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# The Shamrock



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## From the Pulpit Rev. Doug Neel

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. (Luke 5:4-6)

About a month ago, I joined with our contemplative prayer group, called *Spiritus*, and we spent the morning engaged in an ancient method of prayer called *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio Divina* is a slow and meditative reading of a passage from a book, usually Holy Scriptures, that allows the individual or group to enter into a prayerful dialogue with the text and with God. On that day, the text was from the fifth chapter of Luke's gospel, the story of the unexpected catch of fish. I was especially struck by the phrase "put out into

the deep water," or "go deeper." I heard that phrase as a call to look for ways to grow deeper in faith and ministry. I believe that this was not just an individual call, but a call for our entire parish family.



Since that time, the possibility of "going deeper" has been often on my mind. I have talked with my spiritual director and with some of the staff at the diocesan office about ways that we, as a congregation, can "go deeper." The workshops I attended at diocesan convention were especially helpful.

There are several areas of our common life that I believe we should explore. These include the

development of small groups - more intensive biblical and theological study, preparation for ministry, evangelism, spirituality and Christian renewal. I hope to explore each of these areas with the vestry and with other interested parishioners in the weeks and months to come. I truly believe that the time and energy we use to "put out into deeper water" will yield tremendous results to our parish and to us as individuals.

Do notice I mentioned that I have a spiritual director. I highly recommend the practice of meeting with a knowledgeable director. We just happen to have one in our parish. Many of you know Loretta Barker as a friend and fellow parishioner, but did you know that she is a spiritual director? Please feel free to contact Loretta or me if you want additional information about spiritual direction.

Your fellow pilgrim, Fr. Doug



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### Mission Statement:

**St. Patrick's is God's House, open to all;  
a Community called to love and serve the  
Lord by God's grace with joy and gratitude.**

## November Calendar of Events

Sundays	9 am Christian Education, 10 am Church Service
Wednesdays	11:30 am Healing Service, 12 noon Bible Study
Thursdays	2 pm Prayer Quilters, 4 pm Choir Practice
Sun. Nov. 1	All Saint's Day/Stewardship Sunday
Wed. Nov. 4	6-8 pm Inquirers' class
Sat. Nov. 7	9 am - 1 pm Vestry retreat
Sun. Nov. 8	5 pm Sunday Night Unplugged
Mon. Nov. 9	1 pm ECW meeting at St. Patrick's
Wed. Nov. 11	6-8 pm Inquirers' class
Fri. Nov. 13	6 pm Potluck at Coyote Hill Lodge
Sat. Nov. 14	8:30 am Men's Fellowship breakfast meeting 9 am Quilt workshop
Sun. Nov. 15	11:30 am Vestry meeting
Wed. Nov. 18	4 pm DOK meeting
Thurs. Nov. 19	LOAVES & FISHES
Sat. Nov. 21	10:30 am Spiritus
Sun. Nov. 22	Fr. Tony Clarke visiting Operation Christmas Child boxes due
Wed. Nov. 25	6 pm THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Nov. 26-27	OFFICE CLOSED
Sun. Nov. 29	Kirkin' of the Tartans' Scottish service
Mon. Nov. 30	Noon DOK lunch at Boss Hoggs

### Kirkin' of the Tartans

The feast of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, is always at the end of November. This year we will combine St. Andrew's Day with the first Sunday of Advent with a service called the Kirkin' of the Tartans. There will be bag piping, Scottish hymns and special Scottish snacks after the service. Bring your tartan scarf, skirt, shirt or jacket to be blessed; "kirkin" means "blessing." And guys, wear your kilts if you have one. The service will be on November 29 at our 10:00 a.m. service. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to attend church with you.

### Thanksgiving Service

Our Thanksgiving service will be held on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday 25, at 6:00 p.m. Plan to sing your favorite thanksgiving hymns and give thanks to the One that blesses us with such bounty. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 27.

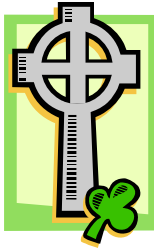
### Advent Class

Father Doug will be offering a special Advent class this year. The topic is the history of Anglicanism. Two weeks will focus on the Church of England and two weeks will look at the story of the Episcopal Church. The class will combine lecture, DVD videos and discussion. This should be an excellent class for everyone who needs to learn more about the history of our church – which is all of us. The class will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Advent, beginning on December 2. Please call Fr. Doug if you have any questions.

### Newcomer Wine and Cheese

On December 4th, St. Patrick's newcomer committee is hosting a wine and cheese party for visitors and new members of our parish. The reception will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will be at the home of Don and Teri Sullivan, 1464 S. Pagosa Boulevard.

# The Community of Christ Jim Vierbicher, Jr. Warden



Several years ago I had the privilege to be a delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

(ELCA) state convention in Madison, WI. The major piece of business was to vote on instructions to our delegation to the national convention held later that summer in Denver regarding fellowship with the Episcopal Church. We voted in the affirmative as did the convention in Denver. The ELCA and the Episcopal Church are now in fellowship.

So it was somewhat a different feeling as I participated in 122<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado in Pueblo on Oct 1-3 as a delegate from St. Patrick's. The convention was a mixture of pageantry, worship, fellowship, teaching and the business of the Diocese. Thursday evening we gathered for an opening service and Eucharist in St. Stephen's and Grace Cathedral in Colorado Springs; the church of the split and lawsuits of the past two years. We were not just delegates from St. Patrick's in

Pagosa Springs but fellow Christians with approximately 500 Episcopalians from all across Colorado.

The formal convention began on Friday morning alternating between worship service, business meeting and educational seminars. Among other items of business the convention affirmed the purchase of a camp and convention center in the mountains northwest of Colorado Springs. The 156-acre facility was a former Methodist camp, thus readily adaptable to our Diocese's uses, and near our population centers. Plans are to make several upgrades to the facilities broadening its appeal and use. The convention also passed a resolution encouraging the provision of healthcare for all people, without specification of any specific provisions. The 2010 Diocese operating budget was also passed.

The mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado is *Proclamation, Discipleship, and Servanthood*. Bishop O'Neill drew our attention to Phillipians 2:1-11, in particular verse 5: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ." His message and that of Reverend Canon Lou Blanchard, both at the convention and at

previous workshops, conjures up the image of the community of Christ. We were not to be members of St. Patrick's, members of Grace, members of ... for that matter we were not even to be Episcopalians (there were ELCA non-voting delegates in attendance!) We were, at the urging of our leaders, to be members of the community of Christ seeking to "put on the mind of Christ."

Isn't that our mission in Pagosa Springs: first and foremost to be the community of Christ and secondarily to be St. Patrick's Episcopal Church? Let us bring the message of God's love and mercy, of Jesus' death and resurrection to all who will listen: young and old, lifelong Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Catholics ... to those whose faith is strong, to those whose faith is weak and filled with doubts, and to those who don't know God. Then we will be the community of Christ; then we will have "put on the mind of Christ." We pray God will empower us to do so.

- Jim Vierbicher, Jr. Warden

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## Treasurer's Report - September 2009

Operating Budget	September	Year-to-Date
Giving	\$12,048	\$108,241
Other Income	\$134	\$1,745
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,183</b>	<b>\$109,986</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,442</b>	<b>\$139,994</b>
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$5,259)</b>	<b>(\$30,009)</b>



**St. Patrick**

## Thanks to....



**THANK YOU**

So many people who helped everything happen this month at St. Patrick's! Thanks to our delegates & alternates who represented us at our Annual Diocese Convention, the ladies

who hosted our October potluck at the church; our spiritual leaders who hold our unique Spiritus worship meetings each month. Thanks to the men who put on their annual "Steak & Stein" dinner event and got all the clothing drive bags over to the parish hall, and to all of our many volunteers who did an incredible job of publicizing, setting up & working at the annual Clothing

Give-Away. Thanks to all who cooked & worked at Loaves & Fishes, both with St. Patrick's and Habitat. Thanks to all the prayer quilters who work so hard every month providing quilts for the far-reaching prayer quilt ministry, and to Sally High and Sally Neel for accompanying the church youth to their 3-day Genesis Retreat. Thanks to Sally and to Joanne and others who get articles and ads around town about our events, and a special thanks to Teri who arranged for all of us to get our warm & wonderful St. Patrick's sweatshirts, thanks to Jim Dorian for fixing our coffee hour electrical problem, and thanks to those of you who stop in and help with office duties and who help out with our computer issues.



### It's Getting to be Tea Time!

Our annual Christmas tea will be held at the church on Sunday, December 6 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Linda Warren and Jan Nanus are hosting and will provide tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Food will be served that is prepared by friends and members of the congregation. Tickets will be available in November. This is a really fun event and the funds that are raised fund the Shamrock Quilt that is made by the ladies of the church. Bring a friend and enjoy a Christmas get-together.

#### **We need your help to make this tea a huge success:**

After the December 6 worship service, volunteers are needed to move tables and chairs.

We need tea cups and mugs to borrow for the day. (We haven't broken any so far!)

We need people to make food and cookies - any finger food is fine as long as it doesn't need to be kept warm or cold.

We need cookie bakers - we need 15 people to make 10 dozen of one type of cookie. We package them and sell them for \$5 a dozen. Don't panic! Volunteer to make them now and freeze them until the tea; ask a friend to help you.

To volunteer contact Linda Warren at 946-7546.



### ECW Christmas Luncheon

A holiday luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 12 at Muriel Cronkhite's home - 273 Walnut Place.

A Chinese auction will be held at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow at 12:30 p.m. Muriel will furnish the entrée and drinks. Please bring a dessert or salad to share.

Please bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$10 for the Chinese auction. Also bring an unwrapped Christmas ornament to serve as a table decoration; you will take a different one home. The sign-up sheet will be available at church.

### Mark Your Calendar April 23-24, 2010

#### **The Women's Retreat**

Friday & Saturday, April 23-24, 2010

Wallace Bruce Cabin, Pagosa Springs, CO

Sponsored by ECW, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

[www.stpatrickspagosa.org](http://www.stpatrickspagosa.org)





- Food
- Fellowship
- Community Outreach

Want to get in touch with your spirituality while gathering with friends and community?  
Join us.....



Housekeeping Items

## Potluck Dinner

The November potluck is being hosted by Gina Willis, at the Coyote Hill Lodge, 4801 County Road 600, Piedra Rd. on Friday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. She will provide Rock Cornish game hens and we will bring the rest. You are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert and adult beverages. Seating is limited to 40 so sign up now at the church. Directions to the lodge will be provided at sign-up. Let the office know if you could help transport some tables and chairs to the lodge.

## Stewardship Focus 2009

Hopefully by now, everyone has turned in a pledge card, detailing a 2010 time, talent and treasure commitment. With the blessing of the cards on Nov. 1, 2009, stewardship BEGINS, not ENDS, as we sometimes think after a fall pledge drive campaign. Going forward let us be mindful stewards each and every day of God's blessings in the world around us.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7).

Faithfully,

- Linda Altman, Stewardship Chair

## Five Wishes

A presentation of the Five Wishes end of life profile will be given at St. Patrick's on November 9th at 1p.m. at the church. Fr. Doug, Suzie Reno and Jill Cantaris of Centura Home Health and Hospice will officiate. Sign up at the church and join us.

## Shamrock Deadline

The deadline for the December issue of the *Shamrock* is Sunday, November 22. Please give your articles to Dinah, fax to 731-5804, or email to: pohlyrobert@msn.com

## Directory Updates

Boblit, Dick and Meg - email [rboblit@centurytel.net](mailto:rboblit@centurytel.net)

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**We hope to get out a new, updated Directory in November. Check with the office if you need to verify or change your listing information (731-5801) or [stpatricks@skywerx.com](mailto:stpatricks@skywerx.com)**

# November Worship Schedule - 10:00 am

## November 1 - All Saints Day

Psalm 24; Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 1:1-6A; John 11:32-44

Lector .....Don Sullivan  
 Chalice ..... Charlotte & Ken Jones  
 Ushers ..... Bud & Charlene Short  
 Greeters ..... Bob & Kathy Pohly  
 Coffee Hosts ..... Nancy & Bill Crouse

## November 8 - 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 127 and Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 or Psalm 146 and 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Lector ..... Hank Williams  
 Chalice ..... Jan Nanus & Don McLeod  
 Ushers ..... Dick & Meg Boblit  
 Greeters ..... Loretta Barker  
 Coffee hosts ..... Teri & Don Sullivan

## November 15 - 24th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 2:1-10 and 1 Samuel 1:4-20 or Psalm 16 and Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Lector ..... Bryan Sickbert  
 Chalice ..... Jan Nanus & Linda Warren  
 Ushers ..... Ken Jones & Ken Rogers  
 Greeters ..... Joyce Ramberg  
 Coffee Hosts ..... Norma & Don Hersey

## November 22 - Last Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 132:1-13, (14-19) and 2 Samuel 23:1-7 or Psalm 93 and Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4B-8; John 18:33-37

Lector ..... Sabra Miller  
 Chalice ..... Loretta Barker & Tom Thorpe  
 Ushers ..... Joan Scott & Rudy Sapper  
 Greeters ..... Kenny Rogers  
 Coffee Hosts ..... \*

## November 25, 6:00 pm - Thanksgiving Celebration

Psalm 126; Joel 2:1-27; Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Lector ..... John Gwin  
 Chalice ..... Linda Warren & Loretta Barker  
 Ushers .....  
 Greeters .....  
 Coffee Hosts ..... \*

## November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Psalm 25:1-9; Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Lector ..... Muriel Cronkhite  
 Chalice ..... Dick & Meg Boblit  
 Ushers ..... Bill & Nancy Crouse  
 Greeters ..... Linda Altman  
 Coffee Hosts ..... \*

\* Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex. We need coffee hosts, so please sign up for a Sunday that you could provide a simple coffee hour by making coffee and bringing some cookies.

## Adult Christian Education Study (ACES)

Sunday, Nov. 29, ACES will begin a review of Dr. Rev. James W. Moore's *What do you want for Christmas?* Moore is a retired Methodist minister and author of 40 books including: *Yes Lord I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses* & *When You're a Christian, the Whole World is from Missouri*. What do you want for Christmas? It's a question that gets asked often as the holiday season approaches. And if we're honest, much of the time when we think about how we would answer that question, we have material things on our mind. Dr. Moore invites us to explore the question on a deeper level. Deep down, what do I really want for Christmas? Does my heart long for the gifts the Christ child brings-the type of gifts that money can't buy? A \$6.00 donation for the book is requested and 20 copies have been ordered for this four-week study, appropriate for both group and individual use. The ACES group meets Sundays in the Library from 9:00-9:45 am.

## November Celebrations

- 5 Margaret Page
- 7 Megan Greenly
- 8 Addi Greer  
Wendy Rocket
- 11 Jean McKeithen
- 18 David Brooks
- 22 Bob Pope & Alice Robinson
- 24 Bart Cox
- 30 Brittany Corcoran

