



Agnus Dei

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

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“...those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”
—Proverbs 1:33 **September 2009**

From your Rector

Dear Saints of God,

One of the readings for Sept. 13, the Sunday during which our Diocesan Convention will meet in Amarillo, is from Proverbs 1:20-33. In this passage, the people are exhorted to embrace Wisdom, with the end result being that those who strive for the Wisdom of God strive “for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life; doing what is right and just and fair...” (1:2-3). Not only does each of us seek God’s wisdom in our daily lives, but we will strive for the Wisdom of God during our Diocesan Convention,

just as we always do.

In fact, denominational assemblies and conventions are places where we trust that God’s Wisdom will be imparted through the Holy Spirit to the delegates in attendance. I am always struck by just how tangible the Holy Spirit’s presence is when we gather as one in the Body of Christ to do God’s work as a diocese. Our diocesan convention is Sept. 11-13, and I encourage you to keep all of us in prayer during this important time in our diocese. Each of us present will be doing what the author of Proverbs tells us to do:

striving to understand the insights of others, figuring out how that would look in our common life, and trying our best to do what is right and just and fair. Common life together is never easy, often messy, but always uplifting. By God’s grace, we will accomplish together the work of the diocese, and along the way, renew old friendships, make new ones, and engage in new ministries. I look forward to representing Good Shepherd at Convention this year, along with Fran & Tom Gregg and Mike Ryan.

Yours in Christ,

Celia+

*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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We just keep on keeping on... The wheels of justice turn ever so slowly, but it is all in God’s hands. You may have heard that we did have a court hearing June 11th. Judge Weldon Kirk heard the church case and was to give ruling sometime soon afterward. Unfortunately, he passed away in July, and we therefore have had to wait for another judge to be appointed. A new judge has been assigned, so we are awaiting more word for when another hearing might be. Please continue to keep Good Shepherd and the Diocese in prayer as this case, hopefully, moves forward soon.

It's that time again; get on board for Sunday School!

School has started, vacations are completed, and it's back to our daily routines. However, it is important to start out our church activities refreshed and eager to learn more of God's word.

Whether you are a teacher, worship server, mentor, priest or parent, you have a job to do and it is important.

Please join us Sept. 13th at 9:30 a.m. to kick off our Sunday School program. We will have breakfast and everyone is wel-

come. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available for those who would like to serve the church. Just remember we are small so it does take a lot of volunteers to make our church run efficiently.

You may teach Sunday school once a month, you may say prayers every night with your children or it may

be a simple conversation with a friend. The words you say can make a difference in the

lives of others, and Jesus calls us to spread the Good News in word and deed.

YOU'RE awesome in God's eyes!

Servers needed for these ministries: Layreader, Sunday school teacher, teller, usher, altar guild, chalice bearer, crisis committee, choir

Have you looked at our church website?

We have lots of information and links on our website: www.ecgssanangelo.org.

Newsletters, monthly calendar, staff & vestry info., pictures, diocese and convention links and many other items can be found on the site. You can also e-mail the rector and church secretary from the website.

Every time you visit the church site, you help to keep

it current and more accessible on the internet.

The more a site is visited or "googled", the more it is available on different search engines.

If you have an suggestion or item that you feel needs to be on the website, call our church secretary at 212-5087. We are eager to hear your opinion.

Please turn in used printer cartridges in a Ziploc bag to the basket on the table in the narthex. Good Shepherd gets a credit at Office Depot for each one we turn in.

Church Funnies

God answers all knee mail.

IF you think it's hot here, think about down there!

Heading the wrong direction? God allows U-Turns.

Never drive faster than your Guardian Angel can fly.

Lord give me patience, but PLEASE hurry! (This one seems especially appropriate for us at Good Shepherd!)

Driving Safety Tips for School



1. Look for school buses. They stop frequently and you are required to stop if their lights are flashing red.
2. Observe school zones. Speeds are greatly reduced when in a school zone. Speeding tickets in school zones are very expensive.
3. Always be prepared for children to dart out of crosswalks. Be prepared to stop.
4. Watch your speed anywhere near a school. Police have extra patrol for these zones during school.
5. Slow down near sports arenas and games.

If you are interested in attending the Episcopal Church Women's Retreat in Amarillo, please fill out the attached form and let Rev. Celia know you are interested. This will be a fun retreat.

Pray with Purpose, Live with Passion \ **ECW RETREAT**

Friday, September 18-Sunday September 20

Bishop Quarterman Conference Center, Amarillo, Texas

Name: _____, Address: _____

City _____, State _____ zip _____

Email address: _____, Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____, Parish: _____

I would like to register for (check what applies):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch House*-includes all meals- | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infirmary*-includes all meals- | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory- includes all meals- | \$ 85.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat and All Meals with no overnight stay. | \$ 30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday dinner | \$ 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday breakfast | \$ 7.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday lunch | \$ 8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday dinner | \$ 10.00 |

*Ranch House and Infirmary reserved on first come first serve basis as well as special need.

Please print this form and mail to:

Beth Clark, Treasurer

1321 Terra Court, Midland, Texas 79705

Make checks payable to: ECW Diocese of NWT

Deadline: September 1, 2009

Questions??? anne.hover@gmail.com or bdoffer@gwdc.com

Miles of Smiles

Judith Lester's sewing circle is always thinking of more outreach projects to help children in the Concho Valley. Recently, they have joined up with St. Mary's Catholic Church in "the blessing closet" which has collected school clothes and supplies for kids that are less fortunate than others. We appreciate all you have donated to this cause! Their new mission is working on kids oral hygiene. When you have extra **toothbrushes or toothpaste**, consider putting it in the box in the narthex. So many children go without brushing their teeth or seeing a dentist. Our prayer is to encourage teeth brushing at younger ages, therefore having pretty smiles and decades of healthy teeth. As always, the sewing circle would love to have you join them every Monday from 10 to noon at 3 S. Randolph St. Sewing knowledge is NOT required and many friendships will be made. :-)

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18
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Sunday Notation	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Nancy York	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Lutheran Communion Service; Rev. Celia	Episcopal Communion Service; Rev. Celia
Vestry-in-Charge	Tom Gregg	Chris Lupton	Hope Garza	Mike Ryan	Pilar McKeel	Ann Mears	Judith Lester
Altar Guild	Jill Ryan	Judith Lester	Hope Garza	Candi Wolfe	Pilar McKeel	Ann Mears	Pricilla Nicholson
Comm. Asst. / Luth. Reader							
Epis. Reader	Chris Ellery	XXX	Hope Garza	XXX	Don Griffiths	XXX	Fran Gregg
Chalice Bearer	XXX	Judith Lester	XXX	Candi Wolfe	XXX	Ann Mears	Fran Gregg
<u>Organist</u>	Shelly or Prissy??	Shelly	Charlene	Shelly			

RIP: Margaret Wells, Jim Smith **Jean Ray, Milly Way, Jenna Ryan, Cathie Keller, Leo Paul, Mildred Sheldon, Nancy & Pat Hall, Helen Franks, Jackie Sherwood, Georgina Sanglier, Kimberly Beavers, Pam Parker & family, Carol Nebb, Robert & Yvonne Arredondo, Marvin Kelsey, Mike Hunter, Rachel Freeman, Shawn, James & Phyllis Rose, Sylvia Baldwin, Karen Waterman, Dotty Waterman, Tracie Barnett., Wells and Smith families, Virginia Holland.**

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

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

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	3	4 <i>Rector's Day Off</i>	5
6 <i>Episcopal Communion Service</i> 10:45 a.m. Rev. Ellery	7 Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12 <i>Labor Day—Office closed</i>	8 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	9 <i>Lutheran Council Mtg.</i> 6 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	10	11 <i>Rector's Day Off</i> <i>Diocesan Convention 11th – 13th in Amarillo —></i>	12
13 <i>Lutheran Communion Service</i> 10:45 a.m. <i>Sunday School & Breakfast at 9:30</i>	14 Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	15 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	16 Choir Prac. 7:30	17	18 <i>Rector's Day Off</i>	19
20 <i>Episcopal Communion Service</i> 10:45 a.m. Sun. School 9:30 <i>Episcopal Vestry mtg. after church</i>	21 Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	22 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev. Ellery	23 Choir Prac. 7:30	24	25 <i>Rector's Day Off</i>	26
27 <i>Lutheran Communion Service at 10:45 a.m., Rev. Ellery</i> Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.	28 Quilting Ministry Emmanuel Epis. 10-12	29 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. communion w/healing prayer. Rev.	30 Choir Prac. 7:30			

June Financials for Good Shepherd

Total Income

\$ 3,828.22

Total Expenses

\$ 10,142.85

July Financials for Good Shepherd

Total Income

\$ 8,756.00

Total Expenses

\$ 8,160.52

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

May & June Vestry Minutes are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

Happy Birthday

Kay Holland

September 11



Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Susan Lewis

September 30

Memorials and Thanksgivings

In Memory of James Dahlgren to the Pall Fund by Earlene Ham.

In Memory of Laurel Hedges to the Pall Fund by Earlene Ham.

In Memory of Mary Louise Villaret to the Pall Fund by Earlene Ham.

In Honor of Don Griffith' birthday and faithfulness to Good Shepherd Church to the Fellowship Fund by Dr. Ralph & Mrs. Virginia Chase.

A great way to honor or remember someone is by giving to the church funds. We currently have several funds to give to. If you would like more information, please call the church office.

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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).