

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday, officially "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few feasts of the Christian Year that celebrates a reality and doctrine rather than an event or person. On Trinity Sunday we remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. The Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners do as well, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose. The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian dogmas. The Trinity is a mystery. By mystery the Church

does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim. The common wisdom is that if you talk about the Trinity for longer than a few minutes you will slip into heresy because you are probing the depths of God too deeply. The Trinity is best described in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, commonly called the Nicene Creed. Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence (Greek *ousia*), but

distinct in person (Greek *hypostasis*). Don't let the word "person" fool you. The Greek word for person means "that which stands on its own," or "individual reality," and does not mean the persons of the Trinity are three human persons. Therefore we believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though), yet completely united in will and essence. How can this be? Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but

Inside this issue:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Meadow Picnic | 3 |
| Church Staff and Vestry Members | 3 |
| Church Kneeler | 4 |
| Bell Tower Legacy Society | 6 |
| Vestry Highlights | 10 |
| EDSE | 12 |
| Calendar | 16 |

Special points of interest:

- 2012 Graduates
- Church Kneeler
- Evergreen Rodeo
- Bell Tower Legacy Society

Trinity Sunday, continued

joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.

The Son is said to be eternally begotten of the Father, while the Holy Spirit is said to proceed from the Father through the Son. Each member of the Trinity interpenetrates one another, and each has distinct roles in creation and redemption, which is called the Divine economy. For instance, God the Father created the world through the Son and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation.

The Nicene definition of the Trinity developed over time, based on Scripture and Tradition. The Scriptures call the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit "God," yet the three are also clearly distinct. For instance, St. John gives Jesus the titles *theos* and *monogenes theos* (God and Only-Begotten God) and has Jesus saying that the Father and Son are one, yet in his gospel Jesus also states that the Father and Son are not one witness, but two (John 1:1, 18; 8:17-18; 10:30). So John tells us that Jesus is God but not God the Father? Jesus is one with the Father, but they constitute two witnesses? It is scriptures such as these that led to the development of the Trinity doctrine.

The Church had to reconcile the Divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit with Jewish monotheism. Over time, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Church reflected on the implications of God's nature, and even began using the word Trinity by the middle of the 2nd century to describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit. When in the 4th century a presbyter named Arius denied the Father and Son were both true God and co-eternal, his bishop Alexander of Alexandria challenged him and deposed him. Eventually the Arian controversy spread, and the emperor Constantine, newly fascinated with Christianity, convened a council of bishops in AD 325 in Nicaea to deal with Arianism. It is there that the Church drew up the beginnings of the current Nicene Creed. In the latter half of the 4th century the Church dealt with those who specifically denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit, adding more text to the creed.

Ultimately, Trinitarianism posits a dynamic God, whose ultimate nature is beyond human conception, yet who voluntarily operates within the created world. Trinitarianism also shows a loving God that is willing to become as we are so that we may become like Him. The implications of believing in Arius' God, a God unwilling to involve himself in our redemption, but who in-

stead sent an angel of the highest order, did not escape the earliest Christians. As St. Athanasius was fond of saying "that which has not been assumed has not been redeemed," meaning that unless God truly became completely human, we could not be fully redeemed, because only God Himself is capable of truly redeeming humanity; an angel does not have this ability. Thus, the Trinity is not about Greek philosophy or pointless metaphysical speculation, but about the heart of our salvation. For more information, please check out The Nicene Creed: Ancient Symbol of the Catholic Faith.

<http://www.churchyear.net/trinitysunday.html>

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 be held
on June 1st at 9 am***



**Church Picnic—11:30 AM on
Sunday, June 2nd in the meadow. Burgers, brats and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert and a smile to share!**

Church of the Transfiguration Staff and Vestry

Priest in Charge - The Rev. Mark Norris
marknorris@juno.com
303-674-4904 ext. 11
Parish Administrator—Jerri Avery,
303-674-4904
Organist & Choir Director—Bob Coursen,
303-674-4904
Director of Children's Ministries—Janet Reznik, 303-674-9253
Building & Grounds Administrator—
Ken Schmidt, 303-598-6128

Office Hours
Monday 1-5
Tuesday 10-5
Wednesday 12-7
Thursday 10-5
cotransfig@gmail.com
www.church-transfig.net
www.colorado-weddings.org

2012 Vestry
Co- Senior Wardens: David Black & Randy Reznik
Junior Warden—Emil Gadeken
Mary Hatfield
Stephanie Harris
Treasurer—Steven Peters
Vestry Clerk—Sara Gadeken

Church Kneelers, by Sara Gadeken

The kneeler bearing the Cross Nika and the Blue Lupine is the second cushion from the right hand (as you face the altar) side, otherwise known as the Epistle Side. A most unusual piece, it shows the familiar Chi Rho cross but adds a large capital N at the base. The "N" is for the Greek *Nika*, meaning Conqueror, so this is the cross of Christ the Conqueror, of the Imperial Church. A militant conquering Church is not a popular concept in today's world in which we are so desperate for peace that we crave instead images of the peacemaking and reconciling Christ – the "gentle Jesus, meek and mild." It has been many years since we sang of a Sunday: "The Son of Man goes forth to war/ A kingly crown to gain." The Cross Nika is especially appropriate for Palm Sunday, celebrating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Blue lupine used to be ubiquitous in Evergreen, growing wild everywhere, until it became candy for the elk. The elk moved into Evergreen sometime in the late eighties and

early nineties, probably because we were building on their feeding grounds at higher elevations. Do not believe the myth that malignant enemies shipped them here by



train. They had been expected to move up to higher elevations when the building began but they fooled us and became part of the landscape. Before then, we never saw elk, and those who wished to and could afford the cost of the necessary water had lovely vegetable or flowers gardens. In fairness to the elk, the droughts of the early 2000's also contributed to the demise of many Evergreen gardens.

The Cross Nita kneeler was donated by Lois Field in honor of her cousin Opal Parson. Lois was a parish member for many years. She lived with another cousin Estelle Coakley, who was a speech therapist with the Easter Seal Foundation, and who was the first woman to serve on the Transfiguration vestry. The cushion was stitched by Jan Bente, whose husband Jim was Junior Warden for many years, and by C. D. Harbridge.

Evergreen Rodeo Weekend



THE CHURCH AND EDSE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE RODEO PARADE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH!!!

SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO WALK IN THE PARADE!!!

PLEASE BRING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED LOOSE CANDY TO BE PASSED OUT DURING THE PARADE. CANDY CAN BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH UP UNTIL THE PARADE STARTS.



Bell Tower Legacy Society

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Mary Haave and I have been part of the Transfiguration parish community for over 20 years. I enjoy our worship time and feel renewed and refocused each Sunday morning. Attending Lectio Divina provides me with increased spiritual awareness and growth. I value the support that our rector and church family provide.

In 2005, I attended a workshop at Diocesan Convention called "Legacies of the Faithful." Leaving a planned gift to my church seemed a good fit for me as I am grateful for the support this church has given me in times of transition. So I contacted the Colorado Episcopal Foundation and set up a charitable gift annuity which provides me with income while I am alive and following my death, Transfiguration receives the remainder.

Several other members of Transfiguration and I talked about establishing a Legacy Society and we thought calling it the Bell Tower Legacy Society would be appropriate for our historic church landmark. We sponsored a workshop on planned giving at Transfiguration with a local attorney, Mt Evans Hospice and the Colorado Episcopal Foundation participating. However, the formal framework and structure of the Bell Tower Legacy Society was not completed. Now, I believe we are ready to do so as the Vestry has unanimously passed the resolution that appears in this Newsletter.

I am volunteering to take leadership in forming a committee to set up a formal structure for the Bell Tower Legacy Society. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, please contact me if you have questions or suggestions. I can be reached at: 303-670-3061 or 303-263-4163 or mhaave74@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Mary Haave

IN GRATITUDE

**FOR THE HERITAGE LEFT TO US BY OUR
PREDECESSORS AND,**

**SENSING THAT WE BEAR A SIMILAR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN
EVERGREEN, COLORADO, AND**

**WITH A DEEP SENSE OF THANKFULNESS FOR
OUR LIVES HERE,**

**WE THE VESTRY OF THE
CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
APPROVE AND SUPPORT A PROGRAM OF
PLANNED
GIVING THROUGH THE
BELL TOWER LEGACY SOCIETY
AS A COT FUNCTION.**



**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VESTRY OF
THE
CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION,
EVERGREEN, COLORADO
MAY 21, 2012**

SOUP'S ON, WELCOMES & CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Soup Ministry

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are in the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.



2012 Graduates

Colleen Black—Northern Arizona University

Roxanne Tutchton—Colorado College

Evergreen High School Graduates

Brian Avery

Alarie Reznik

Casey Sweeney

EDSE Pre-K Graduates

Jessica Bittner

Reese Haas

Anna Hock

Kate Horneck

Lily Kern

Logan Killough

Abby Pittinger

Leo Southard

Makayla Wason



The Transfiguration Book Club

Monday, June 25th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

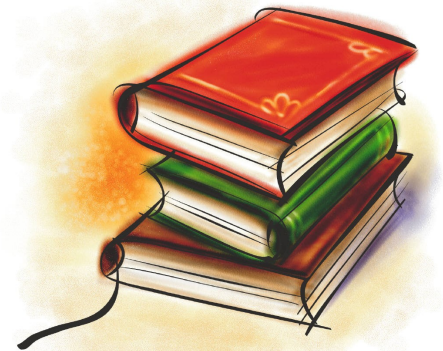
The book is: *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café* by Fannie Flag

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



July's book will be announced soon.

June-October—on the first Sunday of each month, the 10:15 service will be held in the meadow followed by a picnic for all. The 8:00 service will still be held in the church. All are encouraged to come back to Douglas Hall at 11:30 to join the church-wide picnic!



Prayers

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 June 24th.

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. 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 June 11th and 25th.

Vestry Highlights

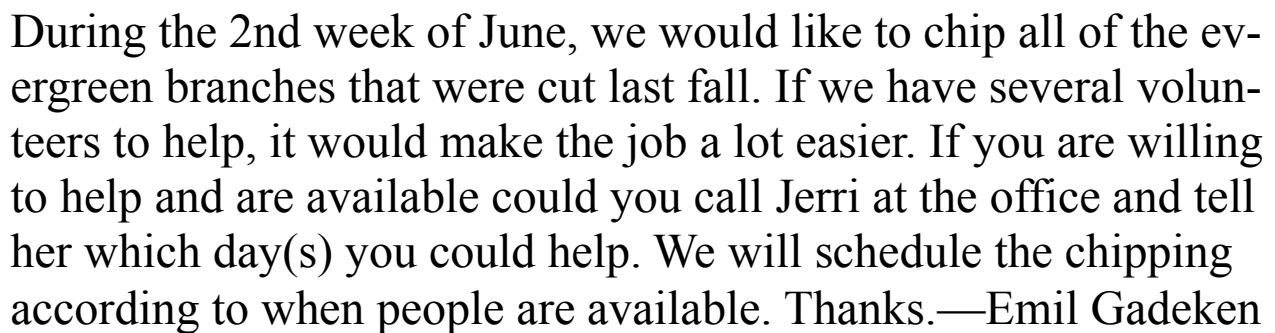


May 21, 2012 Vestry Highlights

Accepted and signed the 2011 Parochial Report

Approved a resolution for the Bell Tower Legacy Society

Reviewed the EDSE Bylaws—planning to vote to accept prior to the next EDSE Board Meeting on June 6th



During the 2nd week of June, we would like to chip all of the evergreen branches that were cut last fall. If we have several volunteers to help, it would make the job a lot easier. If you are willing to help and are available could you call Jerri at the office and tell her which day(s) you could help. We will schedule the chipping according to when people are available. Thanks.—Emil Gadenken

Prayer Chain

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the request of members of the parish, the Church of the Transfiguration Prayer Chain is being reactivated. Going forward the prayer chain will have one change in that all members of the parish whose email addresses are included in church's email distribution list will receive requests for prayer. The prayer chain will work as follows:

Anyone who desires prayers for themselves or another person is asked to notify Jerri Avery by email at cotransfig@gmail.com, or by telephone at (303) 674-4904 Ext. 10, providing the name of the person and, if possible, a brief description of the need.

All recipients of prayer requests are asked to take a moment when they first receive a request to offer prayer for the person or persons in need.

We hope that everyone, both those with requests and those responding to them, will participate in this ministry. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please share them with Jerri Avery and Jerry Shrimpton (jdshrimpton@msn.com, (303) 674-0981).

A quick note: The Prayer Chain and our Prayer List are two different things, though you can request prayers through both of them.

Our Prayer List is the list of people in the bulletin and in the Prayers of the People who we pray for every week and that many people pray for at home in their daily prayers.

The Prayer Chain is sent out and when received, the person is prayed for right away. When many people stop at the same time and pray for someone it can be a powerful prayer experience.



Comfort dental®
WE'LL BE THERE WHEN YOU NEED US!

Thank you to Dr. Gary Rotolo and the staff at the Evergreen Comfort Dental office! They offer friendly, expedient and thorough service—just check out Stephanie's smile!

1232 Bergen Parkway 303-674-6070



Pre-K Graduation

Our Pre-K graduation class of 2012 will have their commencement on June 5th at 9:30 am. A reception will follow.

Field Day and Ice Cream Social

Field Day will be held on June 7th. We will end the day with an ice cream social from 2-3 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.



The last day of school is June 12th!

Summer Camp

This summer EDSE will be hosting a summer camp. This will be a chance for your child to join us in what promises to be an exciting adventure!!! Each day will be filled with outdoor exploration and discovery, games, exciting crafts and play.

June 18th—August 16th (no school the week of July 4)

Choose between 1 to 4 days per week. Extended care available.

Call for details—**303-674-9253**

HAPPENINGS



Save the Date!!!

★ All Parish Retreat at Cathedral Ridge, Woodland Park, CO. August 24-26th! Renew and connect with God, creation, and your church community! All ages welcome!!!



ECHO Resale will be opening a furniture showroom the first part of June in the space where Chow Down used to be in the Evergreen North Shopping

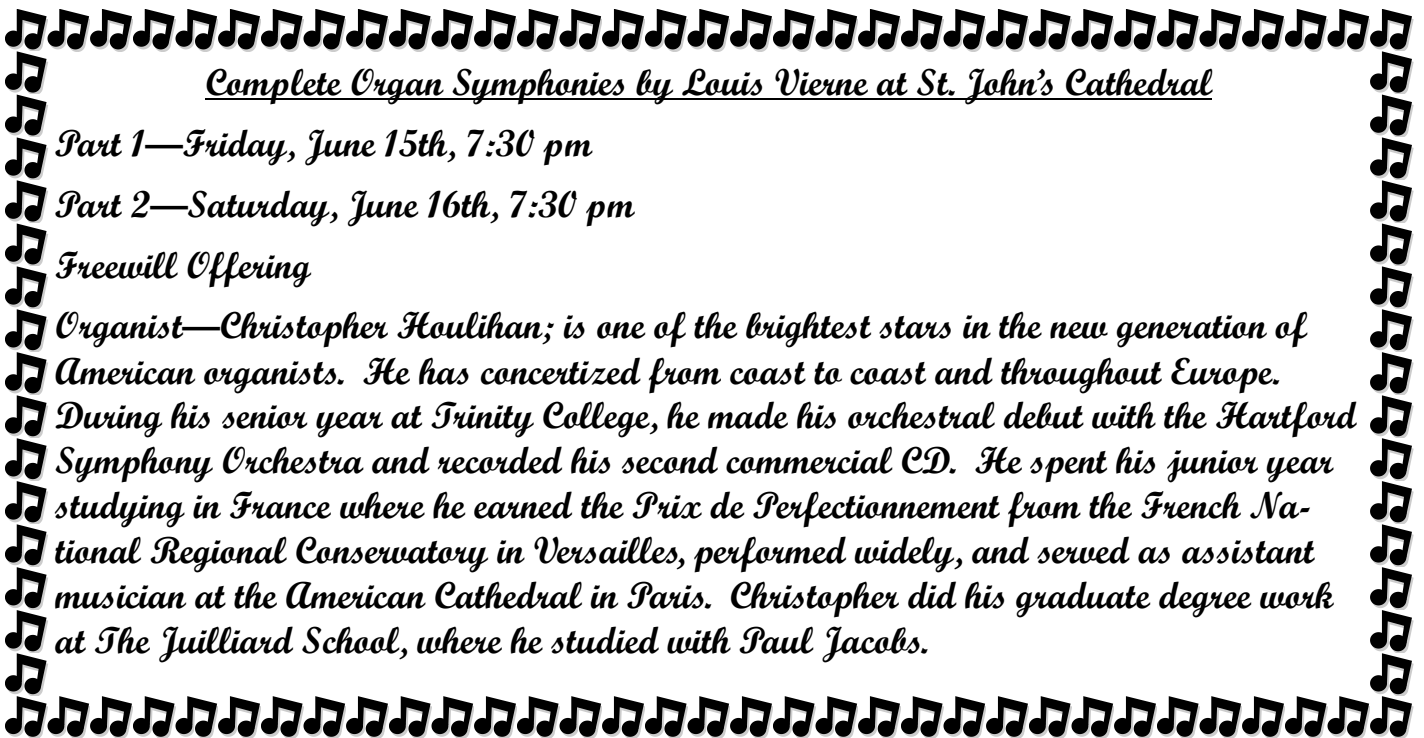


Center. ECHO now has a truck to pick up your furniture donations.

Donors may go online @ echoresale-shop@evergreenchristianoutreach.org to

view furniture donation guidelines and to make an appointment for a pick-up. Furniture pick-ups are free for our mountain community.

Donations will be greatly appreciated!



Complete Organ Symphonies by Louis Vierne at St. John's Cathedral

Part 1—Friday, June 15th, 7:30 pm

Part 2—Saturday, June 16th, 7:30 pm

Freewill Offering

Organist—Christopher Houlihan; is one of the brightest stars in the new generation of American organists. He has concertized from coast to coast and throughout Europe. During his senior year at Trinity College, he made his orchestral debut with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and recorded his second commercial CD. He spent his junior year studying in France where he earned the Prix de Perfectionnement from the French National Regional Conservatory in Versailles, performed widely, and served as assistant musician at the American Cathedral in Paris. Christopher did his graduate degree work at The Juilliard School, where he studied with Paul Jacobs.

Evergreen

Christian

Outreach

Needs List-June 2012



| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sugar | Toothpaste | |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Boxed Pasta | |
| Canned Pork & Beans | Toilet Paper | |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Paper Products | |
| Canned Beans (pinto, black) | Canned fruit (esp. pineapple) | Cold Cereal |
| Laundry Detergent | Tooth Brushes | Bath Soap & Deodorant |
| Dish Soap | Canned Meats | Shampoo/Conditioner |

Other Items for St. Raphael's House*

| | |
|--|---|
| **New Underwear & Socks for all | Area Rugs |
| King & Queen bedding | Coffee Makers, Blenders, Toasters, etc. |
| Shoes for all | Teen girl birthday gifts |
| **Men's and Women's Jeans | Bath and kitchen towels |
| Kitchen gadgets & silverware (can openers) | Girl's shorts |
| Pots & Pans | Dishes and Drinking Glasses |
| Women's Business Clothes | Business Accessories |

***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

P.O. Box 1515

Evergreen, CO 80437

Celebrate!!!

June Birthdays



| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Lauren Page | June 1 |
| Susie Williams | June 1 |
| Michael Coriden | June 3 |
| Janet Reznik | June 4 |
| Alarie Reznik | June 5 |
| Mattie Eades | June 11 |
| Shannon Coriden | June 19 |
| Ray Crist | June 19 |
| Taylor Cusack | June 20 |
| Frank Leitz | June 21 |
| Joyce Wickholm | June 29 |

June Anniversaries

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Morris Burnham and Donna Kautzman | June 9 |
| Neil and Sandra Walden | June 11 |
| Larry and Dixie Kilborn | June 16 |
| Chris and Sue Blakeslee | June 17 |
| Mary Hatfield and Terry Robinson | June 28 |



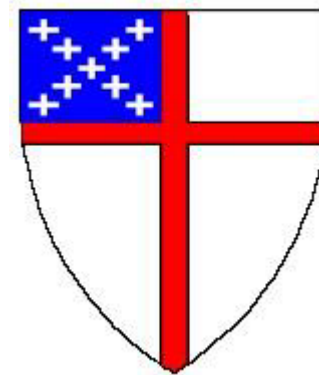
June 2012

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNES- | THURS- | FRIDAY | SATUR- |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's Meadow Chapel Stuart Lounge | | | | | 1 9 am -7 pm Kitchen Use | 2 8 am AA 9 am Lectio Divina |
| 3 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Theologi- cal Inquiry 10:15 am Holy Eucharist | 4 9-3 EDSE 4-6 Violin Re- hearsal | 5 9-3 EDSE 9:30EDSE Pre-K Commencement 10-3:30 EChO w/ clients 4:30-7:30—Love & Logic | 6 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA | 7 9-3 EDSE | 8 9 am -7 pm Kitchen Use 4-6 Violin Re- hearsal | 9 8 am AA |
| 10 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Theologi- cal Inquiry 10:15 am Holy Eucharist | 11 9-3 EDSE 4-6 Property Committee 5:30 pm Even- ing Prayer | 12 9-3 EDSE 10-3:30 EChO w/ clients 7-10 EChO Board Meeting 4:30-7:30—Love & Logic | 13 8am Morning Prayer 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA | 14 | 15 9 am -7 pm Kitchen Use | 16 8 am AA |
| 17 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Theologi- cal Inquiry 10:15 am Holy Eucharist | 18 9-3 EDSE Camp 6:30 Vestry | 19 6-9 pm Friend- ship Bridge 9-3 EDSE Camp 4:30-7:30—Love & Logic | 20 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE Camp 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA | 21 9-3 EDSE Camp | 22 9 am -7 pm Kitchen Use | 23 8 am AA |
| 24 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Theologi- cal Inquiry 10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers | 25 9-3 EDSE Camp 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:30-9 Book Club | 26 9-3 EDSE Camp 5:30-8:30 QPR Suicide Preven- tion Class | 27 8am Morn- ing Prayer 9-3 EDSE Camp 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA | 28 9-3 EDSE Camp | 29 9 am -7 pm Kitchen Use | 30 8 am AA |

**THE CHURCH OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION**

P.O. Box 1630
27640 Highway 74
Evergreen, Colorado 80437

Phone: 303-674-4904
Fax: 303-674-1793
E-mail: cotransfig@gmail.com



We're on the Web!
www.church-transfig.net

Newsletter Submissions

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.

sharris7@hotmail.com



**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!!!**