

# The Voice

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## Rector's Reflections

Dear Parish Family,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. Many have enjoyed a vacation, but as schools are resuming, it is time for us to begin thinking about reenergizing our parish programs once again.

September is a busy month with the arrival of Fr. Wiley Ammons and his wife Laura. Don't miss the special reception planned for them on his first Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, when he will preach and celebrate at both the 8 and 10:00 services.

The following week, we will hold our annual parish "Rally Sunday" during the monthly potluck lunch (September 14<sup>th</sup>). During lunch we will hear brief presentations from many of our parish ministries such as the altar, flower and acolyte guilds, buildings and grounds, fellowship, pool, worship, stewardship, choirs, kitchen and other committees. We especially need some new volunteers in these ministries.

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> our CEW computer class will begin offering a dozen students from our local elementary schools keyboarding, age and grade appropriate computer

research skills, and possibly even instruction on Power Point presentations. (How many of us can create Power Point presentations?) Later that week our parish retreat is scheduled for September 19-21 at Camp Weed.

In addition, the adult choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (St. Cecilia's youth choir will resume on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:00 pm.) The Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer continue Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 am and Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm. We are grateful to Stephen Jockish, Susan Croom, Ann Pridgen, and new reader Lawrence Denton, who lead these services. (We still need a reader for Friday mornings.) Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist and adult formation continue at 5:30 and 6:12 respectively,

Much of the construction will be winding down in September and the Episcopal Children's Services early learning program is preparing to open in mid October. We are optimistic that we will be in our new Sunday nursery thanks to ECS by the end of September.



People like to say that summer is the time to relax and recharge your batteries. Frankly, my feeling is that the ministries and programs of our parish continue to energize us throughout the year. The next year or so is poised to generate more involvement from people at Good Shepherd than we have seen in recent years. Clearly, we are blessed by God. Thank you for giving life to our parish and making God's presence visible and even more relevant in the weeks and months to come.

Faithfully,

Jeff



Future site of ECS  
playground

## Construction Update

The handrails for the new handicap ramp at the rear breezeway have been installed. Carpeting is about to be laid in the breezeway entrance between the pool and the courtyard and along the corridor between Craig Lounge and the pool. Carpeting is also about to be laid in the new community room, which will allow the new air conditioning machinery to be installed.

The new ladies lavatory on the second floor presented some plumbing complications, but they have been resolved and shortly the finishing touches can be completed on this new second floor facility.

Something many parishioners may not have noticed is the new painting in the stairwell outside the parish offices all the way to the third floor including the landings on the second and third floor. This new painting leads to the new computer lab and youth room on the third floor.

Recently the dumpster was moved and construction has begun on the new playground. The relocated dumpster will then be fenced and hidden. Unfortunately, funds for repairing and resealing the parking lot were used for unexpected repairs on many of the other

projects. This eleven thousand dollar improvement will have to wait for a later time.

Finally, many have noticed the complication with the new floor in Craig Lounge. A number of consultants have weighed in and when time permits, (Craig Lounge has been reserved for a number of special events) the floor will be resurfaced and refinished.

Please feel free to check out these improvements. It has been a busy winter, spring and summer.

## September Birthdays

Christine Parisen (1)  
Todd Allerton (1)  
Hayley Tuller (2)  
Krystal Parks (3)  
Margo Easter (4)  
Seabury Stoneburner (6)  
Steven Castanien (8)  
Stephen Williams (8)  
Kathryn Garrison (8)  
John Zell (11)

Sara Lawson (13)  
Stephen Whittle (13)  
Hank Baker (14)  
Francoise Yonce (14)  
Katherine Levitz (14)  
Hunter Cocanougher (14)  
Lee Edgar (15)  
Norma Folsom (15)  
Reta Houghton (15)  
Bob Wilson (15)

Anne Graham (16)  
John Bunker (17)  
Diane Bunker (18)  
Elliot Lasota (19)  
Susannah Sands (20)  
Parks Easter (22)  
Dave Medill (27)  
Christine Keyser (28)  
John Merrett (29)



Painting the third  
floor landing

## Financial Report

The treasurer reported to the vestry at its regular August meeting that for the month of July pledge income totaled \$14,623. To date, pledge income is slightly ahead of budget thanks to prepaid pledges earlier this year. Year to date income is \$265,164, slightly behind the budgeted amount of \$271,658.

Expenses were \$40,420 in June, and total \$234,287 year to date, slightly under the budgeted amount of \$238,085. We continue to meet all of our financial obligations. Thank you for your support.

## Outreach—Moving Forward and Looking Deep

August through December are the busiest months for Outreach. We have just completed the CEW School supply drive and are getting ready to launch Feeding the Soul with West Riverside Elementary. We will continue to provide lunches for Church Without Walls, and begin to make plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our commitment to those in our community in need generates many grateful hearts and makes a difference in the lives

of those we serve! We see it in their faces and hear it in their words.

There is another gift that we give and receive through Outreach, which may not be so obvious. In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25:34-40, Jesus talks about helping those in need and most importantly that when we care for the least of his flock, we are caring for him. In other words, we are all one body and we are one with Christ.

Those we serve know there are people in their community and the world who genuinely live the Gospel, who believe we are all one in Christ, and therefore, what we do for the least of his, we are doing for him. This realization, if filled with hope and faith is the greatest gift we can ever give.

Susannah Sands



School supplies

## September Calendar

Every Sunday  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Every Monday (except 9/1)  
7:30 am Chapel - Morning

Prayer  
5:30 pm Chancel – Children's Chapel

Every Tuesday  
5:30 pm Chapel - Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday  
7:30 am Chapel - Morning Prayer  
5:00 pm Choir room – St. Cecilia choir rehearsal

5:30 pm Chapel - Holy Eucharist  
6:12 pm Craig Hall - Adult Study Group  
7:00 pm Choir room – Chancel choir rehearsal

Every Thursday  
5:30 pm Chapel - Evening Prayer

Every Friday  
7:30 am Chapel - Morning Prayer

Monday, September 1, Labor Day – Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, September 10,

4:00 pm Craig Lounge—Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, September 14, 11:30 am Worsham Hall—monthly Potluck lunch and RALLY Day

Friday, September 19, 5:00 pm – Sunday, September 21, 1:00 pm Camp Weed – Parish Retreat

Sunday, September 28, 11:30 am, Craig Lounge/courtyard – Sundaes on Sunday

Monday, September 29, 6:00 pm, Library/archives room—Vestry Meeting

## St. Catherine's Food Pantry

Every Sunday during the 10:00 service the food baskets are brought to the altar along with the offering plates. It is wonderful to see the baskets full of non perishable items brought in by our parishioners. Our food offering is taken to St. Catherine's Food Pantry on the westside, off of Blanding Blvd.

The Food Pantry is open two days a week for a few hours only.

Please remember the food baskets in the narthex when you are doing your grocery shopping. Your contributions are very much appreciated and help to keep this very important ministry going.





**New handrail for  
handicap ramp**



**Community Room  
recently painted**



**Computers for the  
CEW class**

## Splashes of Pool Information

The summer Learn to Swim pilot class concluded its six-Saturday series in August. Teachers and lifeguards reported that many of the youngsters made tangible progress in water safety and swimming skills.

Blue Water Maritime has returned to Good Shepherd Pool conducting Merchant Marine survival classes. It is quite a sight to watch these merchant marines learn survival skills using their large survival raft in the pool.

Swimming lessons and water aerobic classes continue to be offered throughout the week. Call the pool office for dates and times. The pool can also be reserved for private parties. Recently a family reserved the pool for a 5½ hour pool party. If you would like to schedule a birthday party or family gathering, call Dave or Robert to make your reservation.

Finally, our pool staff continues to upgrade pool resources, and recently has been proactive by investigating preventative

maintenance options. Our pool continues to be one of the best kept secrets in Riverside. Please help spread the word of this wonderful community resource.

## Fellowship Committee News

The Fellowship Committee is happy to report the completion of the sign up board for coffee hour and potluck luncheons. It is located in the narthex and people have already begun signing up. The board is set up to run through the end of the year to see if this system will work well for next year.

With regard to the coffee hour, the board is set up for a couple of people each week to assist in the kitchen to ensure a well-run coffee hour. For the potluck lunches, we would encourage parishioners to organize a group of friends and possibly set a theme for the luncheon, such as a Halloween theme, Jaguar theme, or Christmas theme, complete with music or whatever festive decorations may be available. The idea is to make the experience more fun for everyone.

We are also planning the reception for Father Wiley's first Sunday. This will take place on September 7 after the 10:00 service. Susannah Sands is spearheading the preparations for the reception and is seeking volunteers to assist her with the menu and the preparations on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>,

Finally, Ann Pridgen is doing a fabulous job of organizing the parish retreat at Camp Weed. For all of you familiar with the Friday night routine, usually the sit down dinner in the cafeteria is an interruption of the already underway lively social hour. This year, we have just decided to forego the sit down dinner in the cafeteria, both as a cost saving measure so more people can attend, but also to encourage more fellowship and interaction as people arrive at Camp.

Therefore, we are encouraging everyone planning to be at Camp Weed on Friday night to prepare an extra covered dish, as well as appetizers and beverages of choice, so that we can enjoy each other without interruption and prepare an informal buffet in our designated conference room. We encourage everyone to speak with either Ann Pridgen or Matt Wolfe about what they are preparing to bring for Friday night, or if someone is unsure about what to bring to contact them as well. We are looking forward to a fun and productive retreat, and we hope that everyone will be able to attend.

Matt Wolfe

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REGISTRATION FORM

*September 19th-21st, 2014*

NAME (S) OF THOSE ATTENDING:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: email \_\_\_\_\_  
phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any dietary needs or mobility requirements for anyone listed above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? Yes  No

Please note: once submitted, registration information with regards to rooms & meals cannot be changed.

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Accommodations

**Room @ \$75 each room/night** (Each room has 2 double beds. Youth and children under 18 must share lodging with a parent or adult guardian)

Friday Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

**Cabin:** Saturday Amount due \_\_\_\_\_  
no charge

**Camping Site** Friday Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

**RV - \$26/night**

**Tent - \$14/night** Saturday Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Meals (children 4 and under eat free, age 4-12 qualify for reduced cost, see below)

Meal costs are as follows:

Saturday breakfast: Adult @ \$8.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child @ \$7.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch: Adult @ \$11 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child @ \$7.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner: Adult @ \$15 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child @ \$7.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday breakfast: Adult @ \$8.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child @ \$7.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday lunch: Adult @ \$11 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child @ \$7.50 # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Payment is due by September 12th. Please make checks payable to The Church of Good Shepherd and mark "Parish Retreat."*



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