

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... Everyone in the diocese has been 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 can be found on line. The link is as follows:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?mn=vZdFU7b3yvA7Zyr4cl1sQ_3d_3d. Or go to episcopalmn.org. Click on **IX Bishop Search** on the right hand side of the page. This will take you to the link to the survey. Copies are available here for those with no internet capability. Let your voice be heard. Plan to complete the survey electronically or send it in to the Diocese office 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. We meet once a week for two hours in a seminar under the guidance of our trained mentors, Eunice and Pat. 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 first EFM session is scheduled for **Thursday, September 11** at 9:00am at the Front Porch.

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 of the **Adult Forum** will be on Wednesday, August 6, 12-1 at the First Presbyterian Church. We will be

discussing **Eat 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 August 27 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 | | | |
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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Prayers of the People</u> | <u>Children's Chapel</u> |
| August 3 | Julie | Eunice | |
| August 10 | Carol | Julie | |
| August 17 | Mary | Julie | |
| August 24 | Gail | Sue Smith | |
| August 31 | Mary | Carol | |
| (Morning Prayer led by Gail) | | | |
|) 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.