a fresh look at how leadership happens and decision making takes place in the parish. I can imagine that Craig will be delighted to hear about how well all the staff and lay leaders did during the sabbatical. The depth of talent and dedication has been tested and proved. Perhaps the staff and lay leaders will continue to take responsibility for some of their new roles and relieve Craig of some of the tasks of leadership.

As individual parish members, it might be useful to begin thinking about how your personal sabbatical reflection might inform your involvement in the parish community. God may be calling you to participate in a new way. Perhaps you are wondering if a leadership role or a new opportunity might be something to try. I encourage you to be praying and reflecting on how you can co-create with God within the community of Good Shepherd.

During the sabbatical, the everyday operations of the parish have gone smoothly; worship, pastoral care, education, outreach, youth ministries, and business matters seem to have continued without a hitch. This is a tribute to the strong staff and leadership in the parish and to the careful planning that went into this sabbatical time. I pray that we can plan and lead as effectively in the upcoming months. May there be many blessings that come with the renewal and reflection that has taken place during this sabbatical and may Good Shepherd become more and more of what God has called it to be!

~ Catherine +

Senior Warden's Window



By Rob Polete

It is hard to believe that it is August and summer is ending. While the calendar and the thermometer tells us that summer ends in September, the start of school early this month is a blunt indication that summer vacation has ended.

Also ending this month is our Sabbatical. On Sunday August 21 we will say goodbye to our priest-in-charge, Catherine Tran and welcome back Craig and Ann MacColl. Please join us after the morning services on this important day to say thank you and goodbye to Catherine and welcome home to Craig and Ann. The end of the Sabbatical is not the end of the opportunities that sabbatical has opened for us.

This month I would like to look through the window of opportunity; a short period of time during which an opportunity must be acted on or missed. Our journey apart from Craig will be ending but our journey together, having been changed by the separation, is just beginning. So what has changed? We all have changed! While it may seem that we are the same as when the sabbatical started, it has been over three months, and we have changed in ways that we do not recognize. Craig, on the other hand, will notice the changes just as we will notice changes in him. What are these changes and how will they affect our shared ministry? Our opportunity is to discover what has changed and how we leverage these changes to improve the way we achieve God's will for us as the Church of the Good Shepherd. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10)

The theme of our sabbatical is to hear, know and follow the "voice of the Shepherd." How have we used

this time to hear, know and follow that voice? What lessons have we learned that will help us to recognize the "voice" as we journey forward together in faith. As we move forward into the fall we will have several opportunities to explore and look for answers to these questions. "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:9-13)

As Craig and Ann settle back into their Colorado routine we will have an opportunity to hear from them about their time away, travels, and experiences. The Vestry meeting in August will be moved to Tuesday August 23 so that Craig can attend. The agenda will be dedicated to updating Craig on the happenings while he was away and updating the Vestry on his sabbatical journey. In the fall there will be additional opportunities for the congregation to participate in sabbatical learning.

On August 1, 2011 Good Shepherd sold \$100,000 in bonds at a 3% interest rate to six different parishioners. The proceeds from these bonds will be used to pay down the mortgage debt on our building and will be paid back through a sinking fund managed by the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. The sinking fund will be established using the savings generated by the reduced mortgage and interest rate supplemented with Capital Campaign pledges. This opportunity will enable us to reduce our debt from over \$675,000 to under \$390,000 and will free up budget dollars to use for other purposes over three years.

On August 19, 2011 we will celebrate the U2Charist followed by an Ice Cream Social. This is a special worship opportunity using the music of the rock group U2. This is a community event and an opportunity for us to invite our friends and neighbors who are not members of Good Shepherd. It will be a fun and exciting way to worship together. The free will offering collected at the U2Charist will benefit the Colorado Haiti Project to assist with meeting the United Nations Millennium Goals. Thank you to DeeDee Atwood for organizing this event and to everyone who is helping DeeDee with the logistics. Mark your calendar and invite your friends. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

U2Charist UPDATE!

**Worship with the music
of U2
to raise money for the
Colorado Haiti Project
Friday, August 19th, 7 pm**

PRAISE GOD! God has blessed us with some timely publicity for our big event. In addition to being listed in several event listings around the area, we have also been fortunate enough to have 3 articles written so far about U2Charist – one in the *Centennial Your Hub*, one in the Willow Creek newsletters, and one which will come out the first week of August in *The Villager*!

Thank you to those who have responded to my request for volunteers! We are well on our way to filling all the spots, but there are a few things we still need.

- The first thing that everyone can do to help is to **invite your friends and neighbors** to the event. The more people we can pack into the church, the more money we can raise for Haiti.
- **3 parking lot attendants.** If we pack the church, we will need help with parking all of those cars! We still need 3 volunteers to work outside on the night of the event directing cars to designated overflow areas.
- **1 projector operator.** Want to help on the night of the event? Volunteer to run the projectors that will flash all the words onto the wall.
- **Ice cream social helpers.** Joan Polete has volunteered to organize our Ice Cream Social, and will be needing volunteers to help set up and serve on the



night of the event. Please contact her directly if you can help out.

And finally, we are looking for **Corporate Sponsors** for this event. The U2Charist is a perfect opportunity for a company to make a difference in the lives of Haitians who

are still suffering from last year's devastating earthquake.

How it works: Your company makes a monetary donation to Good Shepherd (100% of which will go directly to The Colorado Haiti Project) and we will place an ad for your company in our program for the event as well as mention your company's name as a sponsor during the worship service on August 19th. The following levels of sponsorship are offered:

Silver level sponsor: Donation of \$250
¼ page ad in our program
Mention of company at event

Gold level sponsor: Donation of \$500
½ page ad in our program
Mention of company at event

Platinum sponsor: Donation of \$1,000
Full page ad in our program
Mention of company at event

Deadline for sponsorships is 8/15/11.

For more information or if you want to get involved with U2Charist, please contact DeeDee Atwood.

~DeeDee Atwood

Faith Forum

Faith^{many}

We've got a whole new attitude on Adult Education Commission. First of all, to reflect our new emphasis on growing and developing the faith of many, we are changing the name of the Sunday morning adult offering to Faith Forum. Thus the title of this article, Faith to the Power of Many (Faith many). Along with the new name comes a new way of looking at what we do. There will be less emphasis on education and more on building and sharing faith.

We'll talk about what is happening in our church, like the offering September 18 and 25, when Larry Hitt will kick off a discussion of the proposed Anglican Covenant. The Covenant is a document redefining the relationship among the member provinces of the Anglican Communion. Some say the Covenant will serve as the way to kick the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in Canada out of the Anglican Communion. Others say it is just formalizing what already exists.

We'll talk about the basis of faith, like the series running through October and November based on the book *Banned Questions about the Bible* by Christian Piatt. During July, attendees at worship will have the opportunity to suggest and to select the questions for discussion. Rather than relying on the experts in the book, we will be consulting clergy and lay leaders throughout our church in Colorado to offer their answers to the selected questions. Each Sunday, we will discuss three or four of the questions. We're talking questions like "Can I be a Christian if I don't believe the Bible is perfect, handed down directly from God to humanity without error?," "What does "apocalypse" mean and does the Bible predict one?," "Do Christians need to read the Old Testament?," and "Where are all the miracles today?" As always, feel free to drop in when you can and a subject interests you.

- *Deb Sampson*

Good Shepherd Youth

It's Back to School for the youth of Good Shepherd and with that comes our schedule change! We're heading back to Sundays starting August 28th, Youth Sunday at the 6pm service. We are also excited to bring back the middle school youth group program! The middle school students will meet from 3:30-5:30pm and high school students will meet from 7-9pm at church. If you missed us in the summer and just completed 5th grade join us in the middle school group. We'd love to have you and if you didn't receive a Welcome Letter please contact me at the church.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Youth Dye Wars on Wednesday August 10th during regular youth group hours at the church. Everyone needs to wear a white t-shirt and

clothes they don't care about. Bring a squirt gun or squeezable bottle and your game face! This month the youth will take the annual trip to the ball park for the Colorado Rockies Faith Day on August 21st. The game is at 1:10pm and we will light rail down and back, cost is \$18 for a ticket and the light rail plus any spending money you'd like for food or drink. This year's post game concert features CASTING CROWNS. Please sign up on my office door between now and August 14th if you plan to attend, space is limited so sign up soon! I am recruiting adult volunteers to help chaperone this event, you would ride the light rail with us, get to know us as during the game and help me out. If you are available and willing please contact me.

In faith, *Christin Olson*

Godly Play at Good Shepherd!

This past spring three members of Good Shepherd attended a 3-day training to become Godly Play Storytellers; Dianne Draper, Elaine Oxenbury and Sue LeFant. Last year, at the preschool level, we offered one transitional Godly Play classroom. Beginning this fall, Good Shepherd's Sunday School program will provide 2 Godly Play classrooms for children up to the 3rd grade. (Fourth and Fifth graders will continue to use the curriculum which was offered last year.) Dianne Draper is the Storyteller for ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Elaine Oxenbury is the Storyteller for 1st grade through 3rd grade. Sue LeFant will fill in when a substitute is required. Elaine, Dianne and Sue have been working all summer to prepare the program and the classrooms with Godly Play materials. Our sincere THANKS to Bill Henwood and Bruce Oxenbury who have been busy in their wood workshops making some of the materials for the children. We are very excited to begin this new journey in our Sunday School Program.



What is the Door Person? As part of the Godly Play program, we need and welcome parent volunteers each week in the role of the Door Person. The nice thing about being a Door Person is that you do not have to prepare anything ahead of time! However, the role of the Door Person is just as important to the setting and the Godly Play program as the Story Teller is. Door Person duties include:

- Wait at the door to the Godly Play classroom
- Warmly welcome the children as they arrive
- Prepare the child by asking; "Are you ready to join the circle"? (The Godly Play circle is built slowly and lovingly by the Storyteller, to welcome each child, one at a time.)
- Once the circle is complete and the Storyteller begins the lesson, the door person enters the classroom as a quiet observer and helps the children if necessary.
- The Door Person's observations help the Story Teller recognize the children's growth and interaction with the spiritual language and their relationship with God. This helps all of us support the children in their spiritual journey.

So what is Godly Play? Godly Play offers a creative, child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. In Godly Play, we play with the language of God and God's People. We do this by sharing sacred stories, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Through this powerful language, our wondering, and the community of players gathered together, we hear the deepest invitation of all: an invitation to come play and be with God.

What happens during a Godly Play Session?

The structure each week in the Godly Play classroom looks like this:

- The Door Person meets and greets the child at the Threshold and welcomes them into the space
- The Storyteller Builds the Circle
- The Storyteller Presents the Lesson
- The Children participate in the Response time and choose their own work within the classroom (Montessori based classroom)
- The Feast is shared
- Saying Goodbye

We will need two door persons each Sunday, (one for each Godly Play classroom) starting September 11th. We hope to have enough people trained in this position that we can rotate this role over several weeks or months. If you would like to learn more about this role and/or feel called to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We will provide a very short informational training to anyone who is interested in helping out. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dianne Draper, Elaine Oxenbury, or Sue LeFant.

**A Chance to See What this is All About!
The Godly Play Storytellers will be presenting a Godly Play Parable Story during the worship services on Sunday, August 28. You will get to see first hand what a story will look like when presented to the children. We will also have an Open House of both classrooms in September. Stay tuned!**

Notes from the Vestry

Vestry Vision

by Rob Polete, Sr. Warden

The Vestry met on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30pm. The focus of this meeting was approval of the church bonds and a review of the second quarter 2011 financials.

The Vestry approved the sale of \$100,000 three year bonds with an annual interest rate of 3%. There are six parishioners who have agreed to buy these bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to reduce the current mortgage principle. The Vestry also authorized the refinancing of the current mortgage at a reduced interest rate. To repay the bonds the Vestry established a sinking fund that will be managed through the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. This sinking fund will be established using \$16,400 of annual operating funds for three years and \$59,900 of Capital Campaign pledge contributions. The reduced principal and interest rate on the mortgage will enable the reallocation of the current mortgage payments to cover the \$16,400 sinking fund contribution and make the new lower monthly mortgage payment at the current budgeted level. At the end of three years we will reduce the debt principal to less than \$390,000 from the current \$675,000 and free up \$23,000 in annual operating funds for use in ministry and program areas. The Vestry would like to express their appreciation to Jim Wolfe, Pete Roden, Andy Folkerth and Rob Polete for their work in preparing the documents and analysis for the bond sale and to the six parishioners who agreed to purchase the bonds.

The second quarter financial review identified a \$15,000 shortfall in pledge income and \$4,000 shortfall in plate income year-to-date. We have been able to maintain our financial obligations by using our contingency fund, however, the gap is growing and will need to

be closed to avoid using the bank line of credit. This line of credit is for emergency use and accrues interest on any amount used. The Vestry asked Rob Polete to draft a message to the congregation reminding them of the need to maintain their pledge to help maintain the cash flow needed to meet monthly obligations. Expenses are all within reasonable levels for this point in the year. We will need to keep an eye on Building and Maintenance expenses to stay within budget for the year.

An accounting adjustment was made in June to move the income from the Capital Campaign to designated funds rather than showing them in the income section of the budget. This was done because the Capital Campaign income is not part of the operating budget and should be held in a designated account for the purpose of debt reduction payments. Also moved to designated accounts were the expenses associated with the sabbatical. These are onetime expenses paid for with the Lilly Sabbatical Grant and are not part of the operating budget. We will continue to track and account for the sabbatical expenses but do not want to confuse these expenses with the on-going parish expenses.

Minutes of Vestry Meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

VESTRY MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE TO ATTEND. THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011 STARTING AT 6:30. WE WILL WELCOME FR. CRAIG BACK FROM SABBATICAL AND UPDATE HIM ON THE HAPPENINGS WHILE HE WAS AWAY.

Men's Group

In August, the Men's group will meet for breakfast at 7:30am on August 13 and for coffee & donuts on August 27 in the Parish Hall. Our program follows breakfast or coffee & donuts from 8 to 9am in the Chapel & we always stop at 9am.

The group is currently doing a mix of three programs: a discussion of current issues in the Church and in the world, a discussion of the Sunday Scriptures, and a discussion of Jesus' miracles. We also try to relate how these subjects are present



in our everyday activities and lives. We rotate these three topics and each session stands on its own. Men can come and enjoy each meeting even if they miss one or several meetings.

Mark your calendars for our meetings in August on the 13th and 27th. We especially welcome new men in the Church or new men to the Men's group. You can call or talk to Jim Wolfe with questions or for more information.

~ Jim Wolfe

Ministries Celebration

New Format for the Ministries Celebration in September!

We have developed a new format for our Ministries Celebration in early September. Instead of having all the Ministries available on one Sunday, we have divided them into three sections and will have Ministries Celebration

Sundays on September 11th, 18th, and 25th. These will lead into the Faith Formation Workshop that Father Craig has planned for the weekend of September 30th - October 2nd.

On September 11th, we will highlight those ministries that have programs this fall - including but not limited to - Children and Adult Education, Youth Group, Hungry Flock, Outreach and Stewardship. On September 18th, we will highlight all the ministries that are involved with the Sunday Worship Services. This includes 13 different groups that are active on Sunday morning for the three services. Then on September 25th, we'll highlight ministries



that are active throughout the year and reach beyond Sunday morning. These ministries include but are not limited to the Men's group, the Women's group, UTO and our program to involve Newcomers in our Church family.

We believe that by spreading this celebration over three weeks, we can focus more attention on individual ministries rather than trying to represent 35-40 opportunities at one time. We will leave a sign up table after each week highlighting the ministries that were available the previous week for any families that may miss one Sunday. The Ministries and information will be available between and after the two services on Sunday morning, and we plan to have a table with information and sign-up lists available for the 6pm service. We also plan to have at least one person available to answer questions after the 6pm service.

~ Jim Wolfe

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BLOOD DRIVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On September 11, 2011, the Bonfils Blood Mobile will be here at Good Shepherd for our annual blood donation drive. It will be open during the morning church services. Watch the bulletin for announcements on times and sign ups. For more information check the web page for Bonfils Blood Center. This is a great opportunity to help so many people.



PUMPKIN OFFLOAD! WE HAVE A DATE!

YES! We now know when the Pumpkins are coming. Mark the calendar for Saturday, October 8, at 9 am. Everyone had so much fun last year. No one is too old or too young to help out. We will try to have the nursery available for very young children, but last year children as young as three worked next to parents and made a significant contribution. If you think you might be unable to lift pumpkins, have no fear, there are lots of other jobs or just come and cheer everyone on. Everyone is welcome! It is going to be a great day at Good Shepherd.

PUMPKIN GROWTH

Reports are that the pumpkins are growing well. Recently, our own Louise Stratford was on a business trip to the Navaho reservation near Farmington, New Mexico (where our pumpkins are grown), so she checked on our pumpkins and said they looked great! Let's keep praying for a healthy crop of pumpkins for 2011!

PUMPKIN PLANS AND NEEDS

The Pumpkin Patch will run from Oct 8th through Oct 31. The proceeds will go to local Outreach Partners, mostly those involved with caring for homeless and hungry. This year the proceeds are a huge part of the Outreach commitment from the parish. Anyone wishing to get involved call Joyce Manning.

A few items are needed to help make the patch successful. Old red wagons, new white shower curtains, yard signs that can be repurposed, fun fall decorations, and anyone with a truck or trailer willing to pick up hay bales the week before the Patch can contact Joyce Manning.

PUMPKIN PHOTOS

We have lost some of the photos taken in the patch last year. Anyone with photos from the 2010 Pumpkin Patch willing to share, please contact Joyce.

~ Joyce Manning

EWES



Episcopal Women Enrichment and Service

Bucci's Greek restaurant, 8030 South Holly on July 29th. Please check the Sunday Bulletin for details of our September lunch, currently scheduled for the 26th at Jade Garden, 5120 East Arapahoe Rd.

Thanks to Susan Hatch, eight of us enjoyed a lunch outing at Olive Garden on June 24th. As of this writing, we are looking forward to our next luncheon at

Call Susan to R.S.U.P. by Sunday, August 21st.

~ Joyce Kremer

Cardmaking

If you have even an ounce of creativity in your little finger, you are creative enough to join us in card-making. Starting in August, I would like to have a regular schedule where we'd meet at church and make cards for our card racks. We've had a little hiatus due to lack of involvement, but I'd like to try it again. I'd like to schedule a time and day that is convenient for those who are interested, so if this tickles your fancy, please call me or email me to discuss.

Since this is a rather labor intensive process, getting all the supplies out, making cards, and putting everything away, it makes the most sense to do this for a minimum of a half day or better yet a whole day (bringing a sandwich for a lunch break). I will be available to do this on a week day, during the day. If you have friends that would like to come and join in, that is fine. We furnish all the supplies, and the cards we make are then put out for sale on our card racks/tables in the parish hall. If there is enough interest, I can teach a "new technique" for part of our session each time. The past proceeds from the sale of cards helped purchase chairs in the parish hall. Currently our goal is to raise \$1500 to purchase sun shades for the back



patio. We currently have \$743 in our account. Once this purpose is met, we can work towards another goal, blinds or window coverings for the chapel is what comes to mind! Cardmaking is fun and provides a great means of fellowship. Please consider tapping into your creative self and giving this a try. I look forward to hearing from you!

While we are on the subject of cards, don't forget to SHOP at the Good Shepherd card racks. We have birthday, get well, sympathy, congratulations, thank you, thinking of you, baby, wedding/anniversary, you name it. Cards are \$2 each or volume discounts are available: 3 cards for \$5 or 7 cards for \$10. Plan ahead and shop ahead and you'll never be caught without a card on hand when you need it. Payment is on the honor system, so you can stop in anytime the church is open. Come to Good Shepherd instead of Hallmark! All our cards are recycled from donated cards...so if you have just had a birthday, or an illness, or been the recipient of cards for any occasion and don't know what to do with them, please drop them in the box in the hallway. We will remake them into another lovely greeting card! Thank you for your support.

~ Joan Polete

Gala Event for St. Francis Center

St. Francis Center Invites You to "Be Our Guest"

Mark your calendar and plan to attend St. Francis Center's 28th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Auction. The event is to be held at the Marriott Hotel City Center in downtown Denver on October 8th, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

St. Francis Center (SFC) is a daytime refuge for homeless individuals that offers a wide range of programs and services to help meet people's basic needs and transition them out of homelessness. It welcomes all who pass through its doors as "guests," treating every individual with dignity and respect. With a theme



of "Be Our Guest," this year's gala will be a celebration of this spirit of hospitality. Attendees will have to opportunity to learn about St. Francis Center's impact in the community and hear from those who've personally benefited from its ministry. Money raised from the silent and live auctions will be used to assist the thousands of men and women who visit St. Francis Center.

Individual tickets are \$75, while seniors, volunteers, and groups of 10 are available for \$60 each. Please R.S.V.P. by September 11th, or call Andrew Spinks for more information. We'll see you October 8th!

~ Kip Travis

2011 Cursillo



Sept 14-18, 2011 Easter Seals Camp, Georgetown, Colorado

Cursillo? What does that mean? You may have heard myself, Pete Roden, Jeff Barlow or Jim Wolfe (among others) talking about

Cursillo, but didn't really know what it meant. Frankly, neither did I. But, it was one of the best weekends I have ever spent...working on my relationship with Jesus. Yes, that's right...Jesus. Who knew?

I've heard some people think it's a "couples weekend". Absolutely not! Young (18+), old (80+), single, married, widowed; it doesn't matter. What does matter is you can spend 3 days with some amazing people guiding you on your journey with Christ. For those of you who completed The Bible in 90 Days, this would complement what you were barely able to touch on while reading. It's personal, intellectual, spiritual, fun, musical....well, I could go on & on! It's all those things, plus so much more. Below, I've taken a few excerpts from the National Episcopal Cursillo website (www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org) providing some additional info.

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a movement of the church. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Cursillo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us.

What is the Goal of Cursillo? The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ. This is done when informed, trained leaders set out with the support of others having a similar commitment.

What does Cursillo do? It helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Cursillo is one of many renewal movements. Many people have said Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly made Christians with a purpose and with support.

Please, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. ~ Deb Roden

For additional info, go to www.cocursillo.org

Coffee Hour Opportunity



**IF YOU ENJOY YOUR
SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE,
please read on:**

Most of what goes on at Good Shepherd on any given Sunday morning happens only because many people are involved: you are greeted and ushered at the door because parishioners have volunteered to give of their time; the flowers on the altar are beautifully arranged by Lori DeLue; the altar needs are taken care of by the many members of the altar guild; the people in the service are there because they volunteered to serve and Mary Wybenga scheduled them, and Mary Wood sent them a reminder card; we all have a bulletin to read because Marta, our wonderful church administrator, worked to get everything in that was requested or needed; our sanctuary and bathrooms are clean because Donald, our sexton, did what was expected of him. We hear beautiful music because Stephen loves to play the organ and piano, and the choir and/or bells offer lovely anthems after weeks of practice; Sue LeFant and her team of Sunday school teachers care for the school age children with well-planned Sunday School lessons, and our nursery attendants are faithful in their service. Christin and the youth have just returned from the mission trip to New Orleans, supported by your prayers and donations; adults attend Sunday School also because the education commission has worked to provide interesting lessons; our priest in charge has done a wonderful job in keeping things in order so Father Craig and Ann can enjoy their sabbatical...and after the service many of you stop by the table to buy grocery coupons, because there is a volunteer there to help you, arranged by Mary Hahn.

Then you take the few steps into the parish hall where you enjoy a few minutes of fellowship and a cup of coffee or tea, and perhaps a sweet treat or piece of fruit, or a cake celebrating some occasion. While most all these opportunities to serve, listed above, need and want more volunteers on a regular basis, coffee hour seems to be extremely short-handed right now. Coffee

hour falls under PARISH LIFE and we'd love to have you join in by signing up for one week a month to serve as COFFEE HOUR HOST. We need a minimum of two people per weekend per service. It is a great job for a couple, two singles wanting to work together, or even two couples to make the work lighter. The following Sundays & services have openings:

* FIRST SERVICE: 2nd Sunday of the month from January through April; 5th Sunday of the month, when it occurs. For the remainder of 2011 and all of 2012 this happens in the months of: July & October 2011; January, April, July, September and December in 2012.

* SECOND SERVICE: 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month.

Most of these openings have been available for quite some time, and the other volunteers have been trying to fill in as they are able. We really would love to have a FULL TEAM of volunteers and have all the coffee hour spots filled as soon as possible. If volunteers don't step up, there most likely will be NO COFFEE HOUR at these services. It seems to make things easier if we sign up for a certain week each month, rather than scheduling it a month or a quarter at a time, like all the other volunteer jobs do. The good news is, we are a team, and if you have a particular Sunday where you find you need to be out of town, we can substitute and trade our Sundays on an as needed basis.

If you are interested in learning more about what is expected of a coffee hour host, feel free to call me to discuss, or pick up the information sheet that is on the coffee hour sign up table in the parish hall. The work isn't hard, and I will train you, and I can even serve with you for your first Sunday or two if you'd like me to. If you aren't already involved IN SOMETHING at Good Shepherd, or if you are looking for something different to do, please consider Coffee Hour hosting . . . it is a very fulfilling service to your fellow parishioners and the church. And please remember, if we have to cancel coffee hour due to lack of support and volunteers, we won't look or be very hospitable to visitors. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

~ Joan Polete

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays:

NORIKO THAMPI 8/1
 PAT GROSVENOR 8/3
 LILY SVENNEBY 8/3
 JODY ANDERSON 8/4
 SARAH HAMPTON 8/5
 SARA MORGAN 8/6
 JONATHAN ROPA 8/6
 DAVIS BAILEY 8/7
 SUSAN HATCH 8/7
 CHARLES HULL 8/7
 HARRY TRUITT 8/7
 KATIE KELLEY 8/8
 STEVE WOODWORTH 8/8
 ERIK SVENNEBY 8/10
 BOB DICKSON 8/11
 JANE LAPAN 8/12
 PAUL LAPAN 8/12
 NICHOLAS MOORE 8/12
 LOUISE BATH 8/13
 JULIA SHUSTER 8/13

BILL YOUNKES 8/13
 LARRY BLAKE 8/14
 TRICIA HARTMAN 8/14
 JIM IVES 8/14
 SUSAN SABINI 8/14
 BARBARA FRITTS 8/15
 SARAH LAPAN 8/15
 ELIZABETH LASKARZEWSKI 8/15
 KATE MCLAUGHRY 8/15
 CINDY DALTON 8/16
 CHARLIE MCCLUNG 8/16
 KELLY LAMBERT 8/17
 HELEN LOUISE MAX 8/18
 LEO MCCLUNG 8/18
 JANE DOUGLAS 8/19
 JOYCE KREMER 8/20
 DOROTHY HILL 8/21
 JIMMY BARLOW 8/22
 LEA MULLEN 8/23
 CAMIE BATES 8/24
 KEITH ANDERSON 8/25

SUZANNE SINGER 8/25
 HEATHER LAND 8/26
 JASON MAAS 8/26
 KATIE WYBENGA 8/27
 MARTA IVES 8/28
 JOHN STILES 8/28
 JOHN STRATFORD 8/28
 PHIL BOWERMASTER 8/31
 TYLER GIBSON 8/31
 MARY WYBENGA 8/31



Wedding Anniversaries:



<i>George & Charleen Merlo</i>	8/4
<i>Ken & Beverly White</i>	8/4
<i>Robert & Deb Sampson</i>	8/7
<i>Jim & Marta Ives</i>	8/14
<i>Bob Thomson & Anita Sanborn</i>	8/17
<i>Michael Slowski & Susan Sabini</i>	8/19
<i>David & Karen Wood</i>	8/20
<i>Kees & Linda Corssmit</i>	8/21
<i>Matt & Jennifer Douglas</i>	8/25
<i>Dave & Marti Diehl</i>	8/25
<i>Les & Camie Bates</i>	8/28
<i>Jim & Jackie Benton</i>	8/28
<i>Rob & Joan Polete</i>	8/31

Calling all golfers!

The annual Good Shepherd family golf tournament is coming up soon. This year's tournament will be held at the Links golf course in Highlands Ranch on August 28th, beginning at noon. Cost is \$67/person, payable to GSEC.

Signup sheet will be available in the church hallway beginning in July. Questions? Call Doug Moore or Chris Jones.



Treasurer's Report



Happy summer to all!
June figures are in and they are not favorable. Plate income for the year is under budget by \$4,800. Pledge

income is under budget by \$15,400 and Grocery sales in under budget by \$1,400. In expenses, salaries are slightly over budget by \$200. Administrative expenses are over budget by \$2,300, Bldgs and grounds are over by \$2,600 and Mortgage interest is over by \$2,300. For those of you that follow this summary on a monthly basis, you will also notice that a correction was made to the income category, removing the Capital Contributions that had previously shown up in Fundraising. Those contributions were not usable for normal operations and therefore, were removed to show a

more accurate picture of our income and expense for the year.

The bottom line, through the first half of the year is that we are \$21,600 behind in income and \$4,800 over budget in expenses for a net shortage of \$26,400 for year to date. This seriously affects our ability to stay current with our obligations, without having to access the credit line at our bank. The reason why we do not want to access that credit line is that the interest rates are prohibitive.

Please, look at your records and, if you are behind in your pledge, consider bringing it up to date as soon as possible. If we cannot get current soon, some critical decisions will have to be made in the operations of Good Shepherd. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

- Mark Dunlap

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church								
Financial Highlights								
As of June 30, 2011								
Category	YTD				Month of Jun 2011			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance
Plate Income	\$ 17,243	\$ 12,451	\$ (4,792)	-27.79%	\$ 3,258	\$ 1,923	\$ (1,335)	-40.98%
Pledge Income	225,219	209,858	(15,361)	-6.82%	30,353	30,818	465	1.53%
Pre-paid pledges	-	-	-		-	-	-	n/a
Fundraising Income	-	-	-		-	(39,145)	(39,145)	
Grocery Certif. Sales/Other	7,570	6,147	(1,423)	-18.80%	1,261	420	(841)	-66.69%
Investment Income	150	107	(43)	-28.67%	25	-	(25)	-100.00%
Total Income	\$ 250,182	\$ 228,563	\$ (21,619)	-8.64%	\$ 34,897	\$ (5,984)	\$ (40,881)	-117.15%
Salaries	\$ 113,050	\$ 113,258	\$ (208)	-0.18%	\$ 18,842	\$ 17,396	\$ 1,446	7.67%
Benefits	43,390	42,334	1,056	2.43%	6,981	6,898	83	1.19%
Administrative	17,925	20,196	(2,271)	-12.67%	3,004	1,572	1,432	47.67%
Building/Grounds	15,321	17,908	(2,587)	-16.89%	2,956	4,035	(1,079)	-36.50%
Mortgage Interest	21,375	23,647	(2,272)	-10.63%	3,563	3,881	(318)	-8.93%
Other Expenses	22,417	20,916	1,501	6.70%	3,742	2,337	1,405	37.55%
Total Expenses	\$ 233,478	\$ 238,259	\$ (4,781)	-2.05%	\$ 39,087	\$ 36,119	\$ 2,968	7.59%
Net Income	\$ 16,704	\$ (9,696)	\$ (26,400)	-158.05%	\$ (4,190)	\$ (42,103)	\$ (37,913)	-904.84%

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It's that easy.

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August 2011

Monthly Planner

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