

May 11, 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!

The **Education for Ministry (EFM)** group is looking for new members to join us in the fall. EFM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. We meet once a week for two hours in a seminar under the guidance of our trained mentors, Eunice and Pat. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year. Please talk to Pat or any of the current members of the group if you would like to know more about the program, or pick up a brochure by the front door.

Our next **Adult Education** meeting is today, following a potluck after worship. The 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.

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

The next event at the Mary Brown Environmental Center will be a **Men's Retreat: Canoe and Fish Weekend** from May 30 to June 1. Join experienced BWCA fisherman Roger Weaver for a great day of canoeing and fishing near Ely. Gather by the fire Friday evening and sleep at MBEC. Head for the water early Saturday morning and paddle and fish most of the day. Back at MBEC for supper (hopefully fish) and an evening of tall tales. Those who must can return home Saturday evening. You may arrive any time between 5:00 and 11:00 PM Friday, as your schedule permits. Supper is served from 6:30 to 8:00. Dessert from 8:00 until whenever. Leaders: the Rev Roger Weaver and the Rev Tom Harries. Cost: \$60 per person, meals not included. If you

wish to participate, please send an e-mail to mbec@env-steward.com or call the Rev Helen Hanten (218-728-2000)

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 Mary Brown Environmental Center. Newcomers welcome—see Pat for more information.

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 21, 12-1 at 1st Pres. The group will be discussing the book *Lies my Teacher Told Me*. Call David Kess (3928) for more information. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

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

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.

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 is invited to attend.

**Worship Leaders
May/June 2008**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
May 4	Peter	Sue S.	Julie
May 11	Will	Will	Mary
May 18	Mary	Mary	Sue(?)
May 25	Dick	Dick	Gail
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.