

# A Note from Our Rector



THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

## The Good News

### ***Advent is a time of discerning God's call to us***

In his essay, "The Good News of the Nativity" Thomas Merton presented Advent as a time for discerning what is most relevant for us individually and communally:

"Advent is a time for judging the choices we make in our we are living our lives.

Advent is a ritual moment for confronting discom-  
forting truths.

Advent overturns our complacencies to realize the exceeding narrow but true way of Christian discipleship. If we receive the good news of Christmas, let us (also) accept Jesus' hard stuff."

Let us heed the warning of

Olivier Clement, who wrote in "On Human Being:"

Every one who relinquishes the security of a sleepwalking existence is sooner or later mortally wounded by the world's suffering. But because God became man and took this suffering on himself, the way of vulnerability and death becomes resurrection.

I was totally pulled in by these words this morning as I read "Bridges to Contemplative Living" with Thomas Merton. I was pulled in deeper when I read and reflected on "the security of a sleepwalking existence" because I had lead that life as a lawyer for many years. I knew there was something wrong with living a life that was so focused on work, that I felt numb inside. But there was

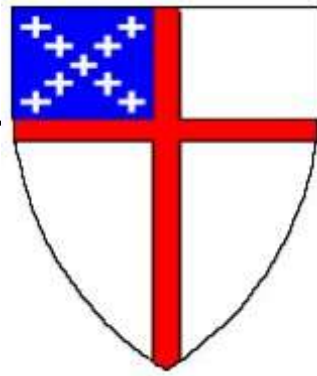
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#### Special points of interest:

- *Advent Contemplative Prayer*
- *Christmas Pageant*
- *Kneeler Calendars*
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## A Note from Our Rector, continued



truly a false security in my then work-a-day world.

But following a youth mission trip which I experienced as a new adult leader, I felt something new happening in me as I awoke from this "sleepwalking existence." I really felt seriously "wounded by the world's suffering."

I felt turned inside out by the experience of God stirring up my heart in a very unexpected way. I didn't like the feeling at the time, and it took me awhile to sort it out. Indeed, God was working on me overtime! I was stubborn and trying to hold onto the security of a false life, but God used a big two-by-four to make God's point - "wake up to the true reality of God and the world's suffering around you. No longer live for yourself, but start living for others."

In a word, I was going through a personal Advent - a time of "confronting dis-comforting truths." God was calling me to be a disciple. Along the way, I found out that there is a lot of grief in giving up what the world touts as "the good life".

But what I was getting was the "disciplined life" with a promise of the "resurrected life."

I cannot tell you that the work is not hard, but when I follow God's call, life flows in a better way - because it is God's way!

I hope that you will accept God's invitation of doing the hard work of discerning, judging choices, and confronting dis-comforting truths. Hear the call of God inviting you to become a true disciple!

God's Peace.

Michael+

## Help with the Christmas Pageant!

Please come to help on **Sunday, December 6th** between services and after the late service to prepare for the Christmas Pageant! Help to make angel's wings, costumes and displays for the Children's Christmas Pageant that will be held on Christmas Eve!



# Youth Group Mission Trips and Advent Contemplation Classes

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is working with the Diocese to plan Youth Mission Opportunities for all who want to join!

Middle & High School Youth

Steamboat Springs

June 12-17, 2016

Deposit of \$50 due with registration

Cost of trip will be \$150-\$200, depending on lodging

High School Youth

Philadelphia

July 3-9, 2016

Deposit of \$100 due with registration

Cost of trip will be \$800-900, depending on airfare

*Registration for both trips will start in mid-January! More information to come! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Park or Father Michael.*

## CONTEMPLATE FOR ADVENT

Contemplative living is a way of responding to our everyday experiences by consciously attending to our relationships. I invite you to join me for one hour of readings, reflection, silence, and contemplative dialogue on Tuesday mornings during Advent.

**Where? St Joseph and Mary Chapel**

**When? Tues mornings 8-9 am starting Dec 1 Ending Dec 22**

We will be using a book by Thomas Merton - "Bridges to Contemplative Living"

Books will be available at each session for \$6.

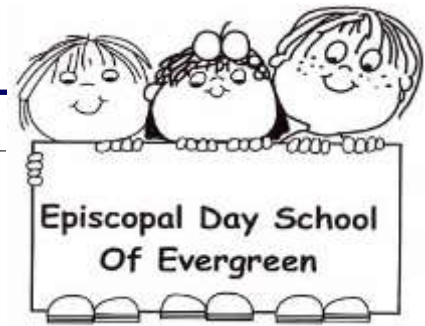
You are welcome to come for one session or attend all 4 sessions. No homework.

Come to listen and hear how others respond to the readings as well as yourself.

Contemplative dialogue is meant to be non-threatening, a "safe place" for open sharing and discussion. The focus is on listening rather than formulating a response to what another is saying. We are challenged to listen more carefully and approach different points of view.

Questions? Mary Haave 303-670-3061 or 303-263-4163.

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**Christmas  
Program on  
December 17th**  
Coffee and treats  
at 9 am  
Program begins  
at 9:30 am

**Church of the Transfiguration Staff and Vestry**

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# The Transfiguration Book Club—NEW DAY

Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the church.

We will discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes



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! You can come even if you haven't read the book, too! Please bring a snack and drink to share.

If you have question or concerns, email:  
**Shelley Black—shelleyblack@gmail.com**  
**Kit Snyder—snyderkit@hotmail.com**



## Jesus and Me (JAM)

A group for ages 11-13/middle school  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:15

### Volunteer teachers needed!

Please contact Stephanie Park (stephaniepark911@gmail.com) to volunteer for 1 or more Sundays throughout the year—**no permanent commitment required!!!** Fr. Michael will review the Gospel lesson with you prior to your

chosen Sunday, and there will always be another adult with you to help teach!! JAM sessions will only be about 30 minutes and then you can all return to church for communion!

## Christmas Cookies and Kitchen Showers

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The ECW had a wonderful November meeting, hearing about the need for affordable housing in Evergreen and also about an Inclement Weather Shelter program that several churches are trying to develop for the homeless in Evergreen. We will be learning more about these in months to come.

Our next meeting will be on December 12 at 9 am **at Jan Stadler's** beautiful house, and we will bake Christmas cookies in her huge caterer's kitchen. Jan has four ovens (sigh) four stand mixers, and innumerable cookie cutters and cookie sheets. You may mix and bake your dough there -- Jan will provide flour, sugar, eggs and so forth. Or you might bring your dough already made and shape and bake it there, or you could bring already baked cookies and decorate them. Whatever you want. We will have to work out the logistics when we get there. We may need a professional choreographer to orchestrate the moves.

Jan is providing lunch afterwards so we need an idea of how many people will be there. Please e-mail me at [sgadeken@aol.com](mailto:sgadeken@aol.com) to tell me if you will come. Please e-mail unless you have no access to e-mail as I am bad at checking for phone messages and sometimes I hear the names wrong.

What you do with your cookies is up to you. You may exchange with others and take them home, or donate them to the firehouse for needy children, or bring them to the church for the school's Christmas party on Thursday the 17th.

In addition to baking cookies and eating lunch, Joella has had a wonderful idea! We will have a kitchen shower for St. Raphael's kitchen, which we are all praying will be finished by Christmas. We used to do this periodically for the Transfiguration kitchen, which the ECW paid for and furnished. Please note that this is not a shower for Cathleen, whose kitchen is upstairs and fully furnished by her. The downstairs kitchen is a church kitchen and needs furnishing for church use.

The colors are celery green, pale yellow and beige. It will need small appliances like a toaster and a food chopper. Also casseroles, pot holders, dish towels, a manual can opener, tumblers. Cooking utensils, pizza cutter, shears, corkscrew, tongs. Stainless steel mixing bowls. Plastic containers of the Rubbermaid type. Wine glasses, tea towels. There are already plates and mugs, a coffee machine and cutting boards. It will need pots and pans -- lightly used is fine but please do not bring anything worn.

Anything else you think of can probably be put to good use. You can wrap them or not and we will open them during lunch. We will each unwrap our own or pass them around to unwrap. Cathleen will not do the unwrapping because we want to make it clear that this for St Raphael's and not the McManus'.

A registry has been set up at Bed Bath and Beyond and you can have the items shipped directly to St. Raphael's! The registry is listed under "Stephanie Park and Sara Gadeken" - see link below:

[http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/view\\_registry\\_guest.jsp?pwsToken=&eventType=Housewarming&registryId=542831070&pwsurl=](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/view_registry_guest.jsp?pwsToken=&eventType=Housewarming&registryId=542831070&pwsurl=)

# Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended, cooked, set up, laughed, shared and prayed for our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship!



If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, please contact Ginny Leitz at [303-674-4459](tel:303-674-4459)

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who brought turkeys for the EChO Thanksgiving baskets. COT donated a total of 32 turkeys, 23 from the eight o'clock service, 5 from the Sunday School from their paper turkey project, and 4 from the 10:15 service, including those who the next day took turkeys directly to EChO. Thank you very much.

Our next outreach will be on December 13 and we call it:

**UNDIE SUNDAY**

Our text is:

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" John 1: 14

On Outreach Sunday, December 13, we will celebrate not only the Word but also the flesh that Jesus sanctified when he took on our human flesh and dwelt among us as one of us. In so doing, he took on as well the less attractive aspects of that flesh, the things we do not talk about. When Jesus took on our flesh, he also took on our messiness as well.

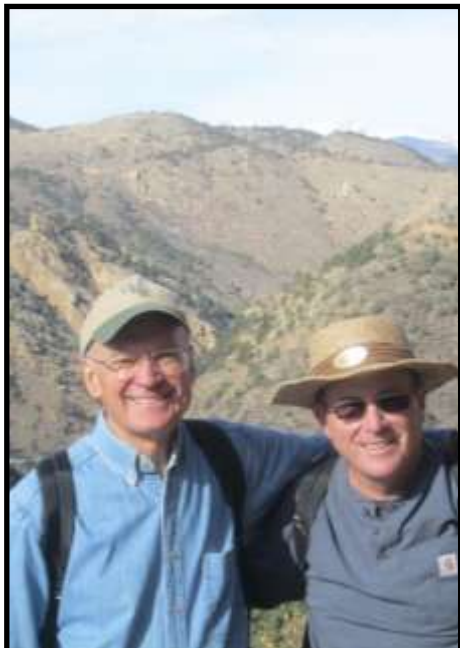
And how do we cope with this messiness? Among other things, with clean underwear. No one donates his or her underwear to clothing drives, and it wouldn't be accepted if one did. But what, then, do the poor do for clean underwear, an absolute necessity for living decently? As Jeni Warnken says when teaching her Emergency Survival classes: "Don't forget to pack clean underwear. The whole world looks better when you are wearing clean underwear." So the Outreach Committee is declaring the second Sunday in December to be Undie Sunday, and we ask each member of the congregation to bring an unopened package of underwear, men's, women' or children's, to church that Sunday, and we will take them to EChO. We need a variety of sizes with an emphasis on the larger, so if you bring two packages bring one large or extra-large and one small or medium. Long underwear would be wonderful, of course, but plain cotton underpants and T-shirts are just fine. In giving these necessities to EChO's clients, we celebrate our essential oneness with all God's children, rich and poor, for, after all, whether we are dressed richly or in rags, underneath it we all need our underwear.



# Hikeapalions

Hike-a-palions is an informal group of parishioners and friends who enjoy hiking in our nature's Cathedral!

Contact Tom Marker if you're interested in joining the fun! [tbmarker@aol.com](mailto:tbmarker@aol.com)



"You are not in the mountains, the mountains are in you" - John Muir



Looking for bakers for our communion bread. The recipe is easy and only takes up a small amount of time every couple of months.

Call or email Georgine McCarthy, 303-517-7118 or [gmccarthy0982@comcast.net](mailto:gmccarthy0982@comcast.net) if you'd like to join our baking team. Our new schedule will start in February .

Mix till yeast dissolves  
1 cup warm water  
1 Tb. Yeast  
3 Tb. Honey  
1/3 cup flour  
Let rest until the Yeast starts to bubble.

Add:  
1 1/2 Tb. Oil  
1/2 teas. Salt  
2 1/3 cup of flour

Knead for five minutes. Turn back into bowl, cover, and let rise until doubled about one hour. Punch down, roll to 1/4 " thick. Cut into one 3" round and five 4" rounds. Place on un greased cookie sheet. Let rise for 10-15 minutes. Cut a cross on each.

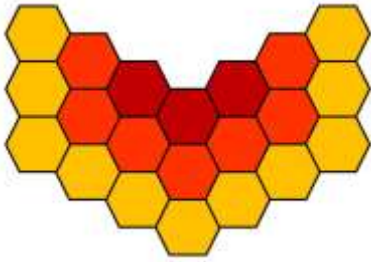
Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes  
(Whole wheat flour)





# Shawl Ministry, Coat Drive

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Cold months sitting in front of a warm fire, watching football, knitting needles (or crochet hook) in hand is the vision of an avid Prayer Shawl participant. Hopefully the Broncos will play well and Luckily with Homespun yarn it is textured and a simple knit pattern is all that is needed.

The Trinity Pattern consists of three knit, three purl across the whole row. The second row then does the same thing except that you want the three purls to be above the three knitted stitches. This pattern creates a lovely shawl full of prayer.

### SHAWL

Cast on 66 stitches.

Row 1: (Knit 3, purl 3) until the last 3 stitches, knit 3.

Row 2: (Purl 3, knit 3) until the last 3 stitches, purl 3.

Repeat these 2 rows until piece measures about 60 in. (152.5 cm). Bind off.

To learn more about knitting or crocheting, join the Prayer Shawl Team on the **1st Wednesday of the month from 1-3**

Any questions on joining the ministry or inquiring about the shawls,

Email **Liz Jones** @ [lizj2@comast.net](mailto:lizj2@comast.net) or **Georgine McCarthy** @ [gmccarthy0982@comast.net](mailto:gmccarthy0982@comast.net)

## COAT DRIVE!

Mean Street Ministries and the Denver Mission are collecting coats and winter items to be given to those in need. Please place your donations in the box at the back of the church. Last year, our church was able to collect 50 coats! This year we are aiming for 100 coats!

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Francis at [queenbead72@yahoo.com](mailto:queenbead72@yahoo.com)

We will also gladly accept:

Hats

Scarves

Mittens/gloves

Sweaters

Jackets

WARMING  
COMMUNITIES...  
ONE COAT  
AT A TIME.



Thank you for your donations and support of this ministry to those less fortunate.

# Kneeler Calendar

*Altar Kneelers of Church of the Transfiguration, Evergreen, Colorado*



Dr. Robert Shattuck, a member of Transfiguration, had stitched the wedding kneeler in 1974 that appears on the cover of this calendar. He was a surgeon who needlepointed in order to keep his fingers flexible for surgery. Inspired by his work, Ruth Brookfield conceived the idea of making a set of kneelers for our altar, and she researched the crosses and the flowers. Each kneeler depicts a different cross and a wildflower native to Evergreen.

Larry Kilborn and Sara Gadeken took pictures and explained the history of our beautiful altar kneelers—and now you can own a 2-year calendar depicting each one! Calendars are \$25 (two year!!!!) and have parish birthdays already included! Please contact Sara Gadeken or Stephanie Park to order—they will arrive before Christmas!

Happy Holidays! It's that time of year again and EAS+Y is sponsoring Christmas tree recycling again right after the holidays. We'll be at Evergreen Lutheran Church, same place as last year, and Lam Tree Service will chip the trees and have free mulch available starting later in January, just like last year. We'll be accepting trees between 9am & 5pm on the first two Saturdays after New Year's, Jan 2nd and Jan 9th. We need volunteers to help unload & stack trees in 2-hour shifts on both days.

Don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Tupper Briggs

Tupper's Team

Re/Max Alliance Evergreen

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## Church of the Transfiguration – Youth Events Calendar

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Robyn Mangham – [robynmangham@gmail.com](mailto:robynmangham@gmail.com)

### DECEMBER

12/2 YAC Committee Meeting – St. Raphael's 6:00 PM

12/13 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in St. Mark's

12/18 **Youth Group Christmas Party** – St. Raphael's 6:30 PM

12/27 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in St. Mark's



### **SAVE SAFEWAY STAMPS FOR ST. RAPHAEL SILVERWARE !**

Safeway is running a promotion in which you get one stamp for every \$10 you spend and when you have enough you get a twenty place setting of very nice Cuisinart silverware! This is how we acquired our present church china, according to Marcia Younger, around 1963. If we all shop at Safeway and bring our stamps to church we can get enough silverware for St. Raphael's kitchen. This is for the downstairs kitchen, which is for church use, not for the McManus' kitchen upstairs. It is not for Cathleen but for St. Raphaels. Don't get the silverware itself because there are three different patterns and we want them all to be the same. We have placed a basket on the kitchen passthrough at the church. Please bring some books to paste them in as well. This is not a popular promotion and the cashier will often give you extra stamps. Moreover, if the customers before and behind you in line do not ask for their stamps, you can politely explain that you are collecting them for your church and please would they ask for them and give them to you. One of our parishioners did this to get some nice china for her two oldest granddaughters at Albertsons several years ago and no one ever refused when they knew it was for her granddaughters and not for herself.

Even if you are a Kings Sooper regular you could sometimes get some things at Safeway, and, with the holidays coming up we ought to be able to do it pretty quickly. Since the dining room table at St R's will not seat more than twelve, 15 place settings ought to be enough. Of course, if we collect tons of the COT silver could use some upgrading.







## Christmas Paperwhites!

(Otherwise known as Narcissus Ziva)

The paperwhites will be ready to bloom in time for Christmas! They can be delivered or picked up the week before Christmas.

Traditional Paperwhites from Israel have been part of Christmas since at least the medieval times. The flowers were greatly admired last year! They make wonderful gifts for friends and family!

This years' paperwhites are in new and upcycled Christmas containers. Prices range from \$10 to \$40 based on the number of bulbs and the fanciful containers.

Please contact Morris or Donna at  
Thundering Hooves Ranch  
303.670.3481 or [Thunderinghoovesranch@yahoo.com](mailto:Thunderinghoovesranch@yahoo.com)

Also, check out these beautiful His and Hers handmade towel sets! Call Donna to order—she can also make them with Santa or a snowman!





# Announcements



**ACOLYTE TRAINING!!!** There will be an acolyte training in the church on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 11:30 am. Whether you are experienced or not, *everyone should try to attend*. Fr. Michael will be there and would like everyone to know all acolyte roles whether it be torch, crucifer, or server. It helps to have the more experienced people there with the new acolytes to help everyone feel comfortable with one another and know what to expect from one another. *If you know of anyone who might like to be an acolyte - even if they can only do it once in a while, please invite them to come.*



## Lectio Divina

*Please plan to join us on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the church.*



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Wednesdays 8 am

Lakeshore Cafe



## Prayers

### Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Michael 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 **December 27th.**

### Morning Prayer Service

Sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE will be offered again at a time to be determined 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

### 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 **December 14th and 28th.**



# Celebrate!!!

## December Birthdays

*Georgine McCarthy* 12/4

*Torrey Coriden* 12/6

*Jennifer Herrick* 12/11

*River Perry* 12/11

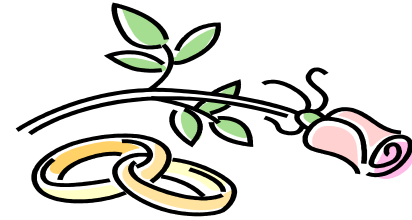
*Susie Gordon-Lathrop* 12/13

*Addison Kerper* 12/13

*Tom Lukich* 12/13

*Carolyn Frazee* 12/24

*Arwen Berry* 12/29



December  
Anniversaries

**Randy & Janet  
Reznik  
December 1st**

**Bill & Susie Lathrop  
December 5th**

**Jerry & Joan  
Shrimpton  
December 30th**

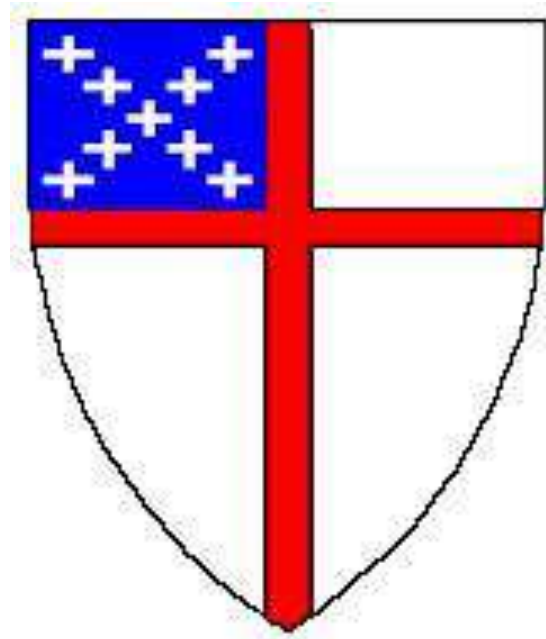
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# December 2015

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|   |   | 1<br>8 Advent Study<br>7 Choir  | 2<br>9-3 EDSE<br>1 Prayer Shawl<br>7:30 pm AA                           | 3<br>8:30 EChO<br>9-3 EDSE<br>9:30 Morning Prayer<br>5:30 EDSE Board | 4<br>9-3 EDSE   | 5<br>8 AA<br>9 Lectio Divina<br>3:30—5:30 Recital                                   |
| 6 8 am Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School  | 7<br>9-3 EDSE   | 8 8 Advent Study<br>9-3 EDSE<br>6 Property Committee<br>7 EChO Board Meeting  | 9<br>9-3 EDSE<br>7 Choir<br>7:30 pm AA                                  | 10<br>9-3 EDSE<br>9:30 Morning Prayer                                | 11<br>9-3 EDSE  | 12<br>8 AA<br>8 ECO Rehearsal<br>9 ECW  |
| 13 8 Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School and JAM<br>Acolyte Training<br>4:30 ECO Holiday Concert | 14<br>9-3 EDSE<br>All Day Santa's Workshop<br>5:30 Evening Prayer | 15<br>8 Advent Study<br>9-3 EDSE<br>All Day Santa's Workshop<br>6:30 Vestry<br>7 Choir<br>7 Brass Quintet Rehearsal | 16 9-3 EDSE<br>6:30 Book Club<br>7:30 pm AA<br>All Day Santa's Workshop | 17<br>9-3 EDSE<br>9:30 Morning Prayer<br>All Day Santa's Workshop    | 18<br>9-3 EDSE<br>6:30 Youth Group Christmas Party<br>All Day Santa's Workshop                                      | 19<br>8 AA<br>9:30 L & C Rehearsal<br>5-8 Piano Recital<br>All Day Santa's Workshop |
| 20 8 Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School<br>All Day Santa's Workshop<br>4 Lessons & Carols       | 21<br>All Day Santa's Workshop                                    | 22<br>8 Advent Study<br>All Day Santa's Workshop  | 23<br>7:30 pm AA  | 24<br>5:30 Children's Pageant and Holy Eucharist<br>8 Holy Eucharist | 25<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS<br> | 26<br>8 AA  |
| 27 8 Holy Eucharist<br>10:15 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Sunday School and JAM                            | 28<br>9-3 EDSE<br>5:30 Evening Prayer                             | 29  | 30<br>7:30 pm AA  | 31   |   |   |
|   | Meadow<br>St. Mark's  | Chapel<br>Stewart Lounge  | Church<br>Douglas Hall<br>St. Raphael's                                 | Wilderness<br>Cabin  |   |   |

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## Newsletter Submissions

Labyrinth after.

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 Park.  
(see contact information to the left).

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

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