

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!

SURVEY SAYS...Word has reached us that everyone in the diocese will be asked to complete a survey put together by the Bishop Search Committee to express their thoughts regarding the attributes vital in order to make the selection of worthy candidates for our new Bishop. Surveys must be completed by August 20 and will be found on line. We will advise you of the link when it is received or copies will be available here. Let your voice be heard. Plan to complete the survey and send it in well in advance of the due date..

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 **Preacher's Group** meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 17 at MBEC in Ely. Newcomers welcome—see Pat for more information.

The next meeting will of the **Adult Forum** be on Wednesday, August 6, 12-1 at the First Presbyterian Church. We will be discussing **East This Bread** by Sarah Miles. This is a "WHOA" and a "WOW" says David Kess. It may change the way you think about a number of things. Copies of notes and quotes will be

emailed in a few days before the discussion and copies will also be available at the meeting. Call David Kess (365-3928) for more information. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome!

Our next **Adult Education** meeting will be held on August 10, 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/August 2008**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Children's Chapel</u>
July 20, 2008	Sue Spencer	Gail	
July 27, 2008 (Morning Prayer)	Pam	Sue Spencer	
August 3	Julie	Eunice	
August 10	Carol	Julie	

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 August 10, 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.