



**Church of the  
Transfiguration**  
The Episcopal Church in Evergreen

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The Good News, January 2017

The Parish Office is open weekdays from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Ministry Schedule

### Sunday Holy Eucharist

In the Sanctuary  
8:00 am & 10:15 am (with Choir)

### Evening Prayer

In the Chapel  
2nd & 4th Monday @ 5:30 pm

### Children's Chapel

In the Sanctuary  
Every Thursday, 3:00 pm

### Lectio Divina

In the Sanctuary  
First Saturday, 9:30 am

### Anointing & Healing

In the Sanctuary  
Last Sunday, 10:15 am Eucharist

### Centering Prayer

In the Chapel  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 am  
Mary Haave - mhaave74@gmail.com  
Maria Rosa Galter  
maria.rosa.9823@hotmail.com

### Bible Study

At St. Raphael's House  
Resumes in February  
Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Robin Tems-robin.tems@yahoo.com

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

♥ Hands to Heart  
At St. Raphael's House  
First Wednesday, 1:00 pm  
Georgine McCarthy  
gmccarthy0982@comcast.net

## A Message from the Rector

Theologian and Franciscan priest, Fr. Richard Rohr compares the Gospel about a woman who is hiding ordinary yeast in the bread dough, to Jesus as a newborn, being hidden in an ordinary manger. The angel appeared to the ordinary shepherds, telling them to find the child wrapped in bands of cloth lying in a manger.

Following that pattern of thought, we are called to look for God in the ordinary. It is sometimes more difficult to find God in the ordinary than in the spectacular. We must train our senses to be open to God in the ordinary: the ordinary lady suffering in silence; the ordinary mother tending her sick child and the ordinary older gentleman having trouble walking.

While we know that God is almighty, Fr. Rohr also challenges us to look at God as all vulnerable. He says that our western culture has focused so much on the Almighty God, that we've missed a God who is all vulnerable. Certainly, Jesus was vulnerable as a baby lying in a feeding trough; its amazing that he survived! But we also see Jesus as a man, vulnerable from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross. If we identify with Jesus, then we must realize that our lives following a vulnerable God will be vulnerable too.

We don't like to talk about our own vulnerability, but it is important for us to recognize that suffering is an ordinary part of our lives. It is a terrible thing to be alone and suffering. This is where our Christian community comes into play. We need to share our suffering as well as our joy. If we share, our community can take some of the burden from us, making our problems more bearable.

In 2017, we must train our senses to be open to the all vulnerable God and our vulnerable neighbors. We are called by Jesus to take care of the least of these. Please join me in reaching out to those within our community who are vulnerable and in need.

*Michael +*

## Outreach Update

**The Outreach Game** was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed reading the chosen charities written on the back of the Christmas ornaments. What a wonderful variety of good works were chosen! It is heartening to think of the time each individual or family must have spent discussing which of the overwhelming number of needs in today's world they would donate their \$25.00. One new member of the congregation observed that this is the first church he ever attended that gave him money instead of asking for it!

**The Emergency Shelter Program (ESP)** is now serving three to five homeless daily. As the word gets out among the homeless community in Evergreen, we hope that more and more guests will come to trust us enough to try this service. Thanks go to all the volunteers who have helped so far. There are a variety of ways to volunteer!

**Hope Academy's** Director, Sara Bradbury gave a moving presentation on the needs of girls trapped into child prostitution on the streets of Denver. The average life expectancy of these child prostitutes is six years. Ms. Bradbury explained the devious ways these very young girls are cajoled into this horrible life and the means by which they are forced to stay. Our Parish Administrator, Cynthia Thye is a volunteer at Hope Academy and can offer more information on the program; call her at the Church Office., 303-674-4904.



Sara Gadenken  
Vestry Outreach Liaison

## Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, February 1  
6:00 pm at St. Raphael's



Contact Robin Tems at  
[robin.tems@yahoo.com](mailto:robin.tems@yahoo.com)

## *Prayer Shawl Group* *Hands to Heart*



*Schedule Change:*

*Will not meet January 4*

*Will meet January 11*

*St. Raphael's House*

*1:00-3:00 pm*

## Outreach "Sleepy" Sunday

January 15

Please bring pajamas, pillows,  
and blankets. Place them in the  
basket at the back of the church.



## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

**Sunday's-10:15 am** Classes start January 8 and run through May. The new program is entitled Ski Resort with the theme "Hit the Slopes with Jesus." *Life has its ups and downs and we need to look at it like a skiing adventure! With Jesus beside us, we can navigate through anything we find on the slopes!*

Sunday School contact: Jeni Warnken at 303-829-8909 or jeniwarnken@hotmail.com.



## ***TRANSFIGURATION OUTREACH MINISTRY***

**January 1-3** Emergency Shelter Host site, Douglas Hall.

**January 15** Guest Speaker-James Fry, Founder of Mean Street Ministries, 9:15 am, Douglas Hall. Outreach "Sleepy" Sunday! Bring donations of pajamas, pillows and blankets.

**January 29-31** Emergency Shelter Host site, 6:00 pm-6:00 am, Douglas Hall (continues through February 4).



**February 1-4** Emergency Shelter Host site 6:00 pm-6:00 am, Douglas Hall.

**Matthew 25 Project** Donate empty prescription bottles (remove labels) and place in the basket at church.

**World Refugees** CoT works with Lutheran Family Services to provide assistance to refugees from around the world. Contact Marcia Walsh at 303-670-0556.

**EChO** Evergreen Christian Outreach. Volunteer or donate to the Food Pantry, Job Assistance Program, Resale Shop or Enrichment Center-info@evergreenchristianoutreach.org.

Outreach Chair: Arwen Berry at arwenberry@gmail.com.

## ***EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)***

**January 13** "Church Ladies" Night Out, dinner in Golden, meet at the church 5:45 pm.



## ***YOUTH GROUP***

**January 8** JAM, 10:15 am, Douglas Hall.

**January 15** Guest Speaker, James Fry, Director Mean Street Ministries, 9:15 am, Douglas Hall. Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 pm, Douglas Hall.

**January 22** JAM, 10:15 am, Douglas Hall. Youth Summit on Homelessness, 5:00 pm, Christ the King Catholic Church, Evergreen.

**January 29** Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 pm, Douglas Hall.

**February 1** Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), 6:00, St. Raphael's.

Adults who have volunteered to work with the Youth Group have been sent information regarding the Diocesan requirements. Please contact Stephanie Park if you're interested in being a part of this fun ministry!



Youth Minister: Stephanie Park at stephaniepark911@gmail.com.

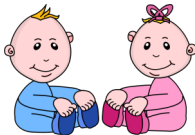
## January Anniversaries!

Robin & Cindy Tems	8
Emil & Sara Gadeken	26
Cort & Patsy Langworthy	28
Frank & Ginny Leitz	31



## Church Nursery

A nursery is available during the Sunday 10:15 am service for families with babies and young children.



## January Birthdays!

Donna Kautzman	10
Brian Williams	10
Kit Snyder	17
Henry James Jackson	20
Robyn Mangham	26



**Hope Academy** is grateful to CoT for its generosity during December! Donations of a color printer and ink, warm clothes, coats, socks, underwear, gift cards and cash were kindly given by church members.

The Hope Academy students were very appreciative and wanted to give back to the community. They volunteered at the EChO Food Bank and had such a great experience that they've signed up to volunteer every month!



**Denver Street School**

## EDSE OUTREACH



EDSE spearheaded two outreach projects this holiday season! Through the Kids Giving 364 Program, the school adopted a family living at the Denver Housing Authority. The EDSE families donated gifts for the five children in the family. Liz Ford and Kris Ciancia attended the gift-giving event at Trevista Elementary in Denver, bringing the wrapped presents and experiencing their joy!

Through the Spirit of Sharing program, the staff of EDSE collaborated with CoT by adopting a young military family based at Buckley AFB in Aurora. The Kennedy family has a special-needs toddler and a new baby. Commissary gift cards, cash and special holiday gifts were collected for the family. The Kennedy's visited EDSE on December 15 to receive their gifts; meeting them and witnessing their happiness was wonderful!

The same day, EDSE presented its annual Christmas Program. The students sang carols and played rhythm instruments. They performed beautifully and the Pre-K even played their recorders! This fun event was attended by the largest crowd yet of parents, extended families and friends.

The generosity of the EDSE families, EDSE staff and parishioners of CoT brought joy to many this holiday season. A blessing for everyone!



**2017 Rocky Mountain  
Bridal Show**  
Sunday, January 15  
Denver Convention Center

Transfiguration is hosting a booth at the Bridal Show. If you know someone who is planning a wedding or special event, tell them about our lovely church and campus! Transfiguration is the perfect venue for a memorable affair!

**Anna Schmidt, Event Coordinator**  
[weddings.church-transfig.net](http://weddings.church-transfig.net)

## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on January 18 at 6:30 pm in Stewart Lounge and is reading *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbury. Bring a snack and a drink to share. E-mail Kit Snyder at [snyderkit@gmail.com](mailto:snyderkit@gmail.com) or [shelleyfblack@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyfblack@gmail.com).

## HIKE-A-PALIANS

Every Friday morning

"Fear is not a bad place to start a spiritual journey." Kathleen Norris, *Dakota*. If you would like to experience God's cathedral of nature, take a walk with the Hike-a-Palians. Weather permitting, hikes are normally scheduled for Fridays, usually last 2-4 hours and are never too difficult. E-mail Tom Marker at [tbmarker@aol.com](mailto:tbmarker@aol.com).

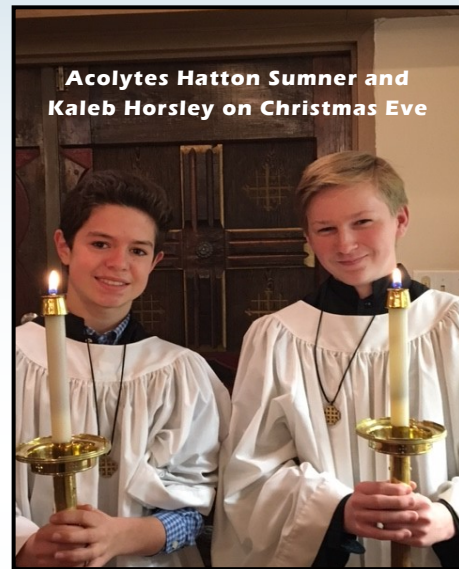


## CAMINO DIVINA A NEW MINISTRY AT COT

Come practice "walking the Divine Way" every Thursday from 8:30-9:45 am at Alderfer Ranch (by the barn).

Camino Divina emphasizes walking, praying and meditation. Join our church community for this facilitated moving meditation and prayer experience. Walkers are invited to be present in the moment, grow in awareness and stillness, and celebrate the Divine beauty of the earth.

Contact Maria Rosa Galter at 720-810-2837 or [mariarosagalter@gmail.com](mailto:mariarosagalter@gmail.com).



Acolytes Hatton Sumner and Kaleb Horsley on Christmas Eve

## Advent Wreath Base Recycling

Every year, the Youth Group re-uses the wooden bases of the Advent wreaths they sell. Please return yours by placing it in the basket at the back of the church. Thanks!



Ellis & Stephanie at the Youth Group Christmas Party!

## COT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 9:00-9:45 AM IN DOUGLAS HALL



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| January 15  | James Fry, Founder/Director<br>Mean Street Ministry, Denver |
| February 19 | Anita Sanborn, Legacy Society,<br>Diocese of Colorado       |

Speak with Fr. Michael if you would like to suggest a topic or speaker.

### EDSE Children's Chapel



Every Thursday at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary join Fr. Michael and the students of the Episcopal Day School of Evergreen for an informal Children's Chapel Service. Parents, relatives and guests are welcome!



Episcopal Day School of Evergreen (EDSE)

Accepting students age 12 months - age 6

Janet Reznik, Director  
info@edse.org  
303-674-1793

Office hours  
Tues/Wed/Thu  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The EDSE School Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in Stewart Lounge

Contact Mary Hatfield  
maryphatfield@gmail.com

### Men's Breakfast Group

An informal men's fellowship group from Transfiguration meets at Lakeshore Café every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

There is no obligation to attend every week.



Pledge, Time and Talent forms are due! Drop them at the Church Office or mail to:

The Church of the Transfiguration  
7640 Highway 74  
Evergreen, CO 80439



### Are you Planning a Special Occasion?



Anna Schmidt  
Event Coordinator  
weddings.church-transfig.net

Transfiguration has an Event Coordinator to assist in customizing your event. We host weddings, meetings, seminars, parties, receptions, reunions and retreats. The Sanctuary, Meadow, St. Mark's, Douglas Hall or the Chapel are all available for your special occasion!

### Parish Office Information

Rector, The Rev. Michael J. McManus      rector@church-transfig.net  
Parish Administrator, Cynthia Thye      office@church-transfig.net  
Youth Minister, Stephanie Park      stephaniepark911@gmail.com  
Event Coordinator, Anna Schmidt      weddings.church-transfig.net  
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Please send Newsletter information by the 22nd of the month to:  
Cathleen McManus - cwm10078@gmail.com

### Church of the Transfiguration Vestry

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*Bill Houston, Junior Warden*

*Jerry Shrimpton, Junior Warden*

*Derek Padget, Treasurer*

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*Sara Gadeken, Outreach*

*Stephanie Park, Youth*

*Joe Kerper, EDSE*

*Larry Kilborn, Liturgy*

*Jimmy Mangham, Fellowship*

*Ted Terry, Stewardship*

