



Nativity of John the Baptist

Our principal sources of information about John the Baptist are

- (1) references to his birth in the first chapter of Luke,
- (2) references to his preaching and his martyrdom in the Gospels, with a few references in Acts, and
- (3) references in Josephus to his preaching and martyrdom, references which are consistent with the New Testament ones, but sufficiently different in the details to make direct borrowing unlikely.

According to the Jewish historian Josephus (who wrote after 70 Ad), John the Baptist was a Jewish preacher in the time of Pontius

Pilate (*Ad 26-36*). He called the people to repentance and to a renewal of their covenant relation with God. He was imprisoned and eventually put to death by Herod Antipas (son of Herod the Great, who was king when Jesus was born) for denouncing Herod's marriage to Herodias, the wife of his still-living brother [Philip](#). In order to marry Herodias, Herod divorced his first wife, the daughter of King Aretas of Damascus, who subsequently made war on Herod, a war which, Josephus tells us, was regarded by devout

Jews as a punishment for Herod's murder of the prophet John.

In the Book of Acts, we find sermons about Jesus which mention His Baptism by John as the beginning of His public ministry (see Acts 10:37; 11:16; 13:24). We also find accounts (see Acts 18:24; 19:3) of devout men in Greece who had received the baptism of John, and who gladly received the full message of the Gospel of Christ when it was told them.

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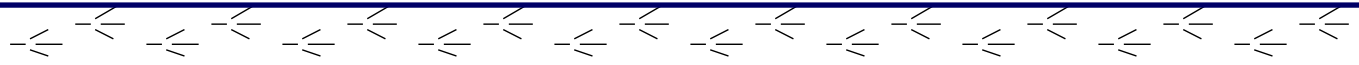
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- *Change Request Form*
- *Evergreen Rodeo*
- *Movie Night*
- *Alpha is coming.....*

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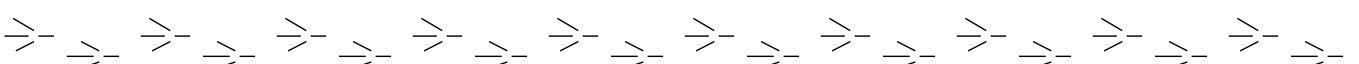
↓ Luke begins his Gospel by describing an aged, devout, childless couple, the priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth. As Zechariah is serving in the Temple, he sees the angel Gabriel, who tells him that he and his wife will have a son who will be a great prophet, and will go before the Lord "like Elijah." (The Jewish tradition had been that Elijah would herald the coming of the Messiah = Christ = Anointed = Chosen of God.) Zechariah went home, and his wife conceived. About six months later, Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, a kinswoman of Elizabeth, and told her that she was about to bear a son who would be called Son of the Most High, a king whose kingdom would never end. Thus Elizabeth gave birth to John, and Mary gave birth six months later to Jesus.

↓ After describing the birth of John, Luke says that he grew, and "was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel." The people of the Qumran settlement, which produced the Dead Sea Scrolls, sometime use the term "living in the wilderness" to refer to residing in their community at Qumran near the Dead Sea. Accordingly, it has been suggested that John spent some of his early years being educated at Qumran.

↓ All of the gospels tell us that John preached and baptized beside the Jordan river, in the wilderness of Judea. He called on his hearers to repent of their sins, be baptized, amend their lives, and prepare for the coming of the Kingship of God. He spoke of one greater than himself who was to come after. Jesus came to be baptized, and John told some of his disciples, "This is the man I spoke of." After His baptism by John, Jesus began to preach, and attracted many followers. In fact, many who had been followers of John left him to follow Jesus. Some of John's followers resented this, but he told them: "This is as it should be. My mission is to proclaim the Christ. The groomsman, the bridegroom's friend, who makes the wedding arrangements for the bridegroom, is not jealous of the bridegroom. No more am I of Jesus. He must increase, and I must decrease." (John 3:22-30)

↓ John continued to preach, reproofing sin and calling on everyone to repent. King Herod Antipas had divorced his wife and taken Herodias, the wife of his (still living) brother [Philip](#). John rebuked him for this, and Herod, under pressure from Herodias, had John arrested, and eventually beheaded. He is remembered on some calendars on the supposed anniversary of his beheading, 29 August.

↓ When John had been in prison for a while, he sent some of his followers to Jesus to ask, "Are you he that is to come, or is there another?" ([Matthew](#) 11:2-14) One way of understanding the question is as follows: "It was revealed to me that you are Israel's promised deliverer, and when I heard this, I rejoiced. I expected you to drive out Herod and the Romans, and rebuild the kingdom of David. But here I sit in prison, and there is no deliverance in sight? Perhaps I am ahead of schedule, and you are going to throw out the Romans next year. Perhaps I have misunderstood, and you have a different mission, and the Romans bit will be done by someone else. Please let me know what is happening."



John the Baptist, continued

Jesus replied by telling the messengers, "Go back to John, and tell him what you have seen, the miracles of healing and other miracles, and say, 'Blessed is he who does not lose faith in me.'"

He then told the crowds: "John is a prophet and more than a prophet. He is the one spoken of in Malachi 3:1, the messenger who comes to prepare the way of the Lord. No man born of woman is greater than John, but the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John."

This has commonly been understood to mean that John represents the climax of the long tradition of Jewish prophets looking forward to the promised deliverance, but that the deliverance itself is a greater thing. John is the climax of the Law. He lives in the wilderness, a life with no frills where food and clothing are concerned. He has renounced the joys of family life, and dedicated himself completely to his mission of preaching, of calling people to an observance of the law, to ordinary standards of virtue. In terms of natural goodness, no one is better than John. But he represents Law, not Grace. Among men born of woman, among the once-born, he has no superior. But anyone who has been born anew in the kingdom of God has something better than what John symbolizes. (Note that to say that John symbolizes something short of the Kingdom is not to say that John is himself excluded from the Kingdom.)

Traditionally, the Birth of Jesus is celebrated on 25 December. That means that the Birth of John is celebrated six months earlier on 24 June. The appearance of Gabriel to Mary, being assumed to be nine months before the birth of Jesus, is celebrated on 25 March and called the Annunciation, and the appearance of Gabriel to Zechariah in the Temple is celebrated by the East Orthodox on 23 September. At least for Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, these dates embody a rich symbolism. (Note: Listmembers living in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, southern South America, or elsewhere in the Southern Hemisphere, press your delete keys Now!) John is the last voice of the Old Covenant, the close of the Age of Law. Jesus is the first voice of the New Covenant, the beginning of the Age of Grace. Accordingly, John is born to an elderly, barren woman, born when it is really too late for her to be having a child, while Jesus is born to a young virgin, born when it is really too early for her to be having a child. John is announced (and conceived) at the autumnal equinox, when the leaves are dying and falling from the trees. Jesus is announced (and conceived) at the vernal equinox, when the green buds are bursting forth on the trees and there are signs of new life everywhere. John is born when the days are longest, and from his birth on they grow steadily shorter. Jesus is born when the days are shortest, and from his birth on they grow steadily longer. John speaks truly when he says of Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease."



(Of course, it is to be noted that none of this symbolism proves anything, since the Scriptures do not tell us that Jesus was born on 25 December. The symbolism of the dates is used by Christians, not as evidence, but as material for the devout imagination.)

Check This Out!!!

JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY CLASS LED BY FR. MARK USING FREDERICK BUECHNER'S BOOK "WISHFUL THINKING: A THEOLOGICAL ABC". THE CLASS IS HELD IN STEWART LOUNGE (IN ST. MARK'S) BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 9:00 TO 10:00.



Lectio Divina will be held on June 1st at 9 AM




Summer Services in the Meadow
10:15
2nd Sunday of each month
Cookout for all to follow at 11:30
June 8th starts the season!



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Summer Office Hours
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Tuesday 10-5
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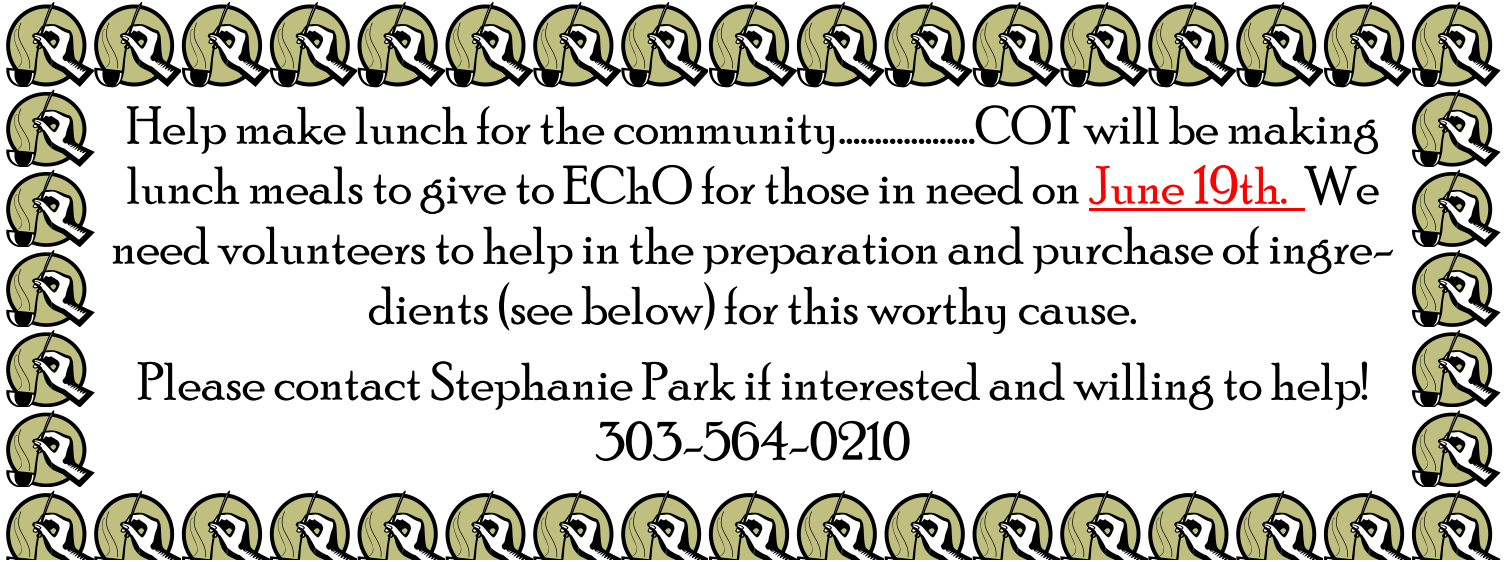

2013 Vestry
Co- Senior Wardens: David
Black & Randy Reznik
Junior Warden: Stephanie Park
Michael Coriden
Mary Hatfield
Treasurer—NEEDED
Vestry Clerk—NEEDED
Members—NEEDED

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.



Help make lunch for the community.....COT will be making lunch meals to give to EChO for those in need on June 19th. We need volunteers to help in the preparation and purchase of ingredients (see below) for this worthy cause.

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

Parmesan Chicken Salad for Sandwiches

- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons snipped fresh basil
- 2 1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken or turkey
- 1/4c up grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped celery
- Salt and ground black pepper



For dressing:

1. In a small bowl, stir together mayonnaise, lemon juice and basil. Set aside.

For salad:

2. In a medium bowl, combine chicken, Parmesan cheese, green onions and celery. Pour dressing over chicken mixture; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and ground black pepper.



Be a part of the Transfiguration parade float!!!

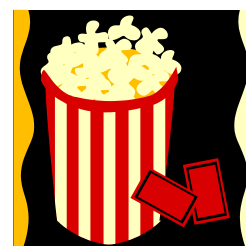
Transfiguration Movie Night

Enjoy the cinema with friends and family

Beginning Tuesday, July 2nd

Open to the community!

More details to follow



The Transfiguration Book Club

Monday, June 20th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

The June Book is: *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway

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

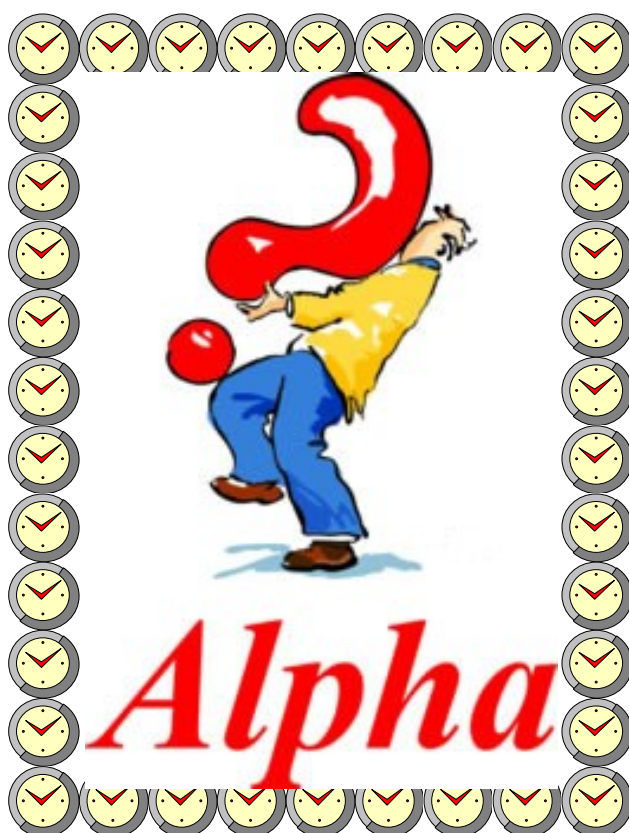
If you have question or concerns, email

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





May 20, 2013

- Approved installation of 2 handicap parking spaces at front of church*
- Property Committee approved Change Request Form*

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

Change Request Form:

In order to provide unity and partnership in our shared spaces, the Property Committee has established a procedure to be followed for any permanent or semi-permanent changes or updates to the church buildings and property. Some examples of these changes and updates include addition/removal of artwork, furniture, equipment such as office filing cabinets and shelving, and changes to lighting and design layout. On the next page you will find the Change Request Form, which will be available in the church office. This form is to be filled out and turned into the office or a member of the Property Committee. The request and recommendations will be evaluated and voted on. The purpose of this form and policy is to work together in partnership and commitment to keep the church a part of all of us, with our shared spaces a home to all.

Thank you!

Church of the Transfiguration - Change Request Form

SUBMITTER - GENERAL INFORMATION				
Submitter Name				
Brief Description of Request				
Date Submitted				
Date Decision Required				
Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
Reason for Change				
Ministries Impacted				
Assumptions and Notes				
Attachments or References	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Link:			

INITIAL ANALYSIS	
Hour Impact	
Duration Impact	
Congregation Impact	
Comments	
Recommendations	

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - DECISION				
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> More Info
Decision Date				
Decision Explanation				
Conditions				

Announcements

BE A PART OF THE TRANSFIGURATION RODEO FLOAT IN THE EVERGREEN RODEO PARADE!!!



WE WILL BE WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY TO OUR BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS AFTER THE PARADE FOR FOOD AND AMENITIES.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO WALK, DECORATE, GREET, HELP FUND AND/OR OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO SPREAD OUR LOVE AND GRACE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY!



!!!Needed!!!

Acolytes, Ushers, Lectors, Readers, Vestry Members, Choir Members, SST Leaders, Bread Bakers, Altar Guild

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 June 30th.

Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered on **WEDNESDAY** mornings at 8:30 AM in the church. The Daughters and Friends of the Episcopal Day School extend an invitation to all to attend this wonderful service. Please feel free to walk the Labyrinth after.

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 June 10th and 24th.



FOOD BANK



Evergreen Christian Outreach

Needs List-June 2013

Small Peanut Butter

Toothpaste

Hearty Soups

Canned Refried Beans

Mac & Cheese

Toilet Paper

Chili

Canned Chicken Cold Cereal

Razors

Canned fruit

Laundry Detergent

Tooth Brushes

Dish Liquid Soap

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Fruit Cups

Bar Soap

Whole Grain Pasta

Razors

Toothbrushes

Canned Ravioli and Spaghetios



Other Items for St. Raphael's House*

Rugs, Lamps

Telephones

Pots & Pans

Pajamas for All

Adult Clothing Accessories

King & Queen Bedding

Children's Shoes

Blenders, Toasters, Microwaves

Tarps

Summer Clothing for All

Umbrellas

Rain Ponchos

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

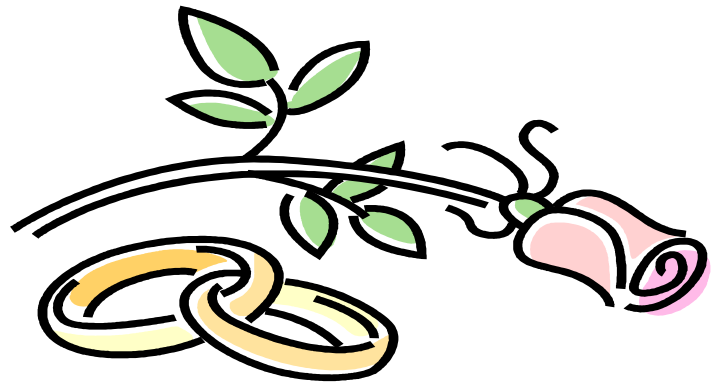
Open Mondays 10-6

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-4

Celebrate!!!

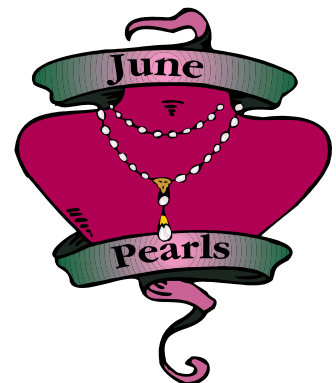
June Birthdays

Lauren Page	June 1
Susie Williams	June 1
Michael Coriden	June 3
Janet Reznik	June 4
Alarie Reznik	June 5
Mattie Eades	June 11
Shannon Coriden	June 19
Ray Crist	June 19
Taylor Cusack	June 20
Frank Leitz	June 21
Joyce Wickholm	June 29

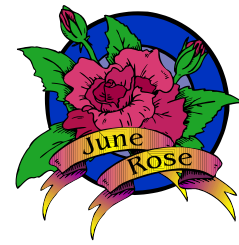


June Anniversaries

Morris Burnham and Donna Kautzman	June 9
Neil and Sandra Walden	June 11
Larry and Dixie Kilborn	June 16
Chris and Sue Blakeslee	June 17



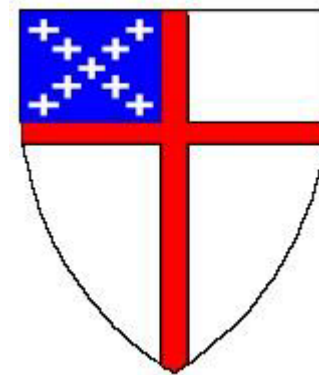
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Church</i></p> <p><i>Douglas Hall</i></p> <p><i>St. Mark's</i></p>	<p><i>Meadow</i></p> <p><i>Chapel</i></p> <p><i>Stewart Lounge</i></p>					<p>1 8 am <i>AA</i></p> <p>9 am <i>Lectio Divina</i></p> <p>3—<i>Harris—Park Wedding</i></p>
<p>2 8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>1:30-6 <i>Recital</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>9-3 <i>EDSE</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-3 <i>EDSE</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>9-3 <i>EDSE</i></p> <p>1-3 <i>Evergreen Interfaith</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>AA</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>9-3 <i>EDSE</i></p> <p>7 pm <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8 am <i>AA</i></p>
<p>9 8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist in the Meadow</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 <i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>6-10 <i>EChO Board Mtg</i></p> <p>6-7 <i>Property Committee</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>AA</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>8-4 <i>EChO Workshop</i></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 am <i>AA</i></p> <p>6-3 <i>Parade & Community Cookout—Parking Lot</i></p>
<p>16</p> <p>8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 <i>Vestry</i></p> <p>6:30 <i>Book Club</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>8-4:30 <i>EChO</i></p> <p>6-10 pm <i>Friendship Bridge</i></p>	<p>19 8:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i></p> <p>2-4 <i>At Home in Evergreen</i></p> <p>7:30 pm <i>AA</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-10:30 <i>EChO</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8 am <i>AA</i></p> <p><i>Poker Run for El Salvador Fundraiser—Parking Lot</i></p>
<p>23</p> <p>8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 <i>Evening Prayer</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p>9 -10 <i>Theological Inquiry</i></p> <p>10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist w/ Healing Prayers</i></p>						

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Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Stephanie Park(!!!!) with ideas, suggestions and monthly reports for the newsletter. Monthly reports to be submitted no later than the 22nd of each month.

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**Have something to add to the newsletter?!?!
Please contact Stephanie (see contact information to the left).**

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

**ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED!!!**