



Church of the Transfiguration

The Episcopal Church in Evergreen

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THE GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 9:30 AM - 2:30

Ministry Schedule

Sunday Eucharist

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

Evening Prayer

In the Sanctuary
Second & Fourth Monday, 5:30 pm

Children's Chapel

In the Sanctuary
Every Thursday, 3:00 pm

Lectio Divina

The Home of Carolyn Seymour
31719 Rocky Village Dr. # 401
First Saturday, 9:30 am
303-679-6271

Anointing & Healing

In the Sanctuary
Last Sunday, 10:15 am Eucharist

Centering Prayer

In the Chapel
Every Tuesday, 8:00 am
Maria Rosa Galter:
mariarosagalter@gmail.com
Mary Haave: mhaave74@gmail.com

Bible Study

At St. Raphael's House
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Robin Tems: robin.tems@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Camino Divina

Alderfer Ranch (by the barn)
Every Thursday 8:30 am
Maria Rosa Galter :
mariarosagalter@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Services

There will be no morning Services
on Sunday, December 24.

However, there will be two evening services:

5:00 pm Service with Children's
Christmas Pageant

8:00 pm Service with Full Choir

There will be no services
on Christmas Day.



A Message from the Rector

The season of Advent is upon us! This is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

At the weekly Children's Chapel, I refer to my prepared lessons for three and four year old children. Last week we heard the story of the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary, announcing that she would be the mother of Jesus.

We spoke about Mary and Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem. The picture I showed them displayed Mary riding on a donkey. A few of the children asked, "Where is Jesus?" I said that Mary still had Jesus in her belly. That baby Jesus had not yet been born.

One little girl said, "My mommy is pregnant with my new brother, but my mommy doesn't ride a donkey." The children all understood the anticipation and excitement of the birth of a child (and that mommies don't usually ride donkeys)!

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Episcopal Day School of Evergreen (EDSE)

Christmas Program

Thursday, December 14

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Please join the students and staff of EDSE for a morning full of Christmas cheer!

The children have been practicing and would love to entertain you with Christmas carols and fun!

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Outreach Christmas Sale

This Advent, the Outreach Ministry is selling note cards with the Bell Tower logo, felted rocks and hand crafted woolen Haitian ornaments.

These items make great Christmas gifts and will be for sale at the back of the church. The proceeds will go directly to fund our Outreach programs.

Christmas Eve Children's Nursery



If you have little ones nursery care will be available at the 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm services.

To schedule call Jeni Warnken @ 303-829-8909 or e-mail jeniwarnken@hotmail.com.



Holiday Concert

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

**Saturday, December 16
3:30 pm and 6:00 pm**

There will be sing-along carols, Strauss Waltzes, Handel's Messiah and other fun surprises.

\$30 General Admission
\$15 ages 12 and under

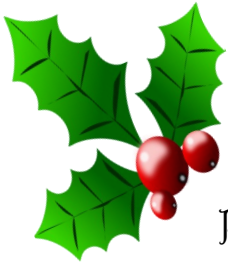
Purchase tickets at:
evergreenchamberorch.simpletix.com/Event-List/

This family friendly holiday tradition sells out quickly, so get your tickets early!

Greening of the Church

Join the congregation on
Sunday, December 3
immediately following
the 10:15 am service to decorate
the church for the holidays!

Please bring a pot of soup
to share when we've finished
greening the church.



Ladies of Transfiguration Holiday Party

All ladies of the church are invited to a Holiday Party
6:30 pm on Friday, December 22 at St. Raphael's House.
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and wear your holiday attire!

ECW Christmas Cookie Baking

*Hosted by Jan Stadler
December 16 @ 9:30 am*

To determine what supplies are needed,
please e-mail either Janice Theobald at
jktheobald1@gmail.com or Jan Stadler at
clebrat@aol.com.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM SERVICE

All children are welcome to participate
in the annual Christmas Pageant.

"Just a Little Christmas"
will be presented during
the 5:00 pm service on
Christmas Eve. Even the
smallest children are
encouraged to be a
part of this special event!



Time and date of rehearsal TBD.

Contact Jeni Warnken @
303-829-8909 or
jeniwarnken@hotmail.com.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



This service traces God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ 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 10 at 4:00 pm.
- ◇ Church of the Transfiguration-Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm.

There is no charge, but contributions are gratefully accepted.

Book Club

January 17



The Book Club will not meet in December. It will resume in January and will meet in Stewart Lounge at 6:30 pm. Check the church announcements for the title of the book for January.

E-mail Kit Snyder at snyderkit@gmail.com.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Randy Reznik our extraordinary DJ and the members of this year's Turkey Trot Kitchen Crew who showed up at 7:00 am on Thanksgiving to play music, serve coffee, hot cocoa and warm cider!

This year there were 927 Trotters at this annual EChO fundraiser!



Cathleen McManus, Malcolm Theobald, Taylor McGowen, Randy Reznik, Janelle Mebust, Don Synder, Jimmy Mangham, Kaleb Horsely and Claire Terry on Thanksgiving.

Attention:

All Knitters and Crocheters!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry (Hands-to-Heart) is seeking new members. They meet the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00-3:00 pm in the dining room at St. Raphael's.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be happy to teach you! This ministry is creative, rewarding and fun!

E-mail Georgine McCarthy
gmmcarthy0982@comcast.net.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Help others

stay warm this winter!



As cold weather approaches, items for men, women and children are badly needed. Please donate your gently used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves by placing them in the box marked "Coat Drive" at the back of the church.

Upcoming ECW Schedule of Events

December 11 Hiwan Holiday Tea, 11:30 am.

December 16 Holiday cookie baking, 9:30 am, at Jan Stadler's home.

December 22 CoT ladies Christmas Party, 6:30 pm, at St. Raphael's.

Look for the schedule of events for Spring 2018 in the January Newsletter!

All women of the church are welcome! Contact Janice Theobald @ jkttheobald1@gmail.com



Church Cleaning - Saturday, January 20 @ 8:30 am



Transfiguration is your place to worship God, pray and enjoy fellowship. Our church has not been thoroughly cleaned since May 2015. Next month, in January, the chairs will be professionally cleaned. Wouldn't it be great if the church were spiffed up too?

Please plan to spend an hour or two working with your fellow parishioners to make our church sparkle!
Many hands make light work!

Outreach Ministry

- December** The Annual Coat Drive for EChO continues. Please bring your gently used coats, hats, sweaters, gloves and scarves to church and place them in the box at the church.
- Outreach Christmas Sale! Bell Tower note cards, felted rocks and hand made Haitian ornaments for sale in the church.
- December 7** Emergency Shelter Training, 7:00-9:00 pm, Evergreen Lutheran Church. The training is for new and current volunteers.
- December 26-31** Emergency Shelter Program (ESP), Transfiguration hosts, 6:00 pm-6:00 am, Douglas Hall, volunteers needed!
- Matthew 25 Project** Donate empty prescription bottles (with the labels removed) and deposit them in the basket at the church.
- Co. Haiti Project** CHP works in partnership with rural Haitian communities to support their rise out of extreme poverty. E-mail Cathleen McManus at cwm10078@gmail.com.
- Project Sanctuary** This organization provides a wide range of assistance physically, emotionally and spiritually for local veterans and their families.
- World Refugees** CoT coordinates with several agencies to provide assistance to refugees from around the world. Call Marcia Walsh at 303-670-0556 for more information.
- EChO** Evergreen Christian Outreach. Volunteer at the Food Pantry, with Job Assistance, the Resale Shop or at the Enrichment Center. info@evergreenchristianoutreach.org.
- Hope Academy** This is a specialized school assisting teenage girls in their escape from sexual slavery.
- Outreach Chair: Arwen Berry at arwenberry@gmail.com.



Youth Group

- December 3** Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 pm, Douglas Hall.
- November 10** JAM, 10:15 am, Douglas Hall.
Youth Group Christmas Lunch, after 10:15 am service.
- November 19** Lessons & Carols, 4:00 pm, in the church, with a movie afterward.



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

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Next, I showed them a drawing of Mary and Joseph approaching a barn with a manger. They learned that Mary and Joseph had to sleep in the barn because there was no place else to stay; there was "no room at the inn." They understood that the barn was the only place available for Mary and Joseph.

When the children saw the picture of the manger they learned that it was full of hay and was really a place for cows, goats, sheep and donkeys. They already knew that a barn is not a place for newborn babies.

The children discovered that Jesus was not born in a hospital or even in a nice house. Mary and Joseph were so poor, that their baby, Jesus was born in a manger. They learned that Jesus was from a humble family.

This is my Advent prayer:

Almighty God, give us the grace to prepare our hearts for the coming of a newborn; a time when your Son, Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

I pray that you have a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas!

See you Sunday!

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

Lost & Found

There are baskets in the church kitchen and in the Parish Office that contain lost items. If you are missing something, please check these baskets.

Church of the Transfiguration Vestry

The Rev. Michael J. McManus, **Rector**

David McDonald, **Senior Warden**

Bill Houston, **Junior Warden**

Jerry Shrimpton, **Junior Warden**

Ted Terry, **Treasurer**

Sara Gadeken, **Outreach**

John Briggs, **Clerk**

Joe Kerper, **EDSE**

Larry Kilborn, **Liturgy**

Jimmy Mangham, **Nominating**

Stephanie Park, **Youth**

Katherine Sumner, **Social**

The Vestry usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Douglas Hall.

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Parish Office Information

Rector, The Rev. Michael J. McManus

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Parish Administrator, Erika Glisson

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Youth Minister, Stephanie Park

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Event Coordinator, Anna Schmidt

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Please send Newsletter information by the 22nd of the month to:

Cathleen McManus - cwm10078@gmail.com



Are you Planning a Special Occasion?



Anna Schmidt

Event Coordinator

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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!