

# The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ



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## The Good News

In the first chapter of Luke we read how the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Christ, and how Mary answered, "Here I am, the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me as you have said." It is reasonable to suppose that Our Lord was conceived immediately after this. Accordingly, since we celebrate His birth on 25 December, we celebrate the Annunciation nine months earlier, on 25 March. For many centuries most European countries took 25 March, not 1 January, as the

day when the number of the year changed, so that 24 March 1201 was followed by 25 March 1202. If you had asked a Christian of that time why the calendar year changed so awkwardly partway through a month, he would have answered: "Today we begin a new year of the Christian era, the era which began X years ago today when God was made man, when He took upon Himself a fleshly body and human nature in the womb of the Virgin."

The following paragraph is from Chapter 14 of the book

MIRACLES, by C S Lewis.

...one of those features of the Christian story which is repulsive to the modern mind. To be quite frank, we do not at all like the idea of a "chosen people". Democrats by birth and education, we should prefer to think that all nations and individuals start level in the search for God, or even that all religions are equally true. It must be admitted

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# Check This Out!!!

JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY CLASS LED BY FR. MARK USING FREDERICK BUECHNER'S BOOK "WISHFUL THINKING: A THEOLOGICAL ABC". THE CLASS IS HELD IN STEWART LOUNGE (IN ST. MARK'S) BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 9:00 TO 10:00.



*Lectio Divina will It  
will be held on Satur-  
day, March 4th at 9  
AM.*

Wednesday Night Lenten Series  
6:45 pm Evensong  
March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28

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**2012 Vestry**

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Mary Hatfield  
Dawn Barr  
Stephanie Harris  
Treasurer—Steven Peters  
Vestry Clerk—Sara Gadeken

## Church Kneelers by Sara Gaden

The lovely kneelers that grace our altar were dedicated to the Glory of God on June 2, 1985. They were a gift to the church from the Women of Transfiguration, who offered their time, talent and treasure to stitch these works of art. Each kneeler displays a different cross and a different wild flower that is native to Evergreen, as well as the names of the donor or donors, the name or names of those to whom the kneeler was dedicated, and the name or names of those who stitched it. Everyone involved in this project to whom I have spoken remembers it as one which brought the women of the church together in a mutual and prayerful exercise of commitment and joy. We did it together, it will last a hundred years, and it is beautiful.

In 1984, Dr. Robert Shattuck, a member of Transfiguration, needlepointed a beautiful wedding kneeler for the church. Soon after, Ruth Brookfield conceived the idea of the women of the church making an entire set of kneelers to replace the rather ordinary velveteen ones then in use. She researched the crosses and the flowers. Harriet Stearns painted the flowers and was the designer/consultant on the project. Harriet Anderson, now Harriet Sear, coordinated the training of the stitchers, whose ability ranged from expert (lots of these) to rank beginner (me). She also supervised the stitching, kept track of materials, and in general kept the project moving forward. When the stitching was finished, Sue Thomas did the binding, Nan Banker the back stitching, and Lee Ball and Jean Hane the blocking. Harriet Anderson Sear, Delia Roberts, and Sue Thomas were in charge of the finish inspection.

At Harriet's insistence, each of us, before we began on the kneeler itself, completed a small (9 inch by 9 inch) sampler with a flower in the center and a Jerusalem Cross (a larger cross surrounded by four small ones) in the corner.

Only when we had successfully proven ourselves on the small piece could we begin a kneeler. Some who donated a kneeler also stitched it; some were stitched by others. Two were donated by the Women of Transfiguration to honor our recently retired rector Charles Blakeslee and his wife Ann.

## Church Kneelers, continued

We did most of the work at home but we also met regularly at Ruth Brookfield's to display our progress, to ask or offer help, and to talk about our lives. Each month, the newsletter will feature some of the kneelers. Jean Hane, still a member of the congregation, stitched this month's selection. At present, it is on the far right of the Epistle Side (the right as one faces the altar). Walter and Jean gave this piece to honor his mother, Mary Catherine Hane. It shows the Cross of Passion (Lent), whose pointed edges recall the suffering of Christ, and the Golden Banner flower. Jean was inspired by Dr. Shattuck as well by this project to ask Harriet Stearns to design another wedding kneeler, which she stitched and then gave to her Lutheran church in Ohio in memory of her parents. This was an enormous project, and whenever I see the kneelers, I remember the sense of shared purpose, the joy of creating in community with other women, and I thank with all my heart the many women who made it possible.



## The Annunciation, continued

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at once that Christianity makes no concessions to this point of view. It does not tell of a human search for God at all, but of something done by God for, to, and about Man. And the way in which it is done is selective, undemocratic, to the highest degree. After the knowledge of God had been universally lost or obscured, one man from the whole earth (Abraham) is picked out. He is separated (miserably enough, we may suppose) from his natural surroundings, sent into a strange country, and made the ancestor of a nation who are to carry the knowledge of the true God. Within this nation there is further selection: some die in the desert, some remain behind in Babylon. There is further selection still. The process grows narrower and narrower, sharpens at last into one small bright point like the head of a spear. It is a Jewish girl at her prayers. All humanity (so far as concerns its redemption) has narrowed to that.

The following quotation is from Martin Luther's sermon "On the MAGNIFICAT" (the Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55).

"For He that is mighty hath done great things for me, and Holy is His Name." (Luke 1:49). The "great things" are nothing less than that she became the Mother of God, in which work so many and such great good things are bestowed upon her as pass man's understanding. For on this there follows all honor, all blessedness, and her unique place in the whole of mankind, among whom she has no equal, namely, that she had a child by the Father in Heaven, and such a child.

She herself is unable to find a name for this work, it is too exceedingly great; all she can do is break out in the fervent cry: "They are great things," impossible to describe or define. Hence men have crowded all her glory into a single word, calling her the Mother of God.

No one can say any-

thing greater of her or to her, though he had as many tongues as there are leaves on the trees, or grass in the fields, or stars in the sky, or sand by the sea. It needs to be pondered in the heart, what it means to be the Mother of God. No one can say anything greater of her or to her, though he had as many tongues as there are leaves on the trees, or grass in the fields, or stars in the sky, or sand by the sea. It needs to be pondered in the heart, what it means to be the Mother of God.

*Luther's Works*, Vol. 21, p. 326, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan, Concordia Publishing House, 1956.

*by James Kiefer*

<http://satucket.com/lectionary/Annunciation.htm>



## Transfiguration Talent



Charlie Gaden and sculpture



Other side of sculpture

Charlie Gaden, Emil and Sara's son, donated this sculpture to a San Francisco hospital. It was bought for \$50,000 by Intel Corporation, to be placed in front of their corporate office. Charlie was baptized and confirmed at Transfiguration and was a member of the high school youth group when Joella and Bill Borchelt were the leaders. He lives with his wife Pouneh and daughter Azadeh in the Mission District of San Francisco.



## Vestry Highlights

### February 20, 2012 Vestry Highlights

- **Sara Gadeken is our new Vestry Clerk—Many Thanks!!!**
- **Approved new EChO Board Members:**
  - **Tom Maxey**
  - **Bob Coursen**
  - **Joe Kerper**
  - **Mike Coridan**

**The Vestry has voted to return Sunday services to 8:00 and 10:15 and to discontinue the combined 9:00 service. This will hopefully eliminate the confusion of worship times for visitors and also congregants.**

**Summer combined services will be discussed closer to summer.**

### Where is the "Alleluia"??

The association of *alleluia* with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast which has the effect, not of depressing the mood of the liturgy, but of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. Indeed, when the *alleluia* does return, it is with an incredible flourish. Before the proclamation of the Gospel at the Great Vigil of Easter, *alleluia* is sung to an exceptionally elaborate tone. It is a moment of unrestrained fervor as a singer intones the elaborate *alleluia*, and the congregation sings it back. The cantor raises the pitch and sings the *alleluia* a second time, and again the congregation echoes it back. Once more, the cantor raises the pitch, and the congregation responds. And then the good news is proclaimed that Christ is risen from the dead. The dramatic effect of the return of the *alleluia* is heightened considerably by the fact that no *alleluias* have been heard since Lent began.

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## Capt Bill's Low Country Shrimp Boil Sunday, March 18th 5:30 PM



Bring your friends and neighbors  
All Welcome!!

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church so  
that the Captain can plan the size of his catch!



## The Transfiguration Book Club

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Monday, March 26th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

The book is: *Reading by Lightning* by Joan Thomas

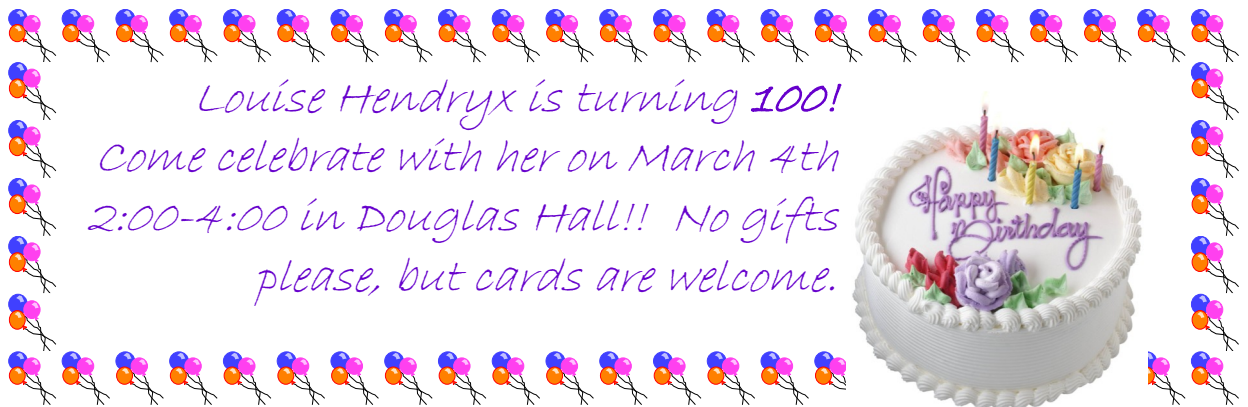
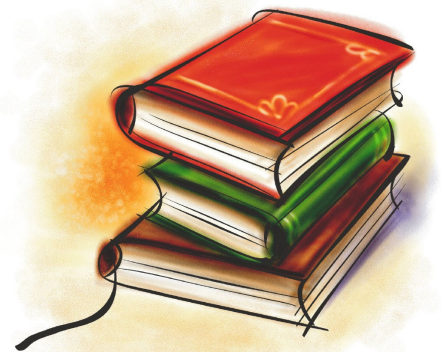
All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group—ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come.....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email  
Shelley Black—Shelley\_Black@att.biz  
Kit Snyder—snyderkit@hotmail.com

April's book will be announced soon.



Prayers

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### Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark 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 March 25th.

### Morning Prayer Service


sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM in the church. Everyone is invited to attend. Prayer services based on the “Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families” in the Book of Common Prayer.

### 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 March 12th and 26th.



**CACTUS JACK'S IS CONTRIBUTING THE INGREDIENTS FOR OUR MARCH ECHO SOUP DONATION! STOP BY AND SEE OWNERS GARY & MEGAN MITCHELL—4651 HWY 73—JUST BELOW THE DAM—BEST BURGERS IN TOWN!**



**CACTUS JACK'S SALOON & GRILL**



Help make soup for the community.....COT makes soup the third Sunday of each month to give to EChO for those in need. We need volunteers to help in the preparation of the soup for this worthy cause. Please contact Stephanie Harris if interested and willing to help!



303-564-0210 or [sharris7@hotmail.com](mailto:sharris7@hotmail.com)



# HAPPENINGS



H.E.R.O—The Heart of Evergreen Revitalization Organization  
The mission of H.E.R.O. is as follows: "Keep the Heart of Evergreen pumping by maintaining and improving the character of the downtown environment." We want to hear from all supporters of H.E.R.O. Go to [www.downtownevergreen.com](http://www.downtownevergreen.com) homepage and **Click: [\[H.E.R.O form\]](#)** to submit your questions and comments. We will deliver updates to you regarding projects H.E.R.O is involved with. In addition to a long list of ideas for how to make Downtown Evergreen a better, nicer and safer place to be, we have also identified the many organizations who have a vested interest in downtown that we plan to work with and develop strong long term relationships with.







 Evergreen Christian Outreach is in urgent need of firewood to distrib- 

 ute to EChO clients!! 



 Providing this service saves quite a bit of scarce cash that would oth- 

 erwise 

 be spent on heating bills. They have distributed 15-20 cords so far 

 this season 



 and are down to their last 1-2 cords in stock. They can make this last 


 through 

 February, but will not have any to carry them through the rest of the 

 heating season. 

 They need seasoned wood immediately, 

 and they can pick it up in log form. They 

 will want greener wood in the spring to prepare 

 for next winter. 

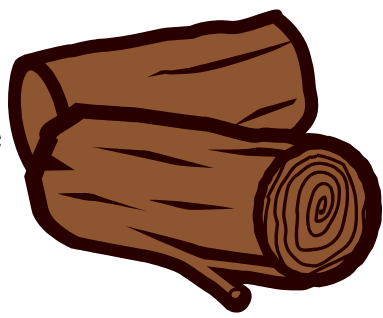
 If you, your friends, or neighbors can help. 

 Please call Evergreen Christian Outreach 

 at 303-670-1796 and ask for Jim. 

 Thank you on behalf of hundreds of EChO families!! 





# Evergreen

## Christian

### Outreach

#### Needs List-March 2012



Canned Beans (not green) \*Spaghetti Sauce

Small Peanut Butter

\*Cold Cereal

\*Hearty Soups

Mac & Cheese

\*Canned vegetables (except corn)

\*Helpers

Canned soup

Sugar

\*Toilet Paper

\*Bath Soap

disposable razors \*Laundry Detergent

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#### Other Items for St. Raphael's House\*

\*Children's Coats

\*Bedding

\*Women's Socks, Underwear & Bras

\*Shoes for all

\*Coffee Makers

\*Men's Hats, Gloves & Scarves

\*Can Openers

\*Men's & Women's Jeans

\* Pots & Pans

Toasters

Blenders

Microwaves

Household Misc.

Books

\*Men's Business Shoes & Belts

Arts & Crafts Supplies (Adult)

\*Bath & Kitchen Towels

Women's Business Clothes, Shoes & Accessories

(\*denotes urgently needed items for the food bank & St. Raphael's)

**Donations appreciated during regular business hours only! We no longer accept donations after hours due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.**

**Volunteers Always Needed!**

Call: 303-670-1796

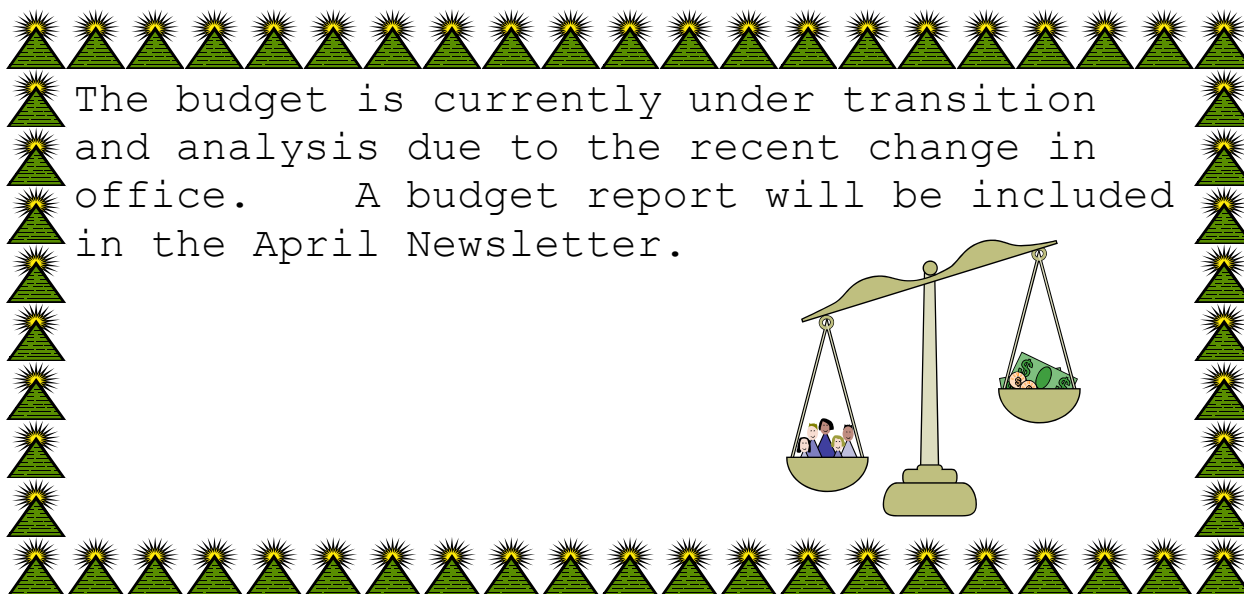
Evergreen Christian Outreach

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## News from your Treasurer—Steven Peters

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The budget is currently under transition and analysis due to the recent change in office. A budget report will be included in the April Newsletter.

### Alleluia, continued

In order to inaugurate the *alleluia* fast, the custom arose of “burying the *alleluia*” before Lent begins as a reminder that we do not use it at all during the forty days of Lent. We do not use it at church. We do not use it at home. We let it rest, as it were, during Lent, so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it afresh. In fact, once it returns on Easter, we give it no rest at all, repeating it again and again, in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. There are various ways to “bury the *alleluia*.” Here is one that combines this custom with a popular Easter custom. The *Alleluia* Egg is designed to help us bury the *alleluia* during Lent and to put *alleluia* in our midst during Easter.

To learn more about the Alleluia egg and other traditions, check out:

<http://fullhomelydivinity.org/Lenten%20customs%20full%20page.htm>



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras





Shrove  
Tuesday  
Pancake  
Supper/  
Mardi  
Gras  
Party



Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Party

Thank you to everyone  
who organized, worked  
and participated in our  
very successful Shrove  
Tuesday Pancake Supper  
and Mardi Gras Party!!





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras



# Celebrate!!!

## March Birthdays



<b>Carolyn Tutchton</b>	<b>3/1</b>
<b>Pat Work</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Joe Tutchton</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Emil Gadeken</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Neil Walden</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Mary Haave</b>	<b>3/12</b>
<b>Mary Jean Bedard</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Boone Losche</b>	<b>3/15</b>
<b>Don Snyder</b>	<b>3/15</b>
<b>Linda Gallup</b>	<b>3/16</b>
<b>Hudson McCarthy</b>	<b>3/17</b>
<b>Jon Carlson</b>	<b>3/23</b>
<b>Jerry Shrimpton</b>	<b>3/27</b>
<b>Bill Lathrop</b>	<b>3/30</b>
<b>Floy Senior</b>	<b>3/30</b>
<b>Sara Gadeken</b>	<b>3/31</b>

## March Anniversaries

**Joe and Carolyn Tutchton**  
**March 8**

**Dave McDonald and Pat**  
**Magerkurth**  
**March 18**

**Dick and Jane Wilson**  
**March 19**

**Bill and Barbara Houston**  
**March 26**

**Bob and Jean Jacobus**  
**March 30**



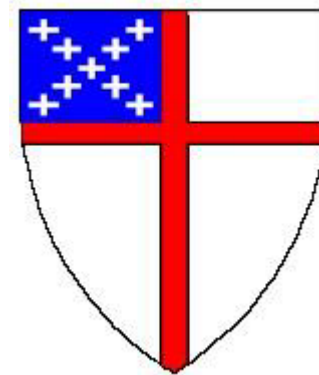
# March 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Church</i> <i>Douglas Hall</i> <i>St. Mark's</i> <i>Meadow</i> <i>Chapel</i>				<b>1</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>2</b> 9 am -7 pm <i>Kitchen Use</i>	<b>3</b> 8 am <i>AA</i>
<b>4</b> 8 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>5</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>6</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>7</b> 8am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 6:45 <i>Evensong</i> 7 pm <i>Choir</i> 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	<b>8</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>9</b> 9 am -7 pm <i>Kitchen Use</i>	<b>10</b> 8 am <i>AA</i> 9 am <i>Lectio Divina</i>
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## Newsletter Submissions

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Please contact Stephanie Harris 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 (see contact information to the left).**

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

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