



Five Big Goals for the New Year of Ministry at COT in 2016

I have been thinking about what our vision and goals for our Church in 2016.

Our main goal is the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of every nation."

I found a great article by Rick Warren, author of the *The Purpose Driven Life*. He is the head of a mega-church, but his ideas apply to any church whose main goal is to "make disciples for Christ."

GOAL #1: We will increase our weekend service attendance.

The first step in our disciple-making process is drawing our surrounding community together on Sunday to be part of our crowd. Jesus attracted large crowds and then challenged them to commit. Peter challenged the enormous crowd to follow the resurrected Jesus on the Day of Pentecost, and three thousand people did so.

We want as many people as possible to be brought into close proximity to the Gospel, so that they will hear about Jesus. The Gospel is the starting point, for most people, on the journey to spiritual maturity. So what will we do in the upcoming year to increase your primary Sunday worship attendance?

- How will we use social media?
- How will we utilize local media?
- How can we host special events?
- What invitational tools will we put in the hands of our members?
- What parish campaigns will we use as an entry point for new people?

GOAL #2: We will help attendees to get better connected.

We can only make disciples when

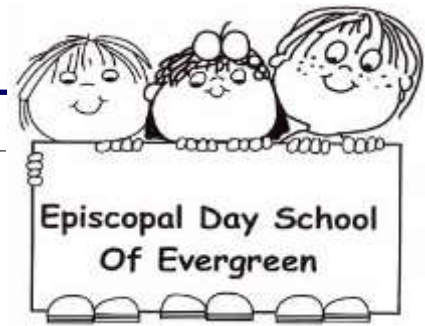
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Classes resume January 6th, 2016!

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!
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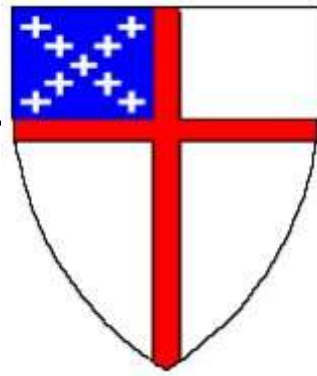
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A Note from Our Rector, continued



people who join the crowd stick around. It's actually easy to get a bunch of people to come. What's difficult is getting people to keep coming back, and to feel that they are truly part of the family.

The real issue is, how do we help people see that they really belong, and that the best way to grow spiritually is to be a committed part of the body of Christ. As we face a new year, we need to wrestle with questions such as:

- How can we get every member into a small group?
- How can we give every member a job, a role serving the body of Christ?
- How can we best challenge more people to commit to membership?
- How do we get people to take ownership of the mission of our church?
- How do we reward long-term faithfulness?

GOAL #3: We will help our members grow in spiritual maturity.

Disciples follow Jesus. They imitate his character and learn to be more like him, which only happens as they grow deeper in His truth and grace. Growing disciples don't depend solely on the Sunday message as their source of spiritual nourishment. They become self-feeders who study the Bible, pray, give, and serve.

Our role as church leaders isn't to produce spiritual maturity. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. But it is certainly our job to create the environment and supply the tools for God to work with.

- How can we get devotional material into people's hands daily? (Hint: You can always start with the Daily Hope devotional.)
- How can we remind people of the power and potential of prayer?

GOAL #4: We will deploy more people in ministry and develop more leaders.

When members get involved in ministry, they are far more likely to become bringers. Further, the more leaders we have involved in ministry, the more our members feel connected and cared for. Our church's capacity to grow increases as people leave their seats to serve others.

- How can we help people discover their unique, God-given SHAPE for ministry?
- How can we make people aware of all the opportunities there are to serve?
- How can we create more opportunities for people to serve?

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GOAL #5: We will fulfill the Great Commission locally, globally, and cross-culturally.

The end game of making more disciples, is making more disciples. We reach one more for Jesus so that the family of God grows and becomes more influential in reaching a lost generation with the Good News. There are still thousands of unreached people in the world, and when the Body of Christ works together, we can get busy reaching them.

Our church is responsible for reaching the world. Our church is part of the solution.

- How can we personally connect with every mission field you support?
- How can we send adult members, as well as youth on mission trips this year?
- How can our church partner with a church in another city, county or nation?

Obviously, these five goals revolve around the five biblical purposes of the church, which never change and remain constant in any culture. This year, we need to re-evaluate and re-align our structure and strategy to fulfill God's purposes in our surrounding culture.

I want to hear your comments and ideas about making more disciples. I want more members involved in more ministries. I want adults going on mission trips, as well as the youth.

I want to challenge you to a period of prayer and discussion in order that we as the Body of Christ at COT discern what Jesus is calling us to be and to do.

God's Peace,

Michael+

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please contact Father Michael at
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Youth Group Mission Trips and Church Outreach

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

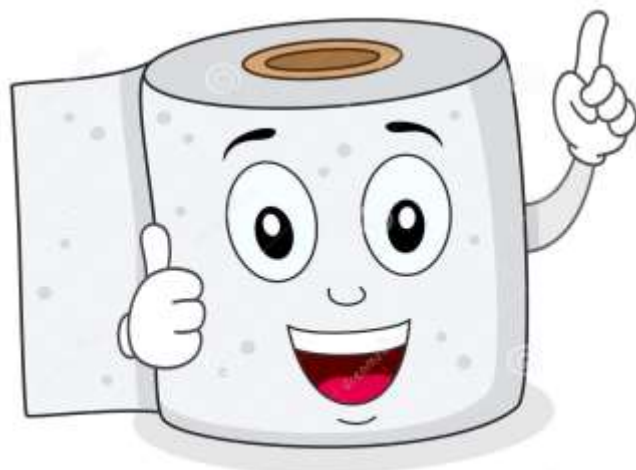
Deposit of \$100 due with registration

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.

January 10 is the Great Tee-Pee Spree at Transfiguration!

Echo, who was so grateful for our generous donation of new underwear for their clients, has asked if we could do it again in January with toilet paper. At present Echo allows one roll of toilet paper a week for a family of four, and we all know that is just not enough. One cannot use food stamps to get toilet paper; one must pay cash. Toilet paper is a fundamental necessity of life (look up the derivation of "fundament" if you don't believe this) so let's bring toilet paper on January 10 for the great tee-pee spree. And for those who believe we have been overly focused on the less savory aspects of the Word made flesh, be comforted to know that in February, on Super Bowl Sunday, we will celebrate Soup(er) Bowl Sunday and bring cans of high-protein soup for Echo.



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
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Jesus and Me (JAM)

A group for ages 11-13/middle school
2nd and 4th 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!



This is a blessed Christmas Season for ECW with a wonderful December meeting on the 12th at Jan Stadler's home. We baked Christmas treats in her gorgeous kitchen and made cookie packages that were delivered to our volunteer fire departments in the mountain community. In addition to baking and generally having a great time, we had a kitchen shower to furnish St. Raphael's kitchen which should be ready sometime in January. New Co-Chairs were selected to lead the ECW, Pat Magerkurth and Janice Theobald who will lead the group for 2016.

In addition, the group sponsored the "Undie Sunday" drive for EChO that asked parishioners to bring new, packaged underwear in all sizes. EChO was pleased with the drive and made a request for toilet paper. As a result, we will have a toilet paper drive on January 10th.

ECW will meet on Saturday, January 9th at St. Raphael's from 9:00-11:00. We will have some fun and then participate in a meeting to decide what we want ECW to be. Who are we and what do we want to do for our church and our community. Each member will have a chance to weigh in and, as a group, we will come up with a plan that our new leadership can implement. Please plan to attend, as we need everyone's input and support moving forward.

Recipes for some of the Christmas Goodies consumed at the Church events are included in this newsletter.

Upcoming meetings include a St. Raphael's kitchen blessing in February and a retreat day led by the Rev. Sarah Berlin in March!

Blessings.

Pat Magerkurth

Thank You, Resigning Senior Warden and Welcome to the New!

I will be resigning my position as Senior Warden effective Dec. 31, 2015. I told Fr. Michael that I needed to step back from the everyday stresses of church leadership. I want to thank you all for your support over the last year and I think we have made some great strides toward organizational accountability and financial stability. **St. Raphael's is nearly completed and is now a Rectory that we can all be proud of. David McDonald has accepted Fr. Michael's offer to take over as Senior Warden.**

Sincerely, Cort Langworthy

Hikeapalions



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

Hike-a-palians enjoying an outing in Elk Meadows

Pictured: Jerry Shrimpton with Lola, Bill & Barb Houston, Robin & Cindy Tems, Tom Marker

Contact Tom Marker if you're interested in joining the fun!
tbmarker@aol.com



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



Do you have a television that you'd like to get rid of?! The COT Youth Group (Episcopal Youth Community—EYC) would be thrilled to accept your donation! We will also gladly accept a DVD player and/or a VCR! :) Please contact Stephanie Park—stephaniepark911@gmail.com or Fr. Michael—rector@church-transfig.net if you have one that you'd love to donate!



Christmas Pageant

A Huge Thank You to Sunday School Teachers Kit Snyder, Susan Courtney and Kristy Morrison for planning, preparing and running a fantastic Christmas Pageant! Thank you also to all who helped and participated in A Carly Brown Christmas!



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.

The calendars have turned out just beautifully!

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!

We have sold out of the first batch, but can order more!

If you are interested, please contact Sara Gadeken

sgadeken@aol.com or Stephanie Park

stephaniepark911@gmail.com - shipping is insanely overpriced, so we need to be accurate with our number to order!

Please request your calendar(s) no later than January 25!

Church of the Transfiguration – Youth Events Calendar

For further information contact: Stephanie Park—stephaniepark911@gmail.com

JANUARY

- 1/03 Youth Group—Douglas Hall 5-7 pm
- 1/10 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in Douglas Hall
- 1/17 Youth Group—Ice Skating at the Lake
- 1/24 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in Douglas Hall
- 1/31 Youth Group—Douglas Hall 5-7 pm
- 2/07 Youth Group—Douglas Hall 5-7 pm
- 2/14 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in Douglas Hall
- 2/21 Youth Group—Douglas Hall 5-7 pm
- 2/28 JAM (Jesus and Me) at 10:15 in Douglas Hall



Thank you to Ginny Leitz for serving on the Vestry and Altar Guild! Thank you for your commitment to your church!



SAVE SAFEWAY STAMPS FOR ST. RAPHAEL SILVERWARE !
The last day to redeem your stamps at Safeway is January 19, 2016! If you have stamps to give, please let Sara Gadenken—sgadenken@aol.com—know that you have some for the St. Raphael's kitchen!



Acolyte Schedule

Week 1	Pat Crist Hatton Sumner Kaleb Horsely
Week 2	Shelley Black Mike Herrick Mary Hatfield
Week 3	Stephanie Park Jennifer Francis Wyatt Guajardo
Week 4	Shelley Black Pat Crist Isobel Tughton
Week 5	Stephanie Park Holly/River Perry Mary Hatfield



ACOLYTES ALWAYS WELCOME!!!
*If you would like to be an acolyte—
please let Jerri Avery or Fr. Michael know!*

Lectio Divina
*Please plan to join us on the first Saturday of the month at
9:30 am in the church.*

New Beginnings!! A new group has started at Transfiguration...this group has been meeting in December focusing on Advent. We have been using a booklet by Thomas Merton "Bridges to Contemplative Living - Advent and Christmas" The format has included readings, silence, and contemplative dialogue. The group participants have asked to continue meeting. The next series will start **Feb 2, 8-9am** at The Chapel of St Joseph and St Mary focusing on

Lent. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact Mary Haave, mhaave74@gmail.com or [303-263-4163](tel:303-263-4163).



Let us pray

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 **January 31st**.

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 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 **January 11th and 25th**.





FAMILY NIGHT OUT!!

Friday Jan 29th at 5:00pm
Dinner will be provided!

Our own Donna Kautzman has put together a new board game. She is looking for volunteers to try it out and tell her what they think of it. It is designed for the whole family, ages 7 and older.

Donna will even feed you!!!

This is a wildlife conservation game.

Come test your knowledge about animals
and have a fun family night out!

Sign up on the poster at the back of the church,
or email Donna that you're coming
so she can provide enough food.

~TRAVELING ANIMALS~TM

Donnakautzman@yahoo.com



The Youth Group will also be trying out the game on
Sunday, January 31st at 5 pm!

Celebrate!!!

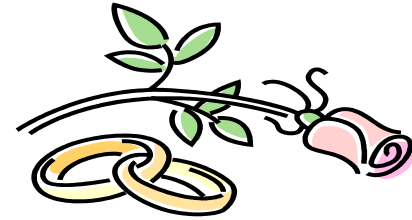
January Birthdays

Donna Kautzman 1/10

Brian Williams 1/10

Kit Snyder 1/17

Bob Barker 1/21



January Anniversaries

Robin & Cindy Tems
January 8

Emil & Sara Gadeken
January 26

Cort & Patsy
Langworthy
January 28

Frank & Ginny Leitz
January 31

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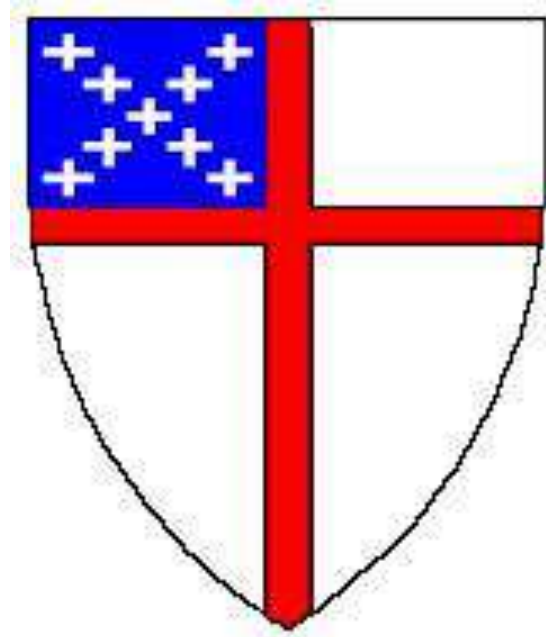


January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Office Closed	1	2 8 AA 9:30 Lectio Divina
3 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 5 Youth Group	4	5	6 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	7 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 5:30 EDSE Board Meeting 7 Choir	8 9-3 EDSE 2 Outreach	9 8 AA 9 ECW
10 8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School and JAM OUTREACH SUNDAY	11 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Evening Prayer	12 9-3 EDSE 6 Property Committee	13 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	14 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 7 Choir	15 9-3 EDSE	16 8 AA
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31 10:15 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Sunday School 5 Youth Group	Meadow St. Mark's	Chapel Stewart Lounge	Church Douglas Hall St. Raphael's	Wilderness Cabin		

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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!!!**