

## February 3, 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.

Order forms are again available for those interested in placing an order for **Equal Exchange** coffee, teas, chocolates, or nuts. Please turn your order in by Sunday, February 17.

The first Lenten activity for families—**Preparing for Easter: Cool Stuff for Lent**-- will be held on Sunday February 17. Brunch and sledding will follow worship, with activities from 12-1:30. All are welcome—invite your friends!

The newly formed **Preacher's Group** will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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!

Our next **Adult Education** meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, following a potluck after worship. The topic is Anglicanism: Sacramental and Incarnational Theology. All are encouraged to attend; kids can sled or watch movies in the back room.

The first **Lenten Supper** will be Thursday, February 7 at Grace Lutheran Church. 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 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.

The next **team meeting** will be held on February 10, following adult education. All total ministry team members should attend.

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](mailto:mbec@env-steward.com)

**EFM** meets on Tuesdays, 9-11 at the Front Porch.

The next meeting will of the **Adult Forum** be on Wednesday, February 20, 12-1 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 in invited to attend.

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](mailto:groenima@hotmail.com) or 365-3364.

### Worship Leaders January/February 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
February 3	Dick	Sue S.	Mary
February 10	Will	Julie	Julie
February 17	Gail	Mary	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!