



Annual Meeting Report

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

January 23, 2011

Colossians 1:10-11 “...live a life worthy of the Lord and... please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...”

From Your Rector

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ! As we begin a new year at Good Shepherd and Christ Lutheran, it's a good idea to reflect on the past year and remember together the events that have shaped and are shaping our blended congregation.

As we begin our fifth year “in exile” from our Good Shepherd building, we continue to hold out hope for a resolution to our court case. We won our motion for summary judgment in 2009, but because the Anglican group appealed in 2010, the case got stalled out in the Third Court of Appeals in Austin. As I write today, that court is hearing oral arguments and will take them under advisement, but there is no firm date for their making a decision. So we continue to wait, trusting in God's perfect timing.

Of course, we do not wait alone. Our family at **Christ Lutheran** continues to uphold and support us as sisters and brothers in faith, and their support has been instrumental in our being able to continue as a parish. In addition, the support of Fr. Allan Conkling, staff members, and congregation at **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** have also contributed to our well being. We are sorry to see Fr. Allan leave Emmanuel to go to Bandera, but our connection to Emmanuel will continue as strong as ever, I'm sure. We have also been blessed this year by both financial and moral support from the **Standing Committee, Board of Trustees, and Bishop of our Diocese**. The Rt. Rev. Scott Mayer is a true pastor, not only to our diocese, but also to the individual members in it, and especially to the clergy. I appreciate his care and concern for me and for my family, as well. We all enjoyed his visitation to Good Shepherd in November when he confirmed **Linda and Cassidy Doss**.

I also appreciate the people without whom our parish would not run as smoothly. My thanks to **Candi Wolfe**, our parish secretary, and **Charlene Bustos**, our organist and choirmaster, for their loving commitment to God and to our parish. In addition, I'd like to thank our outgoing vestry members, **Fran Gregg, Judith Lester, and Chris Lupton**, for their years of dedication to Good Shepherd. **Natalie Craddock**, Lutheran Council President, and **Bobbie Baldwin**, choir member and bulletin whiz, are wonderful to work with and help things run smoothly, too.

On a sadder note, we said goodbye to several long-time friends and companions in faith this year. **Josette Lamphiere and Milly & Jake Way** moved from San Angelo to be near their children, Josette to Pittsburgh, and Milly & Jake to Lubbock. In addition, our dear friend **Mildred Sheldon** died on Oct. 20 in Roy, UT, and we held her funeral service here in November. Even though he wasn't currently a member, **Dr. Lloyd Hershberger**, was a long-time Good Shepherd member and one of the founders of our church, who died on Dec. 4. All of these dear people will be greatly missed.

We added some newcomers to our congregation this year. We welcome **Judy Whitney, John & Evelyn Hilton, and Deborah Anne Banker** to Good Shepherd, and we look forward to attracting more newcomers through our doors this year.

Thanks be to God, and to you, the real ministers of Good Shepherd, who help make my work a blessing and a joy!

Faithfully yours,
Celia Ellery +

Sr. Warden's Report

Perseverance and endurance build character and faith. We have persevered as a church and we have developed strength of character. As you know, our appeal was argued earlier this month and we can now expect to get a ruling within the next six to nine months. We have every reason to believe that the court will uphold the trial judge's granting of a summary judgment in our favor so that we can expect to move back into our old building some time this year. None of this could have occurred without the hospitality and friendship of the good people of Christ Lutheran Church. As we move into a new stage of our worship, we will want to maintain our relationship with Christ Lutheran and seek reconciliation with those who want to remain and worship as a part of our congregation at our old facilities. With the return to our old facilities, we will have new opportunities for growth and development. We will need to reach out into the community and make ourselves a vibrant congregation that others want to be a part of. God will show us the way. At this annual meeting, we will be electing three new members to the Vestry. Retiring members are Fran Gregg, Judith Lester, and Chris Lupton. We have had a very full year and I appreciate all of the work and support these retiring Vestry members have devoted to the life of our church.

2011 promises to be a year of decision. I believe that we have a great deal to look forward to. Above all, we are blessed with the leadership of Rev. Celia Ellery and her gentle wisdom. Working together I believe that we will move mountains.

Sincerely, Don Griffis

Jr. Warden's Report

Let me start by saying how much I have enjoyed being your junior warden in 2010. Working with Rev. Celia and members of the vestry has proven to be a rewarding experience, and I thank all of the members of this great church for electing me for this honor. The church grounds have been kept nice and tidy with the help of numerous volunteers from Christ Lutheran and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. The lack of rain kept the mowing down for a large part of the year. This is an issue we pray will change for 2011. The primary accomplishments to the church this year were the painting of the fellowship hall, the new carpet in the office and narthex, and the addition of the ceiling fans in the sanctuary. Thank you greatly to all who participated in all of these events.

I am sure that 2011 will bring its own unique challenges, but I am confident that we will succeed together in Christ's name. We are eternally grateful to the members of Christ Lutheran for all that they have done for us. We are also eager to have our court case resolved. When this occurs, rest assured that I will be relying heavily on many of you for support, help and guidance on maintaining our facility and grounds. Thank you all again and God bless!

Sincerely, Brad Dannheim

DOK

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international religious order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church and churches in communion with it, including the ELCA Lutheran Church.

The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving, relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parishes and missions. The requirements for membership in The Order are that a woman be a communicant in the Episcopal Church (or a church in communion with it), be willing to participate in the preparation period and vow to accept the Rule of Life, which is one of prayer and of service.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the order, or if you have a prayer request please contact **Fran Gregg at (949-7747)**.

Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors

2010 was an important year for our EM's and EV's. We had a training in Sept. for all who were interested in being Eucharistic Ministers, and currently we have eight people who are trained to administer the chalice and/or read the scripture lessons. We have three people that are trained in being Eucharistic Visitors, those who visit and take Communion to our shut-ins. Although we don't currently have any of our parishioners in a nursing home, our EV's have been an invaluable help to Rev. Celia in the past in helping with pastoral duties. We are always looking for new folks to join us, so please consider joining this important ministry.

Adult Christian Education

This past year, we have been reading two books in Sunday School, The Shack and Same Kind of Different as Me. Our thanks to Don Griffis for leading both of these book studies. They have been very rewarding and enjoyable. In the coming months, we will be studying the Apostle Peter with Chris Ellery. If you have any ideas for a study, or would like to lead one yourself, please contact Natalie Craddock or Rev. Celia.

Choir

I am truly blessed to spend quality time with members of the choir at Christ Lutheran/Good Shepherd Episcopal! With spirit-filled enthusiasm and beautiful voices, each moment of our time together flies swiftly by as we joyfully sing favorite hymns and explore new possibilities for anthems. This special fellowship continues to amaze and strengthen me as the choir meets every Wed. evening at 7:30 P.M. for choir rehearsal, and often on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. to review music for the Sunday services. We've just received some new anthems and choral books which we are exploring with excitement--including a few gospel arrangements.

Many thanks to Valerie Queen who enthusiastically and expertly shares pianist duties with me--and assists in selecting choral introits and anthems for Lutheran services.

The choir tries to sing during worship services two to three times per month--songs for introit, offertory, and communion. We would delight in sharing these joyful noise moments, so please consider joining us. We would be thrilled to welcome new choir members! No tryouts are necessary--and no attendance roll is maintained. For more information, please contact me via email at cdb@zipnet.us; home phone 651-5043; or cell phone 374-7678.

Charlene Bustos

United Campus Ministries

Our United Campus Ministries lunches at ASU went well this past year thanks to the help of all of those people that donated their time, energy, and food. Good Shepherd & Christ Lutheran provided lunch 5 times this year and fed approximately 400 students in all. They enjoyed such home cooking as Lasagna, a Taco Bar, and Chili as well as the fixings and desserts. It is such a blessing for these students, some far from home and some being unable to eat out much, to enjoy some truly home cooked meals free of charge. The Lord has provided a way for us to do that for them in His name. We want to thank Linda Doss for being the coordinator for all the lunch days that our churches provided!

Due to the growth of this program, UCM is in desperate need of more funds. Funding over the years has been provided by different churches and ecumenical agencies; additional resources come from individuals and fundraising efforts such as the annual *Sweethearts & Jazz* (formally *Jazz, Java, and Desserts* started in 2003) program. If you would like to donate to UCM please note it on the memo part of your check and we will make sure it gets to them. If you know a college person who would be interested in UCM or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ann Bullion-Mears or Esther Wooten. This is a great program for our college students at ASU.

Outreach

We have several Outreach programs that we support, the primary ones being Episcopal Relief and Development, United Thank Offering, and Project Dignidad. ERD and UTO are Episcopal Mission programs that help people all over the world. Project Dignidad is a local ministry providing help for families in emergency situations. Although we are a small congregation, we have reached out to many programs.

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	\$ 183.00	ERD	\$ 38.00	Project Dignidad	\$ 927.50
Mission Trip to Haiti	\$ 577.00	UTO	\$ 76.14		
United Campus Ministries	\$ 1,000	St. Mary's Blessing Closet	\$ 48.00		

All of these programs are important and we are glad to be part of them!

Quilting Missions

We continue to be blessed with an ecumenical gathering of friends who use their hearts and their hands to make quilts for children in need here in San Angelo, as well as items for Meals for the elderly. Our Quilts for the Children meets in the upper room at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Mondays, 10-12. Many ladies have been quilting with us for several years. We hope to reach out to others this year and make up kits that can be picked up and returned. We do encourage the fellowship of participating with others in our gatherings. We plan to keep a record of quilts made during the coming year. Supplies have been generously donated, including sewing machines, fabrics, and notions. Completed quilts are blessed and given to CASA and then given to children in need. Larger quilts and changing mats are donated to The Girls' Home, which also has an outreach on a 24-hour basis to families displaced from their homes. Other quilts have been donated to West Texas Rehab for fund-raisers. Place mats and bibs were made by our participants and given to Meals for the Elderly and distributed before Christmas.

Generous donations have allowed us to deliver gifts and clothing to St. Mary's Blessing Closet though out the year. Clothing and school supplies were also collected and donated to children at St. Mary's. Those who are unable to give of their time and work of their hands have been so generous to donate with their hearts and their financial contributions.

I am blessed to be a participant in our quilting mission. If possible, I would like to participate in a quilting/sewing mission to The Dominican Republic this spring. If God wills it, it will happen. If you are interested in helping fund this mission and/or contribute in some way to furthering our work here in San Angelo, please contact Judy Moore Lester, through Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Blessings, Judy Moore Lester

Children's Sunday School

Paul Wooten enjoyed providing Sunday School for our Jr. Children. This class was very small, but the children and teachers love discussing and learning HIS word. It's our prayer that God will continue to bless us with more children that would like to join these amazing individuals. We are thankful for Shelby Scherz and Kaelen Acuavera who do so well that they both have participated in the Sunday church services by acolyting, reading lessons and ushering. If your child is interested in serving, please see Rev. Celia so s/he can be trained. This is a great way to get our children involved.

Diann Howard, Heather Purington, and Natalie Craddock do a wonderful job teaching our young ones (under 6) Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The children have enjoyed learning and are eager to participate. Our nursery continues to grow and we are thankful that the children have been able to participate in church by singing at several events. Amanda Dannheim has also been very helpful during church by ushering and helping with the offering plate.

Tuesday Bible Study

Rev. Celia and her faithful students have continued on their mission to read the entire Bible starting with Genesis. This group is now studying the book of Isaiah every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and would love for you to join at any time. Of course, there is always coffee and you may bring your own sweets!

Nursery

Our Nursery continues to flourish with HIS amazing kids! God is good and we have been blessed to have consistent nursery workers, and preschool curriculum taught by Natalie Craddock, Heather Bricker and Diann Howard.

We've been very careful to keep the nursery a well-baby nursery and respond to any safety issues. If your preschooler hasn't visited our nursery, we ask that you consider giving it a try as the children would love it. Don't forget that we also have an enclosed playground for the children to play on when the weather permits. We thank you for sharing your children with us and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Worship Report for 2010

1. Visitors Bags: Early in the year, Rev. Celia along with the Vestry decided we needed visitors bags to hand out to our visitors. We have made about 10-15 bags, filled with brochures regarding Good Shepherd, ink pens with information and several other informative items. VIC each Sunday have made a concerted effort to make sure all visitors have received a bag. Plus, we also have a sack with age appropriate "trinkets" for visiting children to choose from.
2. Schedule: The Vestry Committee continues to have opportunities to select which Sunday they wish to serve as VIC. Along with every Sunday, we also provided a Vestry In Charge (VIC) during Advent services. Candi and Sherry have worked together on schedules to cover other duties.
3. Stewardship Dinner: Our annual Stewardship Dinner was held on November 5th, 2010. Approximately 22 people came, dinner was served by Lori Covill, a silent auction was held, and Rev. Celia showed a film about Happy Camp and Promise Camp. The dinner/meeting was a success.

Blessings, Sherry Halfmann

Altar Guild

The Good Shepherd Altar Guild continues to do our behind the scenes, hands on activities, including sharing services with our Lutheran friends. The mission of the altar guild is to prepare the table for the Lord's meal each time it is served. The task is not difficult, the work is not hard, and the satisfaction is great when we prepare the table for communion.

Our group continues to be small-though this year we welcome Susan Lewis as one of our servers and we are so glad to have her. We would love to have others join us. Your service would only be about one Sunday every other month.

As we begin our fourth year with our Lutheran community, it is our prayer that everyone gets involved in serving HIS church to experience the joy you receive by serving HIM. We do have a small fund in the budget which has allowed us to purchase a few linens. Our latest addition, thanks to those who contributed to Mildred Sheldon's fund, is a beautiful red set for Pentecost. We are very grateful to those who have designated their memorials and thanksgivings to the altar guild fund. This allows us to keep the altar sacred in its appearance, and pleasing to Christ.

We also want to thank the Lutherans for sharing their beautiful hangings with us; as we celebrate our church seasons and worship together throughout the year.

If you are interested in serving the altar guild or just have questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rev. Celia.

In His Name, Jill Ryan

Treasurer's Report

The 2011 budget will be a good, but very tight budget. This year we have twenty three pledging units, which is down by four from last year. We had one death, two who moved out-of-town, and one inactive. We still have nine outstanding pledge cards so if you have not turned one in, please consider doing so quickly. As you will see on page 9 of this report, we have made several cutbacks in the budget to offset some of the income we have lost. The Diocese will also be helping us to pay the insurance that we have to keep on the property up the street. We are thankful for our Diocese support. Last year we had \$93,479.81 in income and 102,804.40 in expenses for a difference of 9,324.59 loss that had to come out of our checking account. As we have always said, we are small but strong in our outreach and faithfulness. Our prayer is to continue this mindset, but to work on new membership this year. So, extend a hand and invite someone to experience our family church.

We want to express a sincere thanks to Chris Lupton who has been our vestry Treasurer for the last three years. He has been faithful, helpful, and so generous with his time.

Legal Issue

The following is a summary statement our lawyer, Jim Hund, has approved, regarding our appeals hearing. ***On Wed., Jan. 12, the Third Court of Appeals in Austin heard oral arguments in our case. Each side presented their oral arguments (limited to 20 minutes by court rules). The Justices asked questions of each of the attorneys. The hearing appeared to go well. We optimistically await the Court's decision.***

Although it will be awhile yet until the Justices make a decision, we are pleased that this step in the process is behind us. Jim Hund, our appellate lawyer, has been very pro-active throughout this process, and we all appreciate his good work on our behalf, as well as the excellent groundwork laid by all members of our legal team.

Rector's Discretionary Fund Report

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is an account maintained by the Rector for use in a variety of circumstances which are not covered in the budget of the Church. It is used on a regular basis to help individuals in need and to contribute to organizations and agencies assisting those in need. The Rector's Discretionary Fund receives regular monthly support from a portion of the "plate" offering one Sunday per month and from generous contributions of individual members. Gifts may be made to "Rector's Discretionary Fund" or to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with the notation "Rector's Discretionary Fund." All donations are tax deductible.

Utility Assistance (Christians in Action Referrals)

Rent Assistance (Paid directly to landlord or from Christians in Action Referrals. No cash is given from this office.)

Food Assistance for four families (from food pantry in Christ Lutheran Kitchen; must have ID)

Christians in Action general donation

Gasoline assistance for three families (must have ID)

HEB food card for three families (must have ID)

Donation to Society for the Increase of Ministry (SIM), a scholarship fund for Episcopal seminarians

Donation to Jenny Covill's mission trip to Haiti

Donation to Lutheran mission in Sierra Leone

Children's socks and underwear purchase for St. Mary's Blessings Closet

Project Dignidad Christmas gift for staff & emergency purchase of beans and rice for food pantry

United Campus Ministries food fund

Flood assistance for the Diocese of Tennessee

Donation to Seminary of the Southwest seminarian fund

Donation to Society for the Increase of Ministry (SIM)

Assistance for an individual recovering from breast cancer

One night stay in local motel for two different families

Donation to Promise Camp (Diocesan summer camp for children with incarcerated relatives) & Happy Camp. (Diocesan camp for underprivileged children)

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped support the Rector's Discretionary Fund this year.

Thanks be to God! — Rev. Celia

Parish Statistics 2010

Baptisms — 0; Confirmations — 2; Marriages — 0; Burials — 1

Necrology Report

Mildred Sheldon — 10/20/10

Acct. #	Description	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2011 Budget
	Income:				
4030	Plate – Misc. Offerings	500	200	500	500
4040	Pledges – Current Year	72,600	94,000	99,500	90,000
4031	Donations from Outside	25,900	6,000	3,000	3,000
	Total Income	99,000	100,200	103,000	93,500
	Expenses:				
	Administration				
5596	Diocesan Apportionment	1,600	2,000	6,000	6,250
5430	Office Supplies/Equipment	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
5440	Postage/Permits	600	400	400	200
5412	Telephone/Yellow Pages	700	700	800	800
5413	Advertising	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,000
6211	Sunday School Curriculum	250	250	250	200
	Total Administration	5,950	6,887	10,450	9,950
	Activities				
6210	Youth	0	250	250	200
6470	Altar Guild	200	200	250	200
6320	Fellowship/Social Activities	200	200	250	100
6370	Stewardship	100	150	150	100
6420	Wed. Night Activity/Meals	100	100	100	25
6015	Outreach/Missions	1,500	1000	500	250
6287	Music/Choir/Copyrights	250	200	200	150
6215	United Campus Ministries	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total Activities	3,600	3,100	2,700	2,025
	Personnel				
5490	Supply Clergy	650	325	600	600
5061	Rector – Salary	24,782	28,282	28,282	28,282
5061	Rector – Housing	16,380	17,880	17,880	17,880
5063	Rector – Pension Fund	7,409	8,309	8,309	8,309
	Rector – Med. Ins./Life	0	0	0	0
5495	Rector – Continuing Ed.	0	0	100	100
5064	Rector – Mileage/Expense Reimb.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Acct. #	Description	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	2011Budget t
5165	Secretary – Salary	24,522	15,709	18,392	13,457
5165	Secretary – Payroll tax	5,453	4,030	4,230	0
5450	Secretary – Mileage Reimb.	100	100	100	100
5166	Secretary – Pension	1,200	0	625	600
	Secretary – Health Insurance	--	--	0	0
5155	Organist/Contract	4,800	4,800	4,800	5,707
5155	Organist – Payroll tax	912	912	907	0
5195	Nursery Attendants	650	425	500	700
5720	Sexton – Janitor/Contract	0	2,500	300	350
	Total Personnel	86,408	83,272	85,400	77,085
	Facilities				
5740	Property Upkeep/Maintenance	2800	2,800	0	0
5710	Housekeeping supplies	100	100	100	100
6460	Kitchen supplies	0	0	50	50
5635	Utilities/Internet/Trash removal	0	2,800	2,800	3,000
5310	Insurance – Property/Workers’ Comp.	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,700
	Total Facilities	5,400	7,200	4,450	4,850
	Total Expenses	(101,358)	(100,459)	(103,000)	(93,910)
	<i>Excess income (expenses)</i>	(2,358)	(259)	(0)	(410)

Income:

4030 -- We are currently splitting the loose plate offering with the Lutherans. Our share goes each Sunday to either Priest’s Discretionary, Project Dignidad, Soup Kitchen, or Episcopal Relief and Development.

4040 -- We are currently at 22 pledging units, down from 28 last year, and 36 when the church split, so expected pledges will reflect that loss.

Expenses:

____-- Both Rev. Celia Ellery and Candi Wolfe are carried on their husbands’ health insurance policies. However, this needs to continue to be a line item for clergy benefits for the future. The 2009 Church Canons also require health insurance benefits for all eligible lay employees.

5635-- Good Shepherd is currently splitting the cost of utilities with the Lutherans.

5310-- On May 12, 2010, we found out we had to pay property insurance on the Good Shepherd building as legal owners, even though we are not occupying the building. However, the Diocese has agreed to pay the \$8,000 needed for property insurance payment for us in 2011.

Cutbacks: Secretary by \$9,165.75; Postage by \$50.00; Advertising by \$200.00; Sunday School Curriculum by \$50.00; Youth by \$50.00; Fellowship/Social Activities by \$100.00; Stewardship by \$50.00; Wed. Night Activity/Meals by \$50.00; Outreach/Missions by \$250.00. These cutbacks were done to accounts in which the budgeted amounts were not used in previous years, and to help balance the church budget according to the amount of income we are losing due to membership losses. We are either splitting some of the costs of Sunday School & other activities with the Lutherans or are taking up offerings for specific events.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Meeting was called to order by the Rev. Celia Ellery at 12:40 p.m.; a quorum of certified voters was declared. Rev. Celia asked that the meeting begin with prayer.

Everyone was asked to review last year's annual meeting minutes. Tom Gregg made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Dave Kerry seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Rev. Celia named Margaret Love Kauhle who passed away May 31, 2009. A moment of silence and prayer was devoted to her memory.

The continuing vestry consisting of Pilar McKeel, Judith Lester and Chris Lupton were asked to stand for recognition of service in 2009. Outgoing members Tom Gregg, Mike Ryan, Ann Bullion-Mears, and Hope Garza were also asked to stand, and given special recognition for their term of service to Good Shepherd. Rev. Celia stated that the dedication and knowledge of Good Shepherd's vestry has been a blessing and has made her job as Priest much easier.

Rev. Celia asked all members to review the list of candidates for vestry which were Brad Dannhiem, Fran Gregg, Don Griffis, Sherry Halfmann, Kay Holland and Jill Ryan. All candidates introduced themselves to the congregation. Rev. Celia asked if the congregation agreed for voting by plurality. Dave Kerry made a motion to vote by plurality; Prissy Griffis seconded the motion and all members agreed. Members were asked to vote for four of the six candidates and ballots were passed out and then collected when completed.

While the votes were counted, Chris Lupton and Candi Wolfe gave the treasurer's report. Chris stated that with God's grace, Good Shepherd had done well for 2009. He stated that even though we were short of our projected pledges, we were under budget on our expenses and therefore we still carried approximately \$3,000 into the New Year. Candi explained that the 2010 budget looked large; however we had to plan for more expenses in the new building. Emmanuel Episcopal has been kind enough to let us use their copier, paper and ink for the last three years. Obviously when we move back to our building we will have more utilities, maintenance, janitorial and office expenses. Our prayer is that we will gain the shortage in money in membership and help from the trust account in our Diocese. We don't know how much the Diocese will be able to help but they have said they will. They have also accepted our lowered apportionment until we gain back our membership. We anticipate some people to join us at our old location because they want to stay with the building no matter what; some will return as they have been waiting for us to gain the property back before returning, and we want to work hard to invite new families to visit us and see what our church family has to offer. Candi stated we had over \$25,000 in our church checking account that we had received in outside donations in 2008. Chris and Candi stated that with the congregation's determination and God's help we would be able to meet the 2010 budget. Chase Holland made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given; Kay Holland seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Rev. Celia gave her Priest's report and stated she was most appreciative of being called by Good Shepherd to be the Rector. She stated that she has had many blessings in 2008 and one was the consecration of our new Bishop, Scott Mayer. Rev. Celia said Bishop Mayer has been in contact with her frequently to see how she and the church are doing. He is very committed to helping us. Rev. Celia said the other blessing was our dear Lutheran friends. We will always be grateful to them for taking us in and sharing worship services with us. She said this experience

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should and will be in our Episcopal history book. She said even though we were going to another location, we would still try to have activities and special events with our dear friends. Rev. Celia then gave her Priest's Discretionary Report. She explained that we may be small in numbers but we are big on giving to others. She explained that when people donated to the Rector's Discretionary account she is able to help needy people with gas, food, utilities etc. She has also given to Project Dignidad and seminarians when they are low on funds and need help. She thanked the congregation for being so gracious to those who are less fortunate.

Rev. Celia gave the voting results for vestry which were Brad Dannhiem, Don Griffis, Sherry Halfmann and Kay Holland. She thanked all the nominees for putting their names forward. Rev. Celia asked for nominations from the floor for Delegate to Diocesan Convention. She explained that we needed a delegate and alternate, as Fran Gregg had served for the last three years. Rev. Celia thanked Fran for her faithful service to the church. Chris Lupton made a motion to nominate Jill Ryan; Robert Garza made a motion to nominate Hope Garza. Chase Holland made a motion for the nominations to cease. Jill and Hope left the room while voting occurred. Rev. Celia asked for a show of hands for Jill Ryan to be Diocesan Delegate and a count was taken. Rev. Celia asked for a show of hands for Hope Garza to be Diocesan Delegate. The vote was for Jill Ryan to be the Diocesan Delegate and Hope Garza to be the Alternate Diocesan Delegate.

Tom Gregg gave his Senior Warden report. He stated that he was honored to serve on the vestry for the last three years and felt the vestry had accomplished many things. Most important he felt was calling Rev. Celia to be our Rector. Tom said the litigation would still be ongoing as the Anglicans had filed for an appeal and asked for a bond. He thought Judge Cherry would have a hearing regarding the bond in the next few weeks, but the appeal could go on for years. He said the Judicial System was slow, but we needed to focus on continuing with church and new membership. Tom said he had been thinking of the friendships and close bonds we have made with the Lutherans over the last few years. He said they had formed a wonderful Sunday school group and he really enjoyed his Lutheran friends. He commented on the processional cross he had made to signify both of our churches. He carved the Lutheran Rose and the Episcopal Shield on the front of the cross signifying we will always be bound together in some way.

Mike Ryan gave his Junior Warden report. He stated he had enjoyed being on the vestry and also felt we had accomplished much, especially with the Christ Lutheran building. He was proud that we were a part of updating the outside painting, building a playground and remodeling the office. He thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed thanks to the Lutherans for sharing their building and services with us.

Judith Lester gave her report on Outreach. She thanked everyone for giving to St. Mary's Blessing Closet and especially the large stocking that we did at Christmas full of new mittens, hats, underwear, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Judith said that the children who go to the Blessing Closet were so appreciative; it was humbling to see these children who were in need of such basic things. Judith said that the sewing group was still going strong and making placemats for the Meals for the Elderly, quilts for deployed military and children in foster care. She said due to Emmanuel's renovations, the group would be quilting at her shop on Mondays for the next month or so.

Rev. Celia asked if we would like to make a motion to accept the remaining reports by title. Don Griffis made a motion to accept the reports as written; Chase Holland seconded the motion and all agreed.

Ann Bullion-Mears made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sherry Halfmann seconded the motion and all agreed.

Meeting ended at 1:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Candi Wolfe
Secretary for the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Thank You For Serving HIM!

Our sincere thanks to Fran Gregg, Judith Lester and Chris Lupton for serving on the Good Shepherd Vestry.

Your time and talents have been immeasurable and your knowledge has been so valuable in leading our church through the last few years. We are proud to say that our congregation is still faithful and going strong!

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