

October 5, 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!

SOLES for SOULS: Our collection period is over and boy do we have a load of shoes to deliver! Many thanks to all who contributed. We made the diocese Weekly News and have had many remark on how wonderful it was to hear about our community's response. Go Ely! Go St. Mary's!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place at St. Mary's next Sunday, October 12. Invite your friends! Come one. Come all.

CELEBRATE! The St. Mary's Hospice – East Range team will be holding a celebration service on Tuesday, October 14 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Ely for those loved ones we have lost in the past year. John Pierce will be one remembered. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

The **Education for Ministry (EFM)** : EFM is in session and will continue on Thursday mornings 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. The next meeting will be **October 15th** at St. Mary's in Ely.

The **Adult Forum's** next session which will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Noon at the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. Stay tuned for more information on the topic of discussion.

Adult Education will meet on October 12, following a potluck after worship. All are encouraged to attend.

The next **Bishop's Committee** meeting will be held on October 22 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
September/October 2008**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Prayers of the People</u> | <u>Children's Chapel</u> |
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| October 5 | Mary | Gail | |
| October 12 | Gail | Pam | |
| October 19 | Peter | Carol | |
| October 26 | Carol | Dick | |

PLEASE NOTE! If you are unable to attend the service for which you have a responsibility, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

The October **team meeting** will be held on October 12. 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.

A Prayer for the search of our next Bishop.

Gracious God, you give light and life to your people. You guide us in pathways of renewal and transformation. Light the way before us now, as we discern and choose the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota. May we find a pastor who will lead us in hope, challenge us to ever greater faithfulness, and equip us with love for mission and ministry in the church and in the world. We pray in thanksgiving for your guiding presence and your grace, in the Name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Devon Anderson/The Rev. Lydia Huttar Brown