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Sunday School & Parish Picnic – August 24, 2008



St. Gregory's is kicking off Sunday School with an outdoor service under tents and a picnic following the 10:00 service! Parents can sign their kids up for the new year, and we'll have hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill for everyone. There is a sign up sheet for side dishes on the magic sign-up stand.

Come share a new season starting at St. Gregory's with fun, family, learning and food! We have a wonderful space to grow our Spirit!

You're invited to Sunday School! – September 7, 2008



Who?- All Pre-K (3-5) through 5th Graders

What?- The 2008-2009 Sunday School Year

When?- Sundays beginning Sept. 7th during the 10:00 service

Please RSVP: Registration forms will be mailed out in August. Please bring completed forms to church and give to Kim Stephens or mail them back to the church c/o Kim Stephens. If you don't receive your registration form in the mail, you can also register at the Church picnic on August 24th

Please join us for a fun-filled, faith-building adventure!

***If you'd like to join our incredible group of volunteers, we are still in need of lead and assistant teachers.



Church School

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Ministry Coordinators: Please send Fall-Winter schedules to Jorie!

Welcome to the new Chant format! We created a format for Megan to work with that fits within her publishing software. It's clean, fresh and lovely, don't you think? Thanks again to everyone for making the Chant a vital communication tool for our lovely parish family members. I know you'll all get your materials, schedules, updates, etc. in to Megan in a timely manner to help make her job easier! I love each and every one of you and thanks again for the opportunity to serve you. Welcome back and have a wonderful year at Saint Greg's! - Love – Carole Cross ☺

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From the Rector

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

First - a bit of news. After many years of subsidizing the printing of our Chant, Pete Grondorf & company need to charge us – at the wholesale rate – for printing our Chant. We all owe a deep gratitude to Pete for his generosity for so many years. Without him, we wouldn't have had the beautiful Chant, or the service books in the church. But this puts us way past our budget for year. In order to control costs, this will be our final printed & mailed edition. After this issue, we will publish the Chant online, and send everyone an e-mail with a link to it each month. **If we do not have a current e-mail address for you (if you have not received occasional e-mails from us), please send it to us at saintgregs@idcomm.com. Thank you!** For those of you without computers, we will print a limited number of copies, and have them with your name on them at church for the first week, then mail them. If you can pick them up at church (usually the first Sunday of the month), it will help save postage.

One of the strengths of St. Gregory's is that we are a warm, caring community. I can't tell you how many guests or newcomers remark on this. But we aren't perfect– sometimes a guest comes and we do not do our best to greet them, learn their name, and make them feel welcome.

We do have a team of greeters, in addition to the ushers, whose job it is to greet everyone as they arrive. They especially welcome any person they don't know (it's a great way to learn the names of members), and if the person is a guest that day, give them a bit of extra attention, show them where to find the nursery and Sunday School, while also letting the guest parents know that children are always welcome in the service. If they are not familiar with the Episcopal calisthenics of worship, seat them next to someone who can help guide them through our book-juggling liturgy. The greeters also try to be outside after the service to once more engage the guest, and hopefully introduce them to someone else.

This is where you come in. I have read article after article on welcoming that stresses the point that welcoming is the task of *everyone*. If we leave it to the "pros" (the clergy and greeters), we shortchange who we are as a congregation. We don't show off our strengths as a community.

I have heard from time to time comments such as "what if I introduce myself to someone who is already a member – I'll feel so foolish." The solution to this is very simple. If they are a member and you don't know them, or if they are a guest here for the first time, this works: "Hi! I don't believe I know your name. I'm ____." I am going to try adding a suggestion at the Peace each Sunday that you exchange the Peace with everyone by name. If you don't know their name, ask, and greet them by name. To make this easier and non-embarrassing, I will try this: When someone passes the Peace to you, add your own name; so they would say "The peace of the Lord be always with you...(and you add your name if they haven't already used it)."

Greeters will try to seat guests next to someone about their age. If a greeter seats someone next to you, consider it an honor, and assist the guest with the service. Then engage them in conversation as you wait in line.

This time after the service is great for catching up on friends, conducting church business, etc. But first and foremost, it is a time for *each and every one* to meet new people. It helps guests connect especially with someone they perceive as like them, so look for people about your age, or if you have children, those with kids about the same ages. Then greet them. Notice that there is a fundamental shift here: we come to not just to be fed, but to serve. We don't have to go out into the world to be the love, hope and/or comfort of Jesus. We get to practice it every Sunday as we gather for worship.

Finally, don't forget that first impressions are the most vital. The first two minutes are when most people make up their minds. So our guests see you greeting each warmly, feel the energy, and know this is a safe, loving community here to worship the living God. Including them in those first moments is even better!

Next month I will tell you about a new incorporation practice we are going to begin in September.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Your brother in Christ,

Todd +



Coloring Page



Ruth & Naomi

Word Search

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PETER
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REVELATION
ROMANS
TIMOTHY
TITUS

*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Ministers Needed

Acolytes 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Alpha Coordinator
Altar Guild
Chalice Ministers
Choir
Sound Coordinator
Grounds Maintenance
Coffee Hosts
Counters
Flower Delivery
Flower Guild
Greeters
Opals & Gregarious Gregorians
Lectors 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Emergency Meals
LEMS
Schedule Coordinator
Stephen Ministry (perhaps)
Prayer Ministers
Sunday School Teachers & Nursery Help
Ushers 10 a.m.
Clean Bldgs.
Shut-In Visiting
Outreach
Youth Ministry & Adult Sunday School
Women's Ministry (perhaps)
Koinonia (new groups)

Saint Gregory's 2008

PRECISION LAWN MOWING DRILL TEAM

JULY 6TH	ROBERTS
JULY 13TH	SCHANBACHER
JULY 20TH	FAIRBAIRN
JULY 27TH	HASSE
AUGUST 3RD	KREIDLER
AUGUST 10TH	ASHWORTH
AUGUST 17TH	RASMUSSEN
AUGUST 24TH	SCHANBACHER
AUGUST 31ST	EMERSON
SEPTEMBER 7TH	NORTON
SEPTEMBER 14TH	ROBERTS
SEPTEMBER 21ST	HASSE
SEPTEMBER 28TH	FAIRBAIRN



Chant Chuckle

The Sunday
School
Teacher asks,
"Now, Johnny,
tell me frankly
do you say
prayers before
eating?"

"No sir," little
Johnny replies,
"I don't have
to. My Mom is
a good cook."

August 2008 Worship Ministries Schedule

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute.

Ministry	August 3, 2008	August 10, 2008	August 17, 2008	August 24, 2008	August 31, 2008
Acolytes 7:30 a.m.	D & C Fairbairn	D & C Fairbairn	D & C Fairbairn	D & C Fairbairn	D & C Fairbairn
Acolytes 10 a.m.	J & J & P Dickey	M & S O'Dell O Holt	L & L Dibiasi K Erbeck	L & L Abernathy M Manta	K & B & C Hasse
Altar Guild	Kirby/Akins	Kenry/Christopher Jones	Beets/Frank	Champion/Kriedler	Kirby/Akins
Chalice Ministers	Kowalchik/H Frank	Kreidler/Warnaars	Franks	Kirby/C Roberts	Fritts/Dennis
Coffee Hosts	Norton	Pumphrey	Emerson	Dibiasi	Norwood
Counters	Ogden	Kenry/Harrison	Jones	Beets	Smith
Flower Delivery	Abernathys	Kowalchiks	McCormicks	Mitchells	Ogdens
Flower Guild	Kirby/Smith	Kowalchik/Slattery	Jones/Smith	Slattery/Emerson	Kirby/Smith
Greeters	Kreidler	McCormicks	Akins/Warnaars	Smiths	Kreidler
<i>Lawn Mowers</i>	Kreidler	Ashworth	Rasmussen	Schanbacher	Emerson
Lectors 10 a.m.	Kreidler/Frank	Ogden/Ashworth	Roberts/Kowalchik	Kreidler/Roberts	Warnaars/Ogden
Lectors 7:30 a.m.	J Ruscetta	M Reseigh	D Fairbairn	B Hinkley	J Ruscetta
LEMS	Franks	Dickey	Roberts	Waarners	Buturla
Nursery	M Meyers W Emerson	J Ashworth / K Hasse	W Dibiasi S Emerson	L Miller M O'Dell	Nursery Closed
Prayer Ministry	Warnaars/Kreidler	Emerson/Hasse	Kreidler/Manta	O'Dell/Warnaars	Hasse/Emerson
Sunday School Teachers	Vacation Bible School	Vacation Bible School		Welcome Back Celebration	No Sunday School
Usher 10 a.m.	Kirby	Schanbacher	Kreidler/Emerson	Hasse/Abernathy	Kirby

August 2008

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Littleton, Colorado

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist I	2
3 7:30 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Holy Eucharist II Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Youth Group	4 7 PM - AA 7 PM - Boy Scouts	5 9:15 Staff Mtg.	6 8:00 Choir	7 7:30 Kreidler Koinonia	8 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist I Fellowship Breakfast	9
10 7:30 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Holy Eucharist II Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Youth Group	11 7 PM - AA 7 PM - Boy Scouts	12 9:15 Staff Mtg.	13 7:30 Choir	14 6:30 Vestry	15 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist I	16
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24 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Holy Eucharist II Welcome Back Sunday School Annual Church Picnic 7:00 PM Youth Group	25 7 PM - AA 7 PM - Boy Scouts	26 9:15 Staff Mtg.	27 7:30 Choir	28	29	30
31 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 7:00 PM Youth Group						

See September Schedule of Ministry and Calendar Online!

Happy Birthday!

1-Aug Patti Dennis
 3-Aug Constance Dubovsky
 5-Aug Linda Nickolai-Long
 Lucas Neese
 8-Aug Robert Fairbairn
 9-Aug Vanessa McCarthy
 10-Aug Paul Andrews
 11-Aug Howard Meseke
 12-Aug Roisin McEwen
 13-Aug Mary Ems
 Danny Fairbairn
 Seth Reardon
 15-Aug Walt Kowalchik
 16-Aug Kay Loundagin
 17-Aug Curt Hutchings
 20-Jun Morgan Miller
 21-Aug Jerry Judd
 22-Aug Kristin Rushford
 23-Aug Lucas Abernathy
 Robin Howard
 Rob Holt
 24-Aug Becky Fairbairn
 25-Aug Howard Champion
 Liz Ellis
 29-Aug Mary Jane Weade
 Nicholas Cortese
 Frederic S.-Hilaire
 30-Aug Kristen Balser
 31-Aug Michael Loundagin
 Rev. Robert Walker
 1-Sep Harvey Frank
 Tara O'Brien (Cockson)
 2-Sep Elijah Rose
 4-Sep Margaret Erbeck
 Arieanne Finn
 5-Sep Bonnie Champion
 6-Sep John Cullom
 7-Sep Caroline Lang-Mitchell
 Susie McGuinness
 9-Sep Chad Hasse
 10-Sep Cheri Miller
 11-Sep Kelsey Rowley
 Michael Fiori
 14-Sep John Holcomb
 15-Sep Mathew Dickey
 16-Sep Lauren Ellis
 19-Sep Connie Kirby
 20-Sep David Barnett
 Jim Ruscetta
 Corinne Dubovsky
 24-Sep Tom Rowley
 26-Sep Fred Warnaars
 27-Sep Marie Fairbairn
 28-Sep Ken Beets
 Carolyn Kowalchik
 20-Sep Katie Davis
 Megan Reardon

Happy Anniversary!

2-Aug Al & Cecile Ogden
 3-Aug Frank & Kay Buturla
 Joseph & Marianne Mickey
 14-Aug Dan & Roisin McEwen
 15-Aug Jason & Margaret Erbeck
 16-Aug Ken & Gail Beets
 18-Aug David & Carole Cross
 22-Aug Scott & Barb Emerson
 28-Aug Aims & Susie McGuinness
 Howard & Bonnie
 1-Sep Champion
 15-Sep Rob & Lori Holt
 16-Sep Dave & Wendy DeArment
 17-Sep Gordon & Kay Loundagin
 Gary & Sherron
 19-Sep Schanbacher
 23-Sep Tony & Patricia Edwards
 Jerry & Kristi Staniszewski



Celebrate!

Everyone give a big **WELCOME shout out** to Megan Reardon - our new Chant Editor!

Megan and Seth have been a part of St. Gregory's family for almost 3 years. They were joined by their sweet daughter Riayn on June 30 of 2007! We are blessed with their love of family, love of God and love of service.

We are so grateful that Megan has agreed to put together the Chant each month.

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God Bless and Welcome!

Celebration

Brilliant, this day –
 a young virtuoso of a day.
 Morning shadow cut by sharpest scissors,
 deft hands. And every prodigy of green –
 whether it's ferns or lichens or needles
 or impatient points of
 buds on spindly bushes –
 greener than ever before.
 And the way the conifers
 hold new cones to the light for the blessing,
 a festive right, and sing the oceanic chant
 the wind transcribes for them!
 A day that shines in the cold
 like a first-prize brass band
 swinging along the street
 of a coal-dusty village, wholly at odds
 with the claims of reasonable gloom.

Denise Levertov

Stewardship

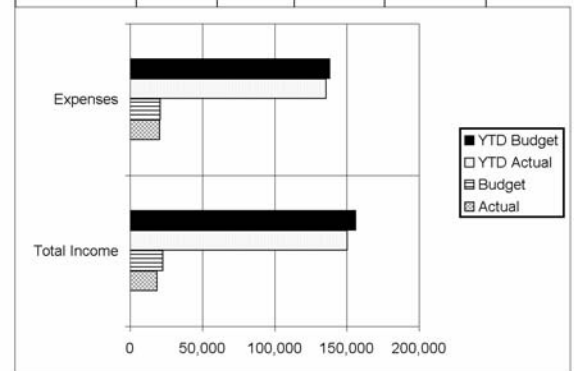
June 2008 Financials

June was obviously a big out of town vacation month. Attendance was low and so were contributions. We had a shortfall of 4,200 in June which added to the previous deficit makes us \$5,300 short on pledge and plate income for the year. Expenses for the month of June were \$400 below budget leaving expenses \$2,500 below budget for the year.

Please enjoy your vacations and remember to catch up on your contributions when you return.

Harvey Frank

June-08	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledge Income	15,338	18,527	117,722	120,353
Plate Income	1,928	2,778	12,751	15,555
Other Income	1,374	1,511	19,865	20,140
Total Income	18,640	22,816	150,339	156,048
Expenses	20,629	21,004	135,648	138,149





This month we are kicking off this new column with a look at our **Outreach Ministries**.

The MOB

Several years ago we did not have much going in this area, so we started the "Mission Outreach Board" (The MOB) to oversee outreach efforts. They quickly found there are far more needs out there than we can meet. Meeting once every two months for planning, they schedule projects for almost every month of the year. Carolyn Kowalchik and Caroline Lang-Mitchell coordinate this group. They review various requests and as a group decide which ones to promote. Most of our outreach involves collecting items for various causes in our local communities- food (every month a different emphasis), clothing, baby items, school supplies, etc. We also encourage members of the congregation to be personally involved in community organizations providing help to those in need. We have members of our congregation who help tutor, who deliver the donated items, and who work with Meals on Wheels.

One area where we would like to see outreach practiced is in supporting member's involvement in a mission trip of some kind. We do not currently have any plans for organized trips, but Fr. Todd could help individuals find a trip that would work for them.

Emergency Meals

Other areas included in this ministry include our Emergency Meals program. Coordinated by Kay Loundagin, this is a group of members who are simply "on call" to provide meals that people can have that evening, or re-heat and eat. We provide this on occasions when members are experiencing illness, recovery from surgery, or have had a death in the family, etc. We help them with dinners until they can get back on their feet. These ministers are called on infrequently- it can be years without a need arising, but who knows, we might have two in a month sometime. If interested, please call Kay at 303-933-2371 or e-mail her at gloundagin@comcast.net to have her place you on the list.

Food Coupons

A ministry included in this area is that of Food Coupons. Food coupons are no longer gift certificates, but are grocery store gift cards. We purchase the cards at a 3% discount and sell them for face value. You use them like any gift card. The 3% goes to various Outreach projects. We sell gift cards in various denominations for King Soopers and Safeway. We have sellers at both services on Sunday. Albertson's provides us with Community Partners cards for our key chains. You don't have to buy gift cards. Just make sure they scan your card (available from the Sunday sellers) at the checkout counter and we receive 2% of your total purchase. Either way, Outreach benefits.

Prayer Chain

We have an area that is outreach through prayer. This is our Prayer Chain. This ministry is coordinated by Doris Reagle, who gathers names of those needing prayer then forwards them to members of the prayer chain. They in turn pray on their own for those in need. This is a great ministry for busy people – no meetings! Just pray. If interested, please e-mail Doris at DorisReagle@webtv.net to let her know you would like to be a prayer minister. (Note: this is a different ministry than our Prayer Teams who minister at church on Sundays. You will read about them in our worship ministries area.)

Each Ministry area is under the care of a vestry member, whose role it is to coordinate the ministry by being resource for them, by bringing to the vestry any needs they might have. The vestry "shepherd" for Outreach is Orie Roberts. If you have any new ideas for outreach programs, or if you would like to join in any of these, please feel free to contact the MOB, Orie, or Fr. Todd.

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9:00 a.m. (except summer)
Child Care: 8:45–11:15 a.m.
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