

January 27, 2008

New to St. Mary's? Welcome—we're blessed by your presence with us today. If you want to learn more about us, you'll find information to take home to read at your leisure inside the front door or on our website. Or sign up for a member visit or our newsletter, using one of the forms in the offering plate. Or just ask any of us...our church is unique, and we love to talk about it!

An **Ash Wednesday** service, with Eucharist and the imposition of ashes, will be held Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 P.M.

Pat is forming an Ely **Preacher's Group**. First meeting will be Wednesday, January 30, from 6:30-8:30 at the church, at which time preferred meeting times will be reviewed. Everyone interested in giving sermons during worship is encouraged to come...attending the group will eventually lead to Diocesan licensure. Also a great way to improve your public speaking skills! Feel free to invite friends from other churches who you think would like to learn or brush-up on the art of giving a good sermon.

Our next **Adult Education** meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, after worship. Topic and meeting location to be announced. All are encouraged to attend.

Help is needed to bake bars for and serve at the **Lenten Supper**, sponsored jointly by our church and Ely Presbyterian and held at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, February 14. The first Lenten Supper will be Thursday, February 7 at Grace Lutheran Church. The suppers are held from 5:30-6:30 and include a meal followed by a short worship service. Please let Gail know if you can help.

A **retreat** will be held at the house on February 8-10, entitled "Women, Water and the Winter". It is a midwinter reflection time for women. Leaders are the Rev. Margaret Thomas and the Rev Helen Hanten. Cost is \$60 per person, meals not included. If you wish to attend or for more information, contact Helen Hanten: phone (218-728-2000) or send an e-mail to mbec@env-steward.com

The next **team meeting** will be held on February 10, following adult education. Meeting location to be announced.

EFM (Education for Ministry) meets on Tuesdays, 9-11 at the Front Porch.

The February 6 meeting of the **Adult Forum** has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 30, noon at 1st Pres, for a discussion of *Mother Theresa: Come Be My Light*. Call David Kess (3928) for more information. Cheat sheets, with quotes from the book and comments from David, are available at the church. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

The next **Bishop's Committee** meeting will be held on February 27 at the Mary Brown Environmental Center in Ely, beginning at 6:30. Everyone interested in the business of the church is invited to attend.

Worship Leaders January/February 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
January 27	Mary	Peter	Sue
February 3	Dick	Mary	Julie
February 10	Will	Julie	Mary
February 17	Gail	Sue Spencer	Julie
February 24	Carol	Dick	Gail

PLEASE NOTE!

If you are unable to attend the service for which you have a responsibility, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

If you have any **announcements, news, reports, good web links, or other items of interest** to the church community that you would like to include in this bulletin, please e-mail or call them in to Mary-- groenima@hotmail.com or 365-3364.