

June 15, 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!

ST. MARY'S GIFTS EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES. On Wednesday, May 21, St. Mary's delivered our contribution to the Episcopal Community Services group in Minneapolis lots and lots of stuff for their "Gear Up" project. Sleeping bags, camping gear, blankets were just a few of the items that were most appreciated and which will help young people in need enjoy their camping experience. Our thank to all who contributed to this collection.

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.

The **Minnesota Environmental Stewardship Committee** met at the Mary Brown Environmental Center Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14.

The **Preacher's Group** meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 18 at the Mary Brown Environmental Center. Newcomers welcome—see Pat for more information.

The next meeting will of the **Adult Forum** be on Wednesday, June 25 , 12-1 at 1st Pres. We will talk about The ZooKeepers Wife and Talk to the Hand. Copies of notes and quotes will be emailed in a few days before the discussion and copies will also be available at the meeting. However, please bring your own thoughts to share if possible. If the book didn't "grab" you or you didn't get one, please still feel welcome to join in one of our spirited discussions! Call David Kess (365-3928) for more information. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

Our next **Adult Education** meeting will be held on July 8, following a potluck after worship All are encouraged to attend.

The next **Bishop's Committee** meeting will be held on June 25 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			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
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!

The next **team meeting** will be held on July 8, 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.