

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!

Archdeacon's Disaster Relief Appeal Fund: Our friends in Hugo, Austin, Preston and other local communities have suffered as a result of recent severe weather and flooding. **The Ven. Irma Wyman**, Archdeacon of the MN Diocese, has issued a call for special relief contributions and will be matching these gifts \$1 for every \$4 given. Anyone wishing to donate funds to support this cause are welcome to do so. Checks should be made payable to Diocese of Minnesota and mailed to the Episcopal Center Attn: Relief Fund; 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 201; Minneapolis, MN 55403.

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.

A **Youth Group** from **St. Paul's in Duluth** will be at the Mary Brown Environmental Center the week-end of July 10 – July 13.

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, July 16 at St. Paul's in Virginia. Newcomers welcome—see Pat for more information.

The next meeting will of the **Adult Forum** be on Wednesday, July 16, 12-1 at the First Presbyterian Church. We will complete our discussion on The ZooKeepers Wife. 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. We will meet again on the first Wednesday in August...August 6. Call David Kess (365-3928) for more information. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

Our next **Adult Education** meeting will be held on July 13, following a potluck after worship. All are encouraged to attend.

The next **Bishop's Committee** meeting will be held on July 23 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			
July 2008			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
July 6, 2008	Peter	Pam	

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 13, 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.