

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

August 29th, 8:00am to 9:30am

VESTRY MEETING

August 13th, 6:30pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

August 14th, Noon

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

August 12th, 6:00pm

COHI Circle of Care

10:00

EfM CLASSES START

Day Class: August 25th, Noon

Evening Class: August 25th,
6:00

*Contemplative Lessons of the
Order of St. Anthony the Great*
Most Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist

10:15a Holy Eucharist

Monday

Tuesday

12:00p EfM Day Class

6:00p EfM Evening Class

Wednesday

9:00a "In Stitches"

Knitting & Crochet

12:00p Contemplative

Prayer

Thursday

10:30 Bible Study

12:00p Holy Eucharist

Friday

Early August Edition

From the Rector:

It has been almost two months since we sent out our last online newsletter, The Dove. During the past two months, many exciting and some challenging things have happened. We covered many of them at our parish town hall meeting on July 15. Let me give you a brief overview with updates:

We have said goodbye to Br. Kenneth as our seminarian and welcomed Mtr. Bonnie Underwood as our new Assistant Rector and Cathy Schlecht as our new parish administrator. Bonnie has already had multiple meetings with her youth advisory board, youth and parents as they plan the new program year. Cathy is currently working on parish communication and related tasks during church office hours as she learns the financial aspects of the job from Kristin.

Our construction continues to make progress after some initial delays. The concrete slab for the expansion area is completed and the framing is going up as I write this. Behind the scenes, we are totally redoing the preschool area to fit the new plans. We have beautiful new front doors in place that are still being finished. Over the next several months, we will all need to be patient and flexible in how we access and use the church building during this time of expansion.

We heard that we did not receive the Lilly Foundation grant that we applied for to help cover my expenses and some special parish programs as part of my sabbatical in the spring of 2016. Though we are disappointed, this answer provides us with more flexibility and inspires more creativity in how we will learn together during my time away. We still plan to follow the theme from The Rule of St. Benedict that we used in our application, "Listen with the ear of your heart."

These exciting challenges and more are going on as we continue to do the work of the church in and through this parish. Our vestry, staff and I-- as well as many of you-- are planning for the new program year. We will keep you all informed of our plans and other developments through holding regular town hall style meetings every six weeks or so. The next town hall meeting we have planned is for 7 pm Thursday, September 3. Of course if you have any questions or suggestions for me, the vestry, or anyone on the staff, just let us know.

-Keith+

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last Saturday of the month)
 12:00noon Contemplative & Litany Prayer Hour (first Saturday of the month)

This Sunday's Lessons**- August 16, 2015:****I Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14****Psalm 111****Ephesians 5:15-20****John 6:51-58****For Keith's Lessons & Questions:**

See Home Group tab on church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons**- August 23, 2015:****I Kings 8:1,6,10-****11.22-30,41-43****Psalm 84****Ephesians 6:10-20****John 6:56-69****Stay Connected**

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From the Youth Minister:***The new program year will soon begin!***

September 13th is Kickoff Sunday for both Christian Education and EYC, and I'm looking forward to the new year starting. We've had a few "pre-kickoff" events in August already, including Blessing of the Bookbags and initial meetings with both our High School and Middle School youth. There's still time to sign up for two more August Activities, the ***Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage*** on 8/15 and the ***Diocesan Youth Day Retreat: Filled to be Emptied*** on 8/29. Our Youth Activities calendar is being updated regularly, so check out the website to see what we have planned.

We have a variety of EYC activities planned, including Diocesan events, outreach and service projects, involvement with St. Paul's youth, and ***TWO*** summer mission trip opportunities.

For Parents, you should have already seen both email communications from me, as well as an invitation to subscribe to ***REMIND***, a free app that allows me to text updates. Particularly with our building construction in progress, I want to insure I can communicate with you about any last minute changes. If you have questions on how to subscribe to ***REMIND*** or have not yet received an email from me, please contact me. And remember to complete and turn in your ***Youth Registration form***. Extra copies are located on the Youth Bulletin board, or contact me and I can send via email.

For ALL our Parish Adults: I welcome ***all members*** of our community of faith to become involved in our youth programs and activities. Engaging our youth fully within our Christian community involves ***all of us***, not just parents! Many of you have wonderful gifts and passions to share that can help build relationships and draw our community closer together. ***Please contact Mother Bonnie about how you can be involved.***

I look forward to getting to know you all . . . our youth, their families, and all the community of Holy Spirit.

-Bonnie+bonniegunderwood@gmail.com

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Announcements***~ INFORMATIONAL MEETING ~***

Lamb Institute and ECOHS High School Youth Mission to Honduras

When: Thursday, August 27, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Who: Amanda Scott, a full-time missionary with the Lamb Institute, will provide an update in the Parish Hall on this Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Lamb Institute actively shares the hope found in Christ Jesus as they care for, educate, protect, and empower those suffering extreme poverty, abuse, and exploitation in Honduras.

What: Today, LAMB operates an elementary school with over 200 children in one of the most violent and poverty stricken areas of Tegucigalpa, a large youth outreach program, a growing microcredit program with over 300 small business owners, multiple community programs, and a residential home outside the city for over 60 abused and neglected children.

Please join this informative meeting to learn more about Lamb Institute as well as Holy Spirit's plans for a high youth mission to Honduras in June 2016.

All are welcome to this presentation to learn more about this fruitful ministry.

Please contact Mother Bonnie with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF!

It is so exciting to see and hear all the work going on here at church! It's thrilling to know we are "Building to Serve"! I believe "Building to Serve" is an invaluable lesson for our children and something they learn here through their time in Children's Christian Ed and even more so when they graduate to Christian Ed as a middle and high school student! Service and serving others is something we always want to focus on and something our children and youth LOVE!

The beginning of our Christian Ed year is fast approaching. We are going to be flexible this year so that we can learn and allow the work of building our new building to continue without too much disruption to our Sunday morning routine. **Our Christian Ed (Sunday School) Kickoff will be Sunday, September 13th beginning at 9:30.** This is always an incredibly exciting day that we all anticipate with eagerness and this year should be no different!!

This year our Sunday School Kickoff will be outside, using the fenced in soccer field and pavilion. We will have some special guests that I know we will all enjoy and learn more about our theme for the year. Please make plans to be here for the excitement and learning that KICKOFF our new year of Children's Christian Education!

~Julie Wilson: jwilsonjat@gmail.com

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Children's Christian Ed is gearing up to begin our new year! One of the wonderful things about Children's Christian Ed is that it allows you to work with the children in different and sometimes creative ways. (Don't let the word creative scare you off J). It is a joy filled and eye opening time to see the wonder of children and the way they are growing to know and love God.

In children's Christian Ed we use the rotation model. The rotation model allows us to focus on the same lesson for a few weeks teaching it in several different ways (art, science, drama, games, cooking, and music are some of the centers we use). It is very hard for children to be here every Sunday, this allows children to miss and not feel left out...giving them several weeks and all sorts of fun ways to focus on the same lesson. It allows you as a volunteer to make a short time commitment, 2-4 weeks at a time and ease of helping with a lesson. The lesson you taught would be the same lesson for those few weeks...it might be cooking, drama or games... it could be anything... you would work with different children each week on the same lesson you taught the week before.

The rotation model can be much less intimidating than the thought of committing to the entire year, and the thought of having a different lesson ready each week. Take some time to consider this ministry and if it might be for you. We have lots of little ones this year and Sunday school is all new to them! They are excited and enthusiastic and it is such an uplifting and fun hour! We would love to have you as part of this ministry so consider it and feel free to email me with any questions.

~Julie Wilson: jwilsonat@gmail.com

Upcoming Outreach Dates:

Be sure to join us for these upcoming outreach activities!

Forsyth Family Promise Meeting -- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Aug.20th, 7:00pm

The Pantry -- Wendy's Place, August 29th 8:00-9:30 am

Church of the Common Ground -- Woodruff Park, September 20th, Men's Bkfst. Group

The Pantry -- Wendy's Place, September 26th, 8:00-9:30am

~Deacon Tom Ader



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir will resume regular Wednesday evening rehearsals on **August 19** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, please let Jeff Daniel know at ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members. We hope you will join us!

The ECOHS children's choirs will resume regular Wednesday afternoon rehearsals on **September 16** from 5:00-5:30 p.m. If your child is interested in choir, please bring him or her to the first rehearsal. The St. Cecilia choir is age 4-1st grade and the St. Luke choir is 2nd -5th grade. The ECOHS youth choir will resume regular Sunday rehearsals on **September 20** after the 10:45 service. The youth choir is open to all youth 6th -12th grade. We hope your child will join us!

Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's website www.ecohs.net to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

Save the Date !

Saturday, September 12,2015

10-12 am

A women's spirituality event!

"Journeying Together"

All women are invited to share this special time together!

The Reverend Bonnie Underwood -Facilitator

Childcare for 4years and under will be provided.

More info to come!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - July 2015

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 20,294.00	\$ (4,576.42)	\$173,052.00	\$ 1,040.94
Other	\$ 2,273.37	\$ (437.31)	\$ 61,388.95	\$ 17,127.39
	\$ 22,567.37	\$ (5,013.73)	\$234,440.95	\$ 18,168.33
Expense				
Operations	\$ 27,883.09	\$ 1,814.06	\$204,515.49	\$ (1,859.61)
Programs	\$ 1,027.35	\$ (536.52)	\$ 23,484.43	\$ (14,123.60)
	\$ 28,910.44	\$ 1,277.54	\$227,999.92	\$ (15,983.21)

Summary Statement

Revenues are up 7.7% year to date, with expenses being up 7.5% over budget.

* Pledged and plate offerings for the month of July were off from budget.

* Expenses ran under for the month.

Areas of Note:

- YTD we have a positive Net of \$6.4K
- This is a positive \$2.2K over the Budget

Areas of concern:

- None at this time

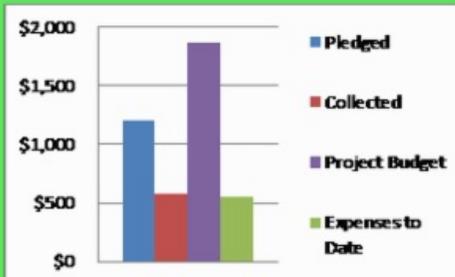
BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 64,330.34
Restricted Identified	\$ 70,096.37 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$ 90,500.00
Total:	\$224,926.71

Parish Center Capital Funds

January Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 294,205.54
Expenses	\$ 548,212.75
Current Balance	\$ (24,717.68)

Building Capital Overview



Areas of Note:

- Loan Approved for \$1,500K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,210K

Areas of concern:

- Negative balance reflects that we have exceeded collected amount and are now into construction loan.
- This is normal for our process.

Any questions, please email me at Zprime2@charter.net

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