

April 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!

Going on vacation? Please let Gail know if there are any Sundays in the next few months when you know you will not be in church. This information will be posted on the on-line calendar to help with planning church events, lector assignment, meetings dates, etc.

There is one package of **Equal Exchange coffee** left for sale in the kitchen. Please pay Eunice.

Please **return** your **Heifer Fund**, donations. We need to raise \$160 more to buy our goal of four sheep. Offering envelopes and Heifer Fund gift cards are available on the side table by the front door.

The **Preacher's Group** will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 14 at the MaryBrown Environmental Center. Newcomers welcome—see Pat for more information.

Our next **Adult Education** meeting is Sunday, May 11, following a potluck after worship. Next month's discussion leader will be our Canon Missioner, the Rev. Sandi Holmberg, who will address our questions about the total ministry process. All are encouraged to attend; kids can play outside or watch movies in the back room.

The next **team meeting** will be held on May 11, following adult education. All total ministry team members should attend.

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

GEAR UP! Help us gather gear for low-income children to take to summer camp. Even with a scholarship for the cost of camp, children living in

poverty are still unable to afford the necessary things on their camping supplies list. You can help us fill their needs by gathering the following: Backpacks; Sleeping bags; Water bottles; Toothbrushes; Swimsuits; Sunscreen; Bug repellent; Flashlights Beach towels; Hats Disposable cameras; Stationery; post cards & stamps.

If you would like a copy of the reports from this year's **Annual Meeting**, including this year's budget and the pastor's review of the past year, please ask Gail.

The next meeting will of the **Adult Forum** be on Wednesday, May 7, 12-1 at 1st Pres. Call David Kess (3928) for more information. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

The next **Bishop's Committee** meeting will be held on May 28 at the Mary Brown Environmental Center in Ely, beginning at 7:00. Everyone interested in the business of the church in invited to attend.

**Worship Leaders
May/June 2008**

Date	Lector	Prayers of the People	Children's Chapel
May 4	Peter	Sue S.	Julie
May 11	Will	Will	Mary
May 18	Mary	Mary	Gail
May 25	Dick	Dick	Sue
June 1	Sue	Eunice	
June 8	Carol	Julie	
June 15	Gail	Peter	
June 22	Eunice	Pam	
June 29 (MP)	Pam	Carol	

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.