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Lectio Divina I am looking for- more

ward to praying with the Lectio Divina group on the first Saturday of the month. This particular spiritual practice has been a part of my life for decades and I have been able to apply the same rhythm to other aspects of daily living. There are a few basics to the practice that might interest you.

If you have been a Christian for any length of time and have read your Bible or even just listened to the readings on Sundays, you know that we read the passages

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more than once in our lifetime. We read the stories over and over again. Through the genius of repetition the Holy texts breathe new life each time, and our changing circumstances reveal new meanings. Lectio Divina or Divine Reading gives us a structure for praying with, and listening to Holy Scripture. It deepens our understanding of the text and, more importantly draws the

seeker into relationship with God. Basically, we read a short passage several times with silence in between. At each reading we engage the Scripture with a different purpose and at a different level.



Special points of interest:

- Canon Douglas
- Introducing the Rev. Sarah A. Berlin
- More Park Wedding Pictures
- Movie Night
- Bread Baking
- EDSE Calendar

Lectio Divina, continued

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The structure is very simple. We read a selection four times followed by two minutes of silence. We engage the passage differently each time using the tradition of, *Read, Reflect, Respond* and Rest. After the fourth reading a longer period of silence, up to twenty minutes, moves us into that blessed place of simply enjoying God's presence. Here's an example you might want to try using Matthew 11:28-30:

"Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"

Read: Read the passage for information. In the two minutes of silence simply notice a word or short phrase that stuck in your mind.

B *Reflect*: Go a little deeper and read the passage for emotion. In the silence that follows consider how the passage makes you feel.

Respond: Go deeper yet and read the passage for a message. In the silence that follows consider: What is the *invitation* you hear from Christ? As you respond to a passage, you truly begin to draw nearer to Christ. Remember, this is *praying* with Scripture.

Rest: Go deeper yet and try to read the passage with your heart. In the longer silence that follows let go of the words, feelings, invitations and reflections. This is entering into the prayer of contemplation and opening up to the language of God, silence. Give God a turn to speak to the heart. Simply rest in adoration and peace.

So come and see, all are welcome Saturday, August 3rd, 9:00 am in the Church.



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Bread Bakers & Canon Douglas

Bread Baking for Communion

Thank you to Georgine McCarthy .for reviving this wonderful ministry!

Please contact her at <u>gmccarthy0982@comcast.net</u>

to sign up!

Schedule changed to baking for a month, rather than for a week or two at a time—much, much more efficient and less time-consuming!!!



On Sunday, August 4, 2013, the Church of the Transfiguration – Episcopal will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration at the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist Service. The service will serve to remember and honor the legacy of Canon Charles Winfred Douglas on this anniversary of his ordination on the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1899. All are welcome to come celebrate this wonderful man.

Following the service, appetizers and tours of the buildings will be

provided. The Hiwan Homestead Museum will also be open on this day from 11:00 to 5:00.

We will have nametags in the back of the church so that we can show our pride in being a part of this wonderful congregation!

Please bring an appetizer to show the community what good cooks we Episcopalians are!



Dear Parish Family,

During the annual meeting in January, a Parish Vision Statement was provided for all members of thechurch. As part of the discernment process for Father Mark, we vowed to take all congregants' survey results, comments, questions, desires and needs into account in order to form an updated Parish Vision Statement.

Attached you will find this updated Parish Vision Statement, which was provided to Father Mark for his own discernment.

The Vestry is continuing their discernment using this vision statement Please contact a Vestry member with any questions or comments.

Church of the Transfiguration Parish Vision

The Church of the Transfiguration is keeping alive the ever changing nature of the congregation. Yet, in the midst of these changes, core traditions and values remain. It is with enthusiasm and excitement that we document our vision for the future and plot a path for the discernment of our congregation and Priest in Charge in pursuit of that vision.

Vibrant Programs

Transfiguration is blessed with many willing congregants that participate in a number of vibrant programs. Many of these have transcended multiple church administrations and rectors. Further, some like Lessons and Carols have transcended our congregational bounds and has become a community tradition. Further, we have parishioners who due to personal passions, create a mission of their own who we are able to support and add resources. Transfiguration also hosts a day school that is the class program in the area. At times, up to 75 families not associated with Transfiguration trust their kids with us during the week. The following is a summary of our most vibrant programs currently:

Traditional Worship Services weekly 8:00 & 10:15 Christmas Eve Easter and full Lenten services Episcopal Day School of Evergreen Music Program including Lessons and Carols Choir Program Music Concerts for the community EChO on our Property Support for the Colorado Haiti Project Altar Guild Bell Tower Legacy Society Daughters of the King Active Property Committee

Low cost rental properties Support for Alternative Gift Fair Feast and Fellowship Book Club Godly Play Sunday School and Adult classes Support of AA on our campus Prayer Chain Support of Friendship Bridge Start Talking Stop Suicide Program Community Haunted House Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Love and Logic classes for EDSE Parents

Areas of Focus for Improvement

While we are very blessed with our vibrant programs, we are not satisfied that we have optimized our relationship with the community as a whole and there are areas that need work to build. We have lost many young families over the years because of migrations to nontraditional worship styles, decisions made by our Episcopal Church Leadership, and frankly negativity around changes within the church. We haven't been able to reach out on a religious level and provide that for our Day School families and we need to work on that.

Further, there are other areas that our current Vestry has targeted for improvement in the coming year:

Relationship with EDSE families Sunday School (need more kids) Additional fellowship opportunities A better performing wedding business Continue to upgrade and maintain our extensive property Added community exposure Analyze Outreach Missions Do we have enough? Are we supporting the ones we do have enough? Stabilizing and growing the congregation Building interest in Vestry participation Refine our Vestry structure Have regular and more predictable office hours

Vision

Transfiguration will be a community fixture for the next 100 years building on its first 100 years. We will continue to provide traditional Episcopalian worship opportunities along with strong community service. We will have to nurture both human and capital resources in order to achieve this. The Vestry will be the entity to provide this ongoing vision and to employ the Leadership that is commensurate with our vision.

This Vestry will be structured in such manner as to promote oversight and involvement. Each member will have operational oversight responsibilities to make sure programs and groups are supporting the higher mission. Further, the Vestry will employ sound financial oversight of the income and expenses. We will certainly comply with Federal, State and local laws as well as Diocesan guidelines. We will operate in an open and transparent manner with multiple channels of communication to reach the widest audience.

We will be a comfortable and hospitable place of worship and mission where relationships are built for the long term. We will do this by hiring exceptionally qualified staff given our resources, providing excellent programs, making a spiritual connection with congregants and guests, encouraging servant hood to Church and to fellow man by working with our outreach missions, empowering passionate congregants to create new ministries, providing capital and human support to our missions, and operating in a mode of continuous improvement to consistently meet the needs of our community.

Proposed Qualifications for a Parish Rector

Given our vision for the future and our desire to have excellent leadership over excellent programs, and our statement that an excellent staff goes hand in hand in achieving that vision, we would expect that a Rector with the following traits will be paramount in turning this vision into reality:

A rector who can be an integral member of our family.

One who strives to make our lives and our church closer to what Jesus would have us be.

An excellent preacher who can make the gospel relevant to our lives.

A warm, caring rector who can be a healing force in a somewhat divided parish.

An energetic and enthusiastic person who can eventually restore us to vibrancy and growth.

Someone who will reach out to those in need in our community, the country and the world.

A rector who has a love for the traditions of the evangelical aspects of spiritual life with a continued emphasis on developing diverse aspects of worship with a willingness to minister to small groups.

Be an effective, powerful, compelling preacher.

A rector that supports and guides members of the congregation in our spiritual growth and development, bringing us closer to Christ by example, teaching and preaching.

Articulate a vision in conjunction with the vestry for the church and provide leadership in implementing that vision.

Build and strengthen a sense of community and fellowship among the congregation; bringing about a healing of the past, the divisions between worship styles, the divisions between traditionalists and those more contemporary or evangelical.

Be there for the congregation, be a friend and a shoulder to cry on. Visit the sick, shut-ins and bereaved.

Provide pastoral counseling. Nurture the congregation so that they can grow within a community of faith.

Be a good administrator, organizer, manager. (Good at hiring, managing and delegating.)

Work in cooperation with laity in the planning and leadership of church programs and events. Be a team player, empowering and encouraging lay leadership and ministries.

Love the Episcopal traditions of worship, liturgy and music.

Live life in a continual interactive relationship with God

Support the youth of this congregation and those who have not yet discovered Christ in their everyday lives.

Reach out to the unchurched as a way to bring more people to Christ and make our church a growing, vibrant place of worship, spirituality and community.

Develop and support Christian education programs for children, youth and adults (such as Sunday school, pre-K school, etc.). Be a teacher who can help people of all ages understand and live the Christian faith.

Actively and visibly support the church's stewardship program.

Make pastoral visits to members' homes.

A rector who can lead us where we need to go, communicate effectively why we need to go there, and be patient enough to take us along with small steps.

Outline for the future

The future is bright for Transfiguration. We are at a critical juncture at this moment and just like in past decades, we will move through this phase with improvement and a new, crisp and modernized plan. We are blessed to have many strong vibrant programs run by passionate people. We look to empower these groups and build on their strength. We recognize that we have areas that need attention and we are formulating plans and people to address them. We will also continue to look to our congregation to involve others in our improvement areas. We will continue to look for ways to improve the processes and procedures of our staff. We will solidify our long term strategy for a Priest and we look forward to that stability. These along with strong focus on our long term vision will allow Transfiguration to meet the needs of our community for the next 100 years. We look forward to being there for a significant part of that ride.

4TH ANNUAL DAM DUCKY DERBY

Main Street Downtown

DATE: Saturday, August 3, 2013-11:00 AM www.downtownevergreen.com

The Evergreen Downtown Business Association will host the 4th Annual Dam Ducky Derby Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 11am - 3pm. The ever exciting duck drop takes place at 1pm. Join us for an entire

day of family fun in Downtown Evergreen with carnival games, live music, a bouncy house, fabulous face painters, yummy food and beverages. Plenty of prizes for winning ducks including cash prizes for the first 3 ducks in! Purchase your lucky duck here or at various merchants downtown like Seasonally Yours, Evergreen Crafters and Twigs. Duck prices are \$5 for 1 duck, \$25 for a Six Quack, \$60 for a Quack Pack of 15 or go Totally Quackers and get 25 ducks for \$100.

A portion of proceeds benefit local childrens charities: Mt. Evans Hospice Camp Comfort, Bootstraps Scholorships, Evergreen Parks and Recreation Special Needs Program and Jefferson County Public Library Evergreen childrens summer reading program







THE GOOD NEWS

SOUP'S ON, EChO Stone Soup



Soup Ministry

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are in the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.

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Help make lunch for the community......COT will be making lunch meals for EChO on <u>August 18th</u>. These lunches are served throughout the week to EChO clients when they come in. We need volunteers to help in the preparation and purchase of ingredients (see below) or to donate for costs for this worthy cause.

Please contact Stephanie Park if willing to help! 303-564-0210

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Ham Salad for Sandwiches

- 12-1/2 cups ground fully cooked ham
- 8-1/4 hard cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup and 1 teaspoon finely chopped celery
- 1/3 cup and 1 teaspoon sweet pickle relish
- 2 tablespoons and 2-1/4 teaspoons finely chopped onion
- 4 cups and 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup and 1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard

Mix ham, eggs, celery, pickle relish, and onion together in a bowl. Combine mayonnaise and mustard together in a separate bowl; pour over ham mixture. Stir to coat. Refrigerate until serving time.



Movie Night, The Rev. Sarah A. Berlin

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The Rev. Sarah A. Berlin

The On my first Sunday here I gave you a very brief biography. For those of you who missed that Sunday here's a little sketch of who I am. I was ordained a Deacon in 1987 and priest in 1994. I was on the Staff of St. John's Cathedral for almost sixteen years where I focused on Older Adult Ministry, Pastoral Care The and Prayer and Faith Formation. For many of those years I was the Canon Pastor. Following the Cathedral I served as the Rector of St. John Chrysos-🙀 tom, Golden and later as Interim Rector at St. Joseph Church, Lakewood. Over the years I've conducted retreats and taught Centering Prayer and was Chairperson of Spiritual Direction Colorado for three years. I often assist at St. Philip and St. James Episcopal Church in Denver, where my husband, The Rev. George Berlin is Rector. I've had two books published on the subjects of Pastoral Care and Praver. The most recent book. Contemplative Compassion Pastoral Care and Prayer. The most recent book, Contemplative Compassion: Creating a Culture of Care in Faith Communities, is a guide for groups and individuals to gain practical caring skills along with spiritual renewal. I am here to serve you, care for you, and perhaps share some spiritual resources that will provide some measure of strength. God's loving Grace will sustain us. And remember the words from the Epistle on my first Sunday here: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Gal 6:9 & 10) 5

> Transfiguration Movie Night Enjoy the cinema with friends and family Tuesday, August 6th—7:00 PM Open to the community! BYOB "Get Low" with Bill Murray, Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek

Episcopal Day School of Evergreen ACADEMIC YEAR 2013.2014 CALENDAR AUGUST 20,2013 **TEACHER WORKDAY** TUESDAY 9:00 AM - 12:00 CLASSROOMS AUGUST 21,2013 **TEACHER WORKDAY** WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 12:00 CLASSROOMS AUGUST 22,2013 **OPEN HOUSE** THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AUGUST 26,2013 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2,2013 LABOR DAY MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED **REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE** SEPTEMBER 3,2013 RESUMES THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH **NOVEMBER 28, 2013** SCHOOL CLOSED **DECEMBER 2,2013 REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE** MONDAY RESUMES DECEMBER 23, 2013 THROUGH WINTER BREAK **JANUARY 2,2014** SCHOOL CLOSED **JANUARY 6,2014 REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE** MONDAY RESUMES MARCH 24,2014 THROUGH SPRING BREAK MARCH 27,2014 SCHOOL CLOSED **REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE** MARCH 31,2014 MONDAY RESUMES MAY 26,2014 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED JUNE 2,2014 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL







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The Transfiguration Book Club

Monday, August 26th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

Please contact Kit or Shelley for book club information.

All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group—ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email Shelley Black—Shelley_Black@att.biz

Kit Snyder—snyderkit@hotmail.com



Bring your friends! -- we would like to grow our attendance to include others in the Evergreen community.

July 14, 2013

- Discussed celebration for Canon Douglas on August
 4th
- Discussed bell tower repairs needed and plans for donations during Canon Douglas event
- Discussed Hiland Haven using lot next to Marsh House for parking

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON THEOPEN SESSIONS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS.

The Bishop is Coming......

November 10th

Acolytes, Ushers, Lectors (8 AM),
 Vestry Members, Choir Members,
 SST Leaders, Bread Bakers, Altar
 Guild, Flower Guild, Office Help
 (phone and greeting visitors)
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Prayers

Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark and the Daughters of the King during the 10:15 service on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to come to the front of the church after communion for this special offering. This month the prayers will be on August 25th.

Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is not being held this month. It will resume in September.

Evening Prayer Service

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer services will be August 12th and 26th







Evergreen Christian Outreach

Needs List-August 2013

Small Peanut Butter Hearty Soups Mac & Cheese

Toothpaste Canned Refried Beans Toilet Paper

Chili Canned Chicken Cold Cereal		
Razors	Canned fruit	A A
Laundry Detergent	Tooth Brushes	
Dish Liquid Soap	Canned Mixed Vegetables	
Fruit Cups	Bar Soap	
Whole Grain Pasta	Razors	
Toothbrushes	Canned Ravioli and Spaghettios	

Other Items for St. Raphael's House*

Rugs, Lamps	Home Decor
Pots & Pans	Arts & Crafts Supplies
Adult Clothing Accessories	King & Queen Bedding
Children's Shoes	Blenders, Toasters, Microwaves
Tarps	Summer Clothing for All
Umbrellas	Small Kitchen Appliances

Note: No after hours donations accepted due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.

> Volunteers Always Needed! Call: 303-670-1796 Open Mondays 10-6 Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-4



August 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURS- DAY	FRIDAY	SATUR- DAY
Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's	Meadow Chapel Stewart Lounge			1 9-3 EDSE 7-9 Choir	2	3 8 am AA 9 am Lectio Divina 10-2 Ducky Derby Park- ing
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30–Canon Douglas Tours 3-6 Evergreen Players	5 9-3 EDSE	6 9-3 EDSE 6-9 Evergreen Players 7 pm MOVIE NIGHT	7 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	8 9-3 EDSE	9	10 8 am AA
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -2 WORK DAY 10:15 am Holy Eucharist in the Meadow	12 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Evening Prayer	13 9-3 EDSE 7-9 EChO Board Mtg 6-7 Property Committee	14 9-3 EDSE 6:30 EDSE Board Meeting 7:30 pm AA	15 9-3 EDSE 9-11 EChO	16	17 8 am AA 3-6 Evergreen Players
18 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Cares Team 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	19 5:30 Vestry 6-9 Evergreen Players	20 9-12 EDSE Teach- er Workday 8-4 EChO Work- shop 5:30-9 pm Friend- ship Bridge	21 9-12 EDSE Teacher Work- day 7:30 pm AA	22 10-11 EDSE Open House 9-10:30 EChO	23	24 8 am AA
25 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Cares Team 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	26 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:30 Book Club	27 9-3 EDSE	28 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	29 9-3 EDSE	30	31 8 am AA







Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Stephanie Park(!!!!) with ideas, suggestions and monthly reports for the newsletter. <u>Monthly reports to be sub-</u> <u>mitted **no later than the**</u> **22nd** of each month.

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Have something to add to the newsletter???? Please contact Stephanic (see contact information to the left).

Upcoming ideas for pages: recipe exchange, community coupons, trivia and games

ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!!!