



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

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The Good News, December 2016

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
Monday, December 12 @ 5:30 pm
Will not meet again until January

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
Will not meet again until January
Robin Tem-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

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Christmas Pageant

8:00 pm - Full Choir

Christmas Day

9:00 am - Quiet Service



A Message from the Rector

The Church of the Transfiguration has really stepped up with Outreach and fellowship! It's Advent already, but I want to tell you about some things that happened during November which really touched my heart.

On November 20th we had our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Fellowship Feast. That morning, there were about 25 people signed up to attend. To our pleasant surprise, 82 people came and shared in an excellent evening of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to our Chef Extraordinaire, Jeni Warnken, her kitchen team and to all who contributed to an evening of fellowship at its finest!

Sponsored by the Outreach Team and spearheaded by Jennifer Francis, the Annual Coat Drive is a project that directly affects our community. I stopped over at EChO the day before Thanksgiving and one of the staff members, Lynn thanked us for supplying so many coats, scarves and gloves. EChO had just made the rack of coats made available for their clients; within two days all of the adult coats and most of the smaller ones were taken! Your donations made it possible for the less fortunate to stay warm. With our recent freezing temperatures, I'm sure every one of those coats is very much appreciated.

One of EChO's biggest fundraisers of the year, the 7th Annual Turkey Trot was held on Thanksgiving morning. There were over 800 participants (300 more than last year!) a what has become for some a fun family tradition! Transfiguration is an event sponsor and welcomes the community into the church for a warm drink and fellowship. Pat Crist, Ted Terry, Sam Terry and Jimmy Mangham served many, many cups of coffee, hot cocoa and hot cider to the Trotters with Randy Reznik providing an amazing playlist. The Turkey Trot was not only an incredible success for EChO, but was a friendly way for Transfiguration to spread the message of Christ's love to the community.

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Holiday Concert

The Evergreen Chamber Orchestra will perform with singers from the Evergreen Chorale at two concerts.

Saturday, December 17

3:30 pm and 7:00 pm

The afternoon concert will be perfect for children as Santa will be bearing gifts! Celebrate the beauty and joy of the season listening to selections of Handel's Messiah, Strauss waltzes and favorite carols.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at evergreenchamberorch.org

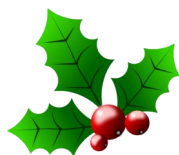
Outreach Sunday December 11



**Please bring a gift card
in any denomination
to be donated to EChO.**

For a child has
been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his
shoulders and he is named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5



Ladies of Transfiguration Holiday Party

The Ladies of the church
are invited to a Holiday Party

Friday, December 9 from 6:30-9:30 pm at

St. Raphael's House

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and wear holiday attire!



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

This service traces God's plan of salvation through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures with choral pieces and congregational carols after each reading.

The Choir of Holy Love Lutheran Church, under the direction of Nathan Jones, will join the Church of the Transfiguration Choir and the Alpine Brass Quintet in presenting this holiday tradition.

This year there are two opportunities to enjoy the Service of Lessons and Carols.

- ◇ Holy Love Lutheran Church-Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.
- ◇ Church of the Transfiguration-Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm.

There is no charge, but contributions are gratefully accepted.

Sunday School

Every Sunday Children's Sunday School is offered during the 10:15 am service. Star Trip is the curriculum during Advent. Volunteer teachers are needed one Sunday a month for this important and rewarding children's educational ministry. Lesson plans and all materials are provided.



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

Transfiguration Outreach Ministry

December The Annual Coat Drive for EChO continues. Please bring your gently used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves to church and place them in the Coat Drive box.

December 11 Outreach Sunday, please bring gift cards in any denomination to be donated to EChO.



The Outreach Game, use your \$25 to "Share your love forward." Write what you did with your donation on one of the ornaments at the church then hang it on the Outreach Tree.

December 25-31 Emergency Shelter Program (ESP), Transfiguration hosts 6:00 pm-7:00 am in Douglas Hall. Volunteers are needed to chaperone, cook and clean up.

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

World Refugees CoT works with Lutheran Family Services to provide assistance to refugees from around the world. Please call Marcia Walsh at 303-670-0556 for more information.

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.

Youth Group

December 4 Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 pm, Church Kitchen.

December 11 JAM, 10:15 am, Douglas Hall.

December 16 Youth Group Family Christmas Party, 6:30 pm, St. Raphael's House. Bring a \$10 gift for the White Elephant Exchange!



The Youth Group has been BUSY! In November we participated in the Alternative Gift Fair Youth Café at Evergreen Lutheran Church where 13 of our youth worked with other local youth groups; we made new friends and have plans to get together soon! We worked hard at the Thanksgiving Feast, made bird feeders for the elderly, assembled Advent wreaths for our annual fundraiser, met twice for JAM and twice for Youth Group meetings. This month we'll be connecting with the Youth Group from St. Tim's in Centennial to help the Salvation Army and we'll be baking cookies for our local police, fire and service departments.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is geared toward 6th-12th graders and meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:15 am under the exceptional leadership of Clay Sumner. The Youth Group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5:00-7:00 pm in Douglas Hall. Bring your friends!

In 2017, look forward to lots of exciting activities including a lock-in, mission trip and other adventures!

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

TRANSFIGURATION GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 9:00-9:45 AM IN DOUGLAS HALL

December 18 Instructions on how to use Realm; David Black & Stephanie Park
 January 15 Mean Street Ministry; James Fry, Director of Mean Street Ministry
 February 19 Bell Tower Legacy Society; Anita Sanborn, Diocese of Colorado

Please speak with Fr. Michael if you'd like to suggest a topic or speaker.



The Youth Group making Advent wreaths



SOS MILITARY FAMILY ADOPTION

Through the SOS Program, Transfiguration and the EDSE have adopted a military family for this holiday season - the Kennedy's!

The family has two young children, one with special needs. A double stroller is at the top of their wish list.

To make a donation, just stop by the Church Office or go online to www.church-transfig.net.

Please donate for this Veteran family!

Youth Group Advent Wreath Sale

Advent wreaths may be purchased at the church services. Each wreath comes with five candles and a prayer pamphlet.

Cost: \$25.00



This is a Youth Group fundraiser.

THE PARISH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Help others stay warm!



Transfiguration's Coat Drive is underway! This picture shows just a few of the coats our church has donated so far this year! As cold weather approaches, items for men, women and children are badly needed. Please bring your gently used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves to the church and place them in the Coat Drive box.. Contact Jennifer Francis at queenbead72@yahoo.com.

December Birthdays!

Steven Zoeller	1
Georgine McCarthy	4
Torrey Coriden	6
Jennifer Herrick	11
River Perry	11
Susie Lathrop	13
Addison Kerper	13
Tom Lukich	13
Arwen Berry	29



Emergency Shelter Program (ESP)

December 25-31 Transfiguration will host ESP in Douglas Hall



The Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) assists those who have no place to protect themselves from harsh weather. Our church family has joined forces with Evergreen's churches, Rotary clubs, the Congregation Beth Evergreen and other social organizations from the mountain community to aid the homeless. For this Outreach project to be successful, more volunteers and supplies are needed. Contact Sara Gadeken at sgadeken@aol.com.



Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 18 at 6:30 pm in Stewart Lounge. The book for January is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbury. Bring a snack & drink to share. E-mail Shelley Black at Shelleyblack@gmail.com or Kit Snyder at snyderkit@gmail.com

Hike-a-Palians

Every Friday morning

"You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts."
The Book of Common Prayer. 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.



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
or the Church Office 303-684-4904

There will be no

Bible Study classes during Advent.



The Wednesday evening class will resume in January.

Contact Robin Tems at robin.tems@yahoo.com
or Fr. Michael at rector@church-transfig.net.

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

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



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The Alternative Gift Fair on November 12-13 was another tremendous success! Kit Snyder and Stephanie Park were involved in planning this year and 30+ volunteers from our church helped with organizing, setting up, working and cleaning up for this community-wide fundraiser. Additionally, our church members donated many delicious baked goods, raising the funds to cover all overhead expenses. This made it possible for the non-profit vendors to keep all of the profits from their sales. The AGF is a fine example of people volunteering to help the less fortunate through non-profit fundraising.

I often wonder if I'm doing enough to spread Christ's message of love, but I'm encouraged by the compassion for others that I see here at our church. It would be difficult to find another church community the size of Transfiguration with so many people willing to volunteer their time and talent for the benefit of strangers.

I realize that it's the Season of Advent, the time of year when people are willing to volunteer and give more of themselves. I also know that the Church of the Transfiguration is a congregation of generous and kindhearted individuals who don't just do these things "at this time of year," but all year long. However, I am especially pleased to see a trend toward even more significant Outreach to our community. This is exactly what it means to spread Christ's message of love. Your compassion makes me humbled and proud to be the Rector of Transfiguration.

Michael +



**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/Thur
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**

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 a Children's Chapel Service.

Parents, relatives and guests are welcome!



*A new address for
some old friends:*



Liz and Bob Jones

9065 Ranch River Circle

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126-5079

Are you Planning a Special Occasion?



**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!**

**Anna Schmidt
Event Coordinator
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Youth Minister, Stephanie Park	stephaniepark911@gmail.com
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