



We Are Doing Well!

People ask me how Transfiguration is doing and I tell them, "We are doing well!"

Organization and generosity has increased: Since 2015, our new Vestry has started to gel and take on ministry areas of oversight: Joe Kerper - Youth and EDSE (pre-school), Ginny Leitz - Pastoral Care, David McDonald - Social, Ted Terry - Stewardship, and Larry Kilborn/ Father Mike - Worship. (We have one area of oversight open and available - Outreach). We are pleased to have voted Larry Kilborn onto our Vestry following the departure of Michael Coriden after three years of service. Thank you, Michael. We are also gladdened by our newest (non-voting) treasurer, Derek Padget.

I thank Jean LaFond and Mychelle Mowry for chairing our Stewardship of Finance Committee. Their work and your generosity has increased our pledges for 2015. We thank Mary Haave for promoting discussion on Stewardship of Estate and the Bell Tower Legacy Society. We thank our Stewardship of Environ-

ment members, Michael and Jennifer and their children Annabelle and Dominic Herrick, who will donate over a dozen recycle containers for our church and EDSE community. The Herrick's decided, as a family, to donate, educate and promote recycling as an important facet of our church community's Stewardship of the Environment. Thank you, Ted Terry for overseeing all these Stewardship committees.

I also thank our Episcopal Day School of Evergreen (EDSE) Board Chair, Mary Hatfield and board members, EDSE's Director, Janet Reznik and teachers for their service in teaching 50 pre-school children. EDSE is well liked in the community and has been highly profitable (which has helped COT financially as well). We are pleased to announce that EDSE will expand their existing class space in order to add six more students and two more part-time teachers in August for the 2015/2016 school year.

I thank our Property Committee Co-chairs, Bill Houston and Jerry Shrimpton, our committee members and our Property Manager, Ken Schmidt for

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A Note from the Rector, continued

prioritizing and deciding what projects to work on in 2015. The Property Committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the Vestry to vote on. I especially thank Bill Houston for shepherding the reconstruction of our Bell Tower, which we rededicated on Easter, 2015. Another large project has been the refurbishing of St. Raphael's. My wife, Cathleen and I are pleased to have moved into the second floor. I thank Ken Schmitt and his family for all the hard work and many hours that they have toiled to make St. Raphael's a rectory again. I thank our past and current Vestry for their guidance and work in accomplishing this venture so far. St. Raphael's still needs a refurbished bathroom, kitchen and outside work to become a finished project. I look for advice on how to accomplish it - for my time with you as well as for future rectors and their families.

New People: I have seen and witnessed 17 new people coming to our church community since I have been with you as your priest and rector beginning in July 2014.

God is calling new people to join our church. Our mission as a church community is to "welcome all." In our Inquirer's Classes, I hear "I am looking for a spiritual home, where I am accepted and want to belong to a church community." Thank you all good people, who welcome new members in to Christ's Body here at COT.





New Youth Group: We have nine members of our youth group. I thank Jennifer Francis for heading our youth group. Thank you for who donated food, time and worked to make the Spaghetti Dinner a successful evening of fellowship and helped to raise \$400 for youth group mission trips. I am proud of our youth group members: Kaleb, Jesse, Wyatt, Hatton and Bert, who helped to set up, feed, organize and cleaning up at this event. We are looking forward to many more happy and helpful events for our church community.

So, when people ask you, "how is Transfiguration doing?", what will you tell them.

See you Sunday!

Michael+

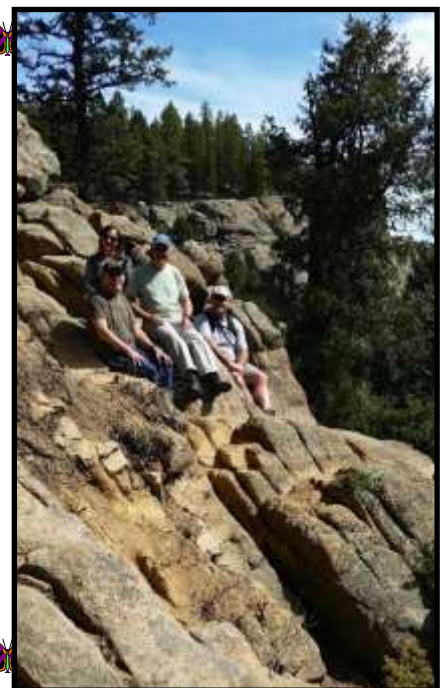


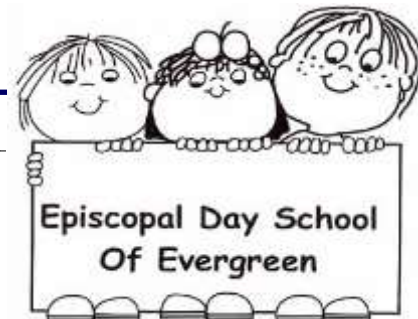
    Hike-a-palians is an informal group of parishioners and friends who enjoy hiking in our nature's Cathedral!

  This picture is from our hike to Maxwell Falls.

  Pictured: *Fr. Michael, Claire Terry, Mike Cherubino, Tom Marker*

Not pictured but also there: *Edie Cherubino*





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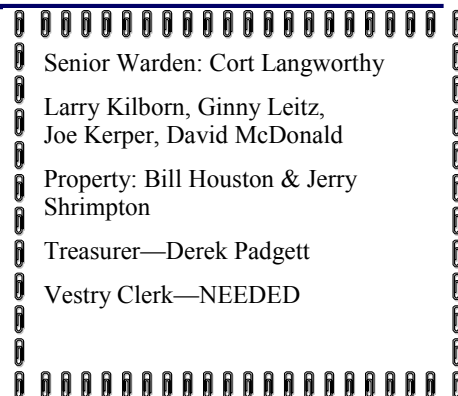
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EfM—Education for Ministry

Year One: The Hebrew Bible

Year Two: The New Testament

Year Three: Church History

Year Four: Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter

Participants in the EfM program study the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present. The seminar group is the nucleus of the Education for Ministry program. A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. These meetings are usually from two and a half to three hours in length.

Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom.

Contact Stephanie Park: stephaniepark911@gmail.com or 303-564-0210 for more information and to register for a group at St. Laurence in Conifer beginning in September—all years! Registrations should be submitted by early June so that we can get our study books in time.



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

The Transfiguration Book Club

Dear Transfiguration Book Club:

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 18, 2015**** (may be changed to June 1 due to Memorial Day), at 6:30 p.m., in the church. We are discussing

Khirbet Khizeh, by S. Yizhar and
Master and Man, by Leo Tolstoy

These are both very short books; please read both.



June 22 -- *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr

July 27 -- *The Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick

August -- VACATION

September -- We will read a short story and a poem by Wendell Berry.

**Please note, the 4th Monday of May is Memorial Day, so we will meet on either May 18 or June 1, instead.

Please reply to me so that I know which day you want to meet.

If you have question or concerns, email:

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The first Sunday
of every month is
the children's
homily!

Sara's Potato Leek Soup

3 tablespoons butter, heated in large pot. Add 4 large leeks, including three inches of green, diced, and 2 large onions, diced. Season with salt and pepper and cook until soft. Add 2 cloves gar-



lic, 3 sprigs thyme, and 1 bay leaf. Stir, pour in 2 quarts chicken broth. Bring to a boil, simmer 30 minutes. Add 3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced. Simmer 20 minutes or until soft. Remove thyme and bay leaf. Purée with stick blender until roughly smooth or purée completely in a blender. Serve hot or cold.

REMEMBER TO MULTIPLY BY 8 FOR EChO RECIPE!

EChO FOOD BANK NEEDS

*COT's items of the month—
hearty soups or stew, chili, canned beans, canned fruit, hot & cold cereal,
toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes*



Pre-Teen Youth Group



May 3 at 4 pm — *Mother's Day Jewelry Making and Bible Lesson!*

We will make Mother's Day items and cards. Lots of fun!

July 6-10—*Mission trip to Leadville, CO.*

Let Fr. Michael know if you (youth or adults) are interested: rector@church-transfig.net

The Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser was a great

success! Thank you to all who cooked, participated, ate, served, helped, and prayed!



The **Jerusalem Cross**, symbol of Pentecost, and the **Creamy Cinquefoil** was donated by the women of Transfiguration to honor Charles Blakeslee, rector of Transfiguration from 1964 to 1984. It was stitched by Nan Banker. The Jerusalem Cross is also known as the Crusaders Cross, since it was the symbol assigned to the Crusaders by Pope Urban II during the first Crusade. The symbol may represent Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all four corners of the earth, which is why it is associated with Pentecost. Other stories are that the five crosses represent Jesus and the four Gospel writers, or they may represent the five wounds suffered by Jesus on the cross, or they could refer to the five nations involved in the First Crusade. The Creamy Cinquefoil, sometimes called the Sticky Cinquefoil, is a low-growing shrubby plant with yellow five-petaled flowers that grow all over Evergreen.



Father B, as we called Father Blakeslee, was for my husband Emil and for me all that a priest should be. He was the object of much criticism during his tenure, and indeed he had his faults, but I have never known a better man. When I thank God for my life, Father B and his wonderful wife Ann are right up there with my family as blessings I neither earned nor deserved. I honor his memory each time I see the kneeler, and I thank the women that made these kneelers possible.

The **Celtic Cross** with the **Red Wood Lily** was donated by Emil and Sara Gadeken to honor her father Emrys Gordon Jones. It was stitched by Sue Thomas and Sara Gadeken (mostly by Sue). The Celtic Cross, associated with Wales and Ireland, has a long and ambiguous history, with many conflicting legends about its origin.

Pagans, often sun-worshippers, insist that the quartered circle is a universal symbol of the sun and belongs to British pre-Roman, pre-Christian, worship. Indeed the earliest examples show the cross contained inside the circle. The Irish says that when St. Patrick was shown a sacred standing stone marked with a circle symbolic of the moon goddess, he marked it with a cross through the circle and blessed it, making the first Celtic cross. Others suggest that emperor Constantine, who in the fourth

century made Christianity the official Roman religion, used as his emblem the cross within a laurel wreath, which evolved into the Celtic cross. Present-day Christians see the circle as representing the endlessness and timelessness of God's love, while the cross marks a specific point in time at which



Christ offered himself for our redemption.

The **Red Wood Lily** is native to Colorado, as are all the flowers on the kneelers, but in over fifty years I have only seen it once, during an extremely wet summer, growing next to Upper Bear Creek in the Elk Management Area on Mount Evans. It is a protected species and cannot be picked under penalty of law.

The **Fleur-de-Lys Cross** with the **Wild Iris** was donated by Emil and Sara Gaden to honor Emil's mother Rosie Gaden Kreychik, and it was stitched by Vayann Gray. It is adorned with lily petals at the arm-ends. In the Christian heritage, the lily represents chastity, innocence and purity, and is particularly associated with the



Virgin Mary. Yet the arm-ends also have the appearance of barbed fighting spears, and so this cross is part of heraldry, especially in France. As a Christian symbol, the three points of the arm-ends represent the Trinity; in heraldry they represent faith, wisdom and chivalry. Both the Celtic Cross and the Fleur-Lys Cross signify the ambiguities and contradictions of our faith – a virgin who gives birth, a being who is both God and man, life out of death, the eternalness of God and the temporal specificity of the Crucifixion, the soft gentle lily and the barbed fighting spear combined in one symbol.

Emil asked for the Wild Iris on his mother's kneeler because she had loved that flower so much. Living on a poor hill farm during the Great Depression, she could not afford to buy bulbs, of course, but she traded with her neighbors until their farm house in north-eastern Nebraska was surrounded with them in every color and shape. Wild iris used to bloom in profusion in Evergreen in wet areas such as the meadow across from the Alderfer farmhouse on Buffalo Park road. Now they are disappearing. They are also a protected species.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in Stewart Lounge. For more information, please contact

Liz Jones at [303/679-1301](tel:3036791301) or

Georgine McCarthy at [303/670-0887](tel:3036700887).



*The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King*

Preparation classes for Daughters of the King are being held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 4:45 pm in the little chapel. If you are interested in DOK or would like to find out more information, please contact Floy Senior at 303-674-0757.

Vestry Report—April 20, 2015

All parishioners are welcome to sit in on the open sessions of the Vestry meetings.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 18th at 5:30 pm in Stewart Lounge.

A Pastoral Message to the clergy and people of Colorado

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” – 1 John 3:17-18

Dear Friends,

I know you have seen the devastation left in the wake of the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck near Kathmandu, Nepal, on the morning of April 25. At last count the death toll has surpassed 5,000 people, with more than 10,000 injured. The United Nations has estimated that some 8 million people may be impacted, many of whom are unable to return to their homes, because their homes have been destroyed or are not safe to enter.

Complicating the relief and recovery efforts is the rough terrain and isolated nature of communities in Nepal and across the Himalayas. Communication is difficult, and the heavy rains that have moved into the area are intensifying hardships for people now sleeping and living out in the open.

Once again, we struggle with the realization that we control nothing, that ancient buildings and sacred sites can be reduced to rubble in moments, that lives can be changed in an instant, and that the work of relief, recovery and rebuilding will be slow and arduous.

I want you to know that Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the ecumenical ACT Alliance in Nepal and local partners in northern India and southwest China to respond to immediate needs for food, clean water and shelter, as well as the need for accurate information through on-the-ground assessment.

Episcopal Relief & Development is also in contact with the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia regarding support for the work of the Deanery of Nepal, which is part of the Diocese of Singapore.

In response, I urge you to do several things:

1) The greatest gift we can offer is our deep prayer – our prayer for those who have died, for those who have been injured, for those whose lives have been turned upside down, for those who grieve the loss of friends and loved ones, the loss of homes and livelihoods, the loss of much they hold dear. Let us pray, too, for those who are bringing relief, support and encouragement to this stricken region.

2) In addition to our prayer, a tangible financial commitment to help those in need is called for. I am encouraging donations to the Nepal Earthquake Response Fund, to enable Episcopal Relief & Development to support its partners’ emergency relief efforts in the region. You may read more about Episcopal Relief & Development’s ongoing efforts in response to the earthquake at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2015-press-releases/earthquake-in-nepal>

3) Please make this information available to your congregations, and encourage parishioners to commit to contributing generously to relief efforts. I am attaching information to this letter that you may include in your parish communications, and prayers that may be included in your worship services.

During this Easter season, let us remember that it is through our loving actions that Christ abides in us, and we in him. Let us put our love into action.

Yours faithfully in Christ

The Right Reverend Robert O’Neill

Bishop

Announcements

ACOLYTES NEEDED! If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Holly Hall-Perry: hollyhall.perry@gmail.com for scheduling and Isobel Tuthton: sarahtutch@comcast.net and Father Michael: rector@church-transfig.net for training!



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 **May 31st**.

Morning Prayer Service



sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered on THURSDAY mornings at 9:30 AM 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 **May 11th** and **18th** (change due to Memorial Day).

Bell Tower Dedication—Easter Sunday




Mother's Day is just around the corner.....
pamper her with some lotions and love!
www.marykay.com/sharris92803 or talk to
Stephanie Park for more information.




Celebrate!!!

May Birthdays

Mary Carlson	May 1
Kela Baker	May 8
David Beard	May 10
Ginny Leitz	May 15
Gretchen Berggren	May 16
Jean Hane	May 16
Carolyn Seymour	May 19
Claire Eades	May 20
Madalyn Page	May 22
Joseph Poole	May 23
Liz Bayard	May 24
Joella Borchelt	May 26
Pat Magerkurth	May 26
Susan Page	May 26
Mary Jacobsen	May 29



May Anniversaries

Craig & Jan Stadler
May 15th

Ted & Claire Terry
May 17th

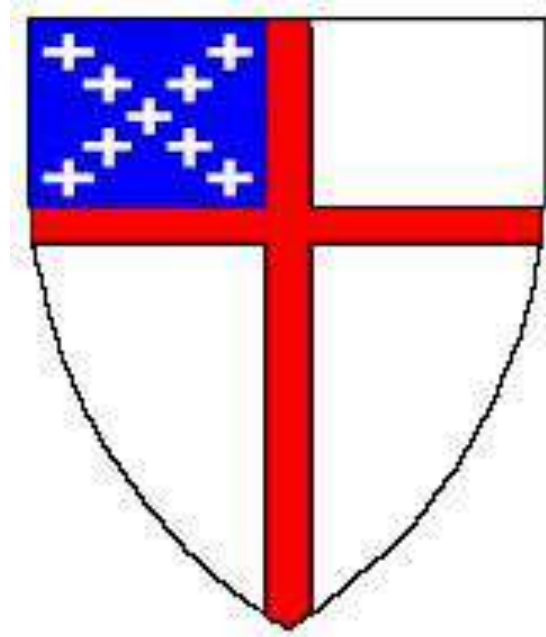


May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's	Meadow Chapel Stewart Lounge				1 9-3 EDSE	2 8 am AA
3 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist and Children's Sermon 4 Youth Group	4 5:30 EDSE Board Meeting	5 9-3 EDSE	6 9-3 EDSE 1 Prayer Shawl 7:30 pm AA	7 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 7 Choir	8 9-3 EDSE	9 8 am AA
10 8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School	11 9-3 EDSE 4:45 DOK Training 5:30 pm Evening Prayer	12 9-3 EDSE 6 Property Committee 7 EChO Board Meeting	13 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	14 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 7 Choir	15 9-3 EDSE	16 8 am AA 3:30-6 Recital
17 8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School	18 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Vestry 6:30 Book Club	19 9-3 EDSE	20 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	21 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 7 Choir	22 9-3 EDSE	23 8 am AA
24 8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 31 8 Holy Eucharist 10:15 Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Sunday School	25 Office Closed 	26 9-3 EDSE	27 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	28 9-3 EDSE 9:30 Morning Prayer 7 Choir	29 9-3 EDSE	30 8 am AA

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Newsletter Submissions

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!!!**