

# *Agnus Dei*

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
and Christ Lutheran ELCA**

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“Thanks be to God for **His indescribable gift!**” *2Corinthians 9:15*

**November 2009**

## **From Your Rector**

Dear Good Shepherd Saints:

As we begin our Stewardship Drive this year, I realize that many things are still “up in the air,” so to speak, with Good Shepherd. Although there was a positive ruling for us in our court hearing in Sept., the final outcome still remains to be seen. Our lawyers have been working hard on our behalf, and we appreciate their efforts, but we know there is still work to be done regarding appeals. These things will be worked out in the courts, and the best we can do in the meantime is pray that God’s will be done and continue to be church together.

Up in the air though we may be in some ways, we know we are also grounded: both in scripture and in our liturgy. The theme of our upcoming Stewardship Dinner will be “We Are Thankful!” We will begin exploring and reexamining what it means to be an Episcopalian. In the recent publication *Around One Table*, Episcopalians surveyed describe their core identity using these words: **Christ-centered; Sacramental; Formed by the Book of Common Prayer; Incarnational; Scriptural; and Pastoral.** These will be discussed in more detail at our dinner on Nov. 13 in small groups, as well as in coming weeks.

For too long, many of us Episcopalians have been intimidated because of our tolerance for and love of those different from ourselves. It’s time for us to reclaim who we have always been: a church that values differing points of view, a church that believes unity does not mean uniformity, and a church that consciously includes those who might otherwise be excluded. Why do we do that? Because we take the Gospel seriously when it tells us that our Lord was always working on the fringes of society, bringing those who may once have been outcast into the fold. The fellowship of the Lord’s table symbolizes our unity with God and with each other, regardless of our differences. May we as a church seek new ways to serve others as we gather around one Table, and may God bless our efforts to do His will in all that we undertake.

*The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Episcopal Bishop;*  
*The Rev. Dr. Kevin Kanouse, ELCA Bishop;*  
*The Rev. Celia Ellery, Rector;*  
*Mrs. Candi Wolfe, Parish Secretary;*  
*Mrs. Charlene Bustos, Choirmaster & Organist;*  
*Mrs. Shelly Salling, Lutheran organist*

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*In Christ,*

*Celia +*

## Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

One thing that we have always excelled at as a church is Outreach.

Good Shepherd is known for its big heart, regardless of its congregational size. We have supported numerous programs inside and outside of San Angelo. Why? Because it is what we are called to do. Jesus tells us that to give is more blessed than to receive.

That brings to mind the upcoming holidays and those who are less fortunate than we are. This holiday season we will be collecting **mittens/gloves, toiletries, clothes, socks and underwear** for children of the Concho Valley. These do-

nations will be taken to St. Mary's Blessing Closet and distributed from their location. Although newly established, this program has already proven to be beneficial for the children of San Angelo.

We ask you to consider giving to this outreach program for the next couple of months. You may place your donations in the blue box in the narthex or designate your financial contributions to them through Good Shepherd. If you are unable to give financially this season, consider visiting or calling one of our shut-ins, sending a holiday card to a deployed military person, or mailing a note to



a college student. Remember, giving is very rewarding and we have so many people in San Angelo who would be delighted to just receive a visit, call or hug. A little kindness goes a very long way.

If you need addresses for our college students, deployed military or shut-ins, please call the church office at 212-5087.



### *Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd*

You are cordially invited to our  
**Annual Stewardship Dinner & Celebration.**

This year's theme is: *"We are Thankful!"*

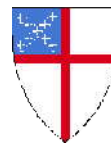
*When:* ***Friday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.***

*Where:* ***3 S. Randolph St., Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall***

*Come and join us for a catered candlelight dinner,  
complete with fun and fellowship for all!*

*(A nursery will be provided during the program.)*

**Please RSVP by Nov. 8th at 212-5087.**



Please RSVP to the Stewardship Dinner by **Nov. 8th** so we will know how many to cook for.

If you are unable to attend, please pick up your stewardship packets Sunday, Nov. 15th in the Lutheran Church office.

If you have any questions, please contact Candi @ 212-5087.



### Featured family:

#### The Wolfes

This month we begin our focus on the families of Good Shepherd with our church secretary, Candi Wolfe. She and her husband, Gregg, have two daughters, Sterling, 20, and Kera, 5. Sterling has been attending Howard College, and Kera just started kindergarten. Candi has been our church secretary since 1995, and she always has a smile and a word of cheer for everyone she meets. Gregg will be re-deploying in March 2010 to Baghdad, and his twin brother, Gary, will be deployed to Al Udeid. We appreciate all this sweet family does, not only for us at Good Shepherd, but for our country, and our prayers will be with them in the coming weeks.

### Relax, decompress with Yoga.

We are trying to form a Yoga class that would be on Monday and Wednesday for 45 min.—1 hour long. This is Yoga which is very easy and low impact. It is done while sitting in a straight back chair and could even be done in a wheelchair. The only thing you need is a towel for the stretching part. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Celia or Candi at 212-5087 or 949-3221.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**, November 25th, 7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rev. Allan Conkling, officiating.
- **Rev. Celia on vacation Nov. 23—30.** If you need assistance contact the church office at 212-5087, there will be a pastor on call while Celia is out.
- *The church offices will be closed Nov. 11, 26, & 27th.*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



### Veteran's Day

Nov. 11th

Consider all the things we can be thankful for: The freedom to choose our religion, where we live, where our children go to school. There are so many things to be thankful for but the main one is our freedom.

If you see a Veteran, share a kind word of thanks with him or her. These soldiers and their families sacrifice a lot for us and for our country.

*Lord, please Bless all those who are serving, and those who have served. Keep them and their families safe and give them peace. Let them know we are THANKFUL. Amen.*



### Advent Begins Soon...

We will begin our mid-week meal and services on **Wed., Dec. 2nd.** Everyone is welcome for a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and church service at 7:00 p.m. These Wednesday services will continue until December 23rd. On December 24th, we will have a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Celia Ellery officiating. A nursery will be provided.

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
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Sunday Notation	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. York	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Celia
Vestry-in-Charge	Pilar McKeel	Hope Garza	Tom Gregg	Mike Ryan	Pilar McKeel	Chris Lupton	Ann Bulion-Mears
Altar Guild	Pilar McKeel	Hope Garza	Pricilla Nicholson	Jill Ryan	Pilar McKeel	Hope Garza	Priscilla Nicholson
Comm. Asst. / Luth. Reader							
Epis. Reader	Chris Ellery	XXX	Fran Gregg	XXX	XXX	Hope Garza	XXX
Chalice Bearer	XXX	Hope Garza	XXX	Jill Ryan	Pilar McKeel	XXX	Ann Bulion-Mears
<u>Organist</u>	Charlene	Shelly	Charlene	Shelly	Charlene	Charlene	Shelly

Prayer List

**Milly Way, Jenna Ryan, Jean Ray, Cathie Keller, Leo Paul, Mildred Sheldon, Helen Franks, Jackie Sherwood, Kimberly Beavers, Pam Parker & family, Carol Nebb, Robert & Yvonne Arredondo, Hunter family, James & Phyllis Rose, Karen Waterman, Dotty Waterman, Virginia Holland, Eleanor Pulver, Mark Oliver, Amber Losoya, Josette Lamphiere, Dorene Edborg, Kristen Kulig Crowley family, Travis Telliz, and Gretchen Noelke.**

*Deployed military:*

**Derek Rabuck, Roland Allen, Jr., Seth Marquez, Vidal Garza, Kris Martin, Michael Coyne, Ben Boggess, Todd Rea, and Josh Beard.**

**Elected Officials: Barack, our president; Rick, our governor; and John Mark, our mayor pro-tem. Presiding Bishops, Katharine and Mark; our bishops, Scott and Kevin, our ministers, Celia, Nancy, and Craig.**

**REMEMBER: Project Dignidad is always in need of Ramen Noodles, Canned Goods, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Crackers, and Canned Meat**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Episcopal Communion Service</i> 10:45 a.m. Rev. Ellery	<b>2</b> Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	<b>4</b> Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. <u>Episcopal Vestry Mtg. 6:30</u>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Rector's Day Off</u>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Lutheran Communion Service 10:45 a.m. Rev. Ellery Sun. School 9:30	<b>9</b> Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	<b>11</b> <u>Lutheran Council Mtg. 6 p.m.</u> Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. <u>Veteran's Day; office closed</u>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>Good Shepherd Stewardship Dinner 6:00 p.m.</u>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Episcopal Communion Service</i> 10:45 a.m. Rev. Ellery Sun. School 9:30	<b>16</b> Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	<b>18</b> Choir Prac. 7:30	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>Rector's Day Off</u>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Lutheran Communion Service at 10:45 a.m., Rev. Ellery Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12  <b>REV. CELIA ON VACATION, NOV. 23-30TH—&gt;</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Hedges	<b>25</b> <u>Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 6:00 p.m. @ Emmanuel Episcopal; Rev. Allan Conkling</u>	<b>26</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>27</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Lutheran Communion Service at 10:45 a.m., Rev. York Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	<b>28</b> Choir Prac. 7:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Rector's Day Off</u>	

**September Financials  
for Good Shepherd**

**Total Income**

**\$ 5,382.91**

**Total Expenses**

**\$ 5,999.14**

**October Financials for  
Good Shepherd**

**Total Income**

**\$ 8,954.35**

***If you are behind on  
your pledge or if you  
have not given, please  
consider doing so.***

September Vestry Minutes  
are posted on the bulletin  
board by the kitchen.

**Lord, grant them eternal rest and give their loved ones  
peace, knowing they are forever in your care. Amen.**

***Margaret Wells***

***Kathleen Liggett***

***Dennis McDaniel***

***Billie Kannapell***

***Mike Hunter***

***Anita Garza***

***Tony Gibson***



*If you would like to make a memorial in memory of or in honor  
of someone, please contact the church office. Both congrega-  
tions have funds available for donations.*

**Project Dignidad & The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**

If you have a few extra minutes or some extra cans of food, consider reaching out to these two programs. With the colder weather and the holidays, both programs see a dramatic increase of needs for those here in San Angelo. The economy has affected many people in the Concho Valley. Some who used to be the ones who donated are now the ones who need to receive. A box for Project Dignidad is in the narthex, and they continue to need staples like peanut butter and beans.

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*“Glory to God,, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine...” (Eph. 3:20).*