

## Bread for your Journey

*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof. Leviticus 28:18*

Recently, I caught a few minutes of a debate on the role of religion in public life. A philosophy professor argued that atheist societies have been the most destructive and oppressive ones in human history. On the other side, a rather famous atheist argued that religion is the source of every evil in the world, and it should be banished from modern, liberal, society.

I cannot speak for all and every society, but I do know the movement in the early 1700's to build a society on law and rights as opposed to property and power felt that Leviticus 25.18 summed up what they were doing, so it was inscribed upon Philadelphia's new bell. That bell, according to tradition was rung on July 4, 1776. That bell became a national icon in the 1820's when it was used by the movement to abolish slavery. With its crack and all, the bell traveled around north and south in the wake of the civil war. It was a perfect emblem of what united us, even with our imperfections and wounds. And then, the bell was taken up again by the Women's Suffrage Movement.

In short, *Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof*, has rung out loudly in every great social transformation in this nation's history. Religion in general is no panacea for society's ills, but the ancient message of liberty, coming from the God of Israel, liberator of slaves, victor over sin and death, is irreplaceable and essential to human dignity. As Pope Benedict said last week, "[Religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation.](#)"

Fr. Theron+

## Announcements

### Reflections on our Welcome Celebration/Grand Opening

Last Sunday seventy-two souls attended worship at Emmaus. Eleven or twelve of them were first time visitors. They were people without a strong tie to a church, people searching, some have even been estranged the church. They came, each and every one, because someone in our congregation invited them. I have never seen the like, and all I can say is, WELL DONE!

Now, we pray for those people, and for more to come that the Holy Spirit will draw them into the love of Christ; that we might be instruments of freedom and love; that past hurts may be healed, and a new day begins in their hearts and homes.

On the whole, just having a day to focus our efforts upon was powerfully transformational for us. So many worked so hard, creating a potent, entrepreneurial leadership team. The first choir performance under Ruth Schubarth signaled an

unlocking of musical talent, children's chapel began in a spacious, kid-friendly environment, opening doors for our children to grow, we hosted an event for the community (fun run) of which some 25% were not church members, and our ability to plan, act decisively, and accomplish meaningful things moved forward. WELL DONE!

Andy Cooley, who coordinated the events will be doing some follow up with people who led the various areas, and will be gathering feedback from the congregation at large. We want to learn from our success, and improve where we can. There is a general consensus that setting a significant goal to welcome people into the church is something that should become an annual part of our ministry.

**Animal Blessings:** Bring your animals, large, small, furry, feathered, and scaled to our first annual **Blessing of the Beasts** at Emmaus (in the parking lot). **Sunday, October 10 at 3:00.**

**Children's Chapel:** Erin Cook is spearheading the effort to launch children's chapel. Chapel, for Children, age 4-10 (pre-k to 4<sup>th</sup> grade) will take place during the Liturgy of the Word (first half of the service). If the Holy Spirit is stirring **you** to serve, please contact Erin (Contact: [eec031257@comcast.net](mailto:eec031257@comcast.net) or 303-688-1909)

**Music Ministry** Do you have a **favorite hymn** you'd like to hear? Do you play an instrument, and perhaps with a bit of encouragement could play it in church as a special offering? Let Ruth know! [journey.ruth@msn.com](mailto:journey.ruth@msn.com) The **choir** is working on a beautiful *Kyrie* for our welcome celebration. **Practice is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

**Web Site** Have you been to our web site recently? <http://emmausanglican.org/> There are neat pictures there of Easter and other events. If you have questions, comments, or content for the website, contact David Newton [newtond@pcisys.net](mailto:newtond@pcisys.net)

**Sunday Hospitality** Each Sunday we enjoy not just coffee and tea after church, but some simple and simply wonderful refreshments. These goodies are provided by **volunteers**. There are some spaces open to in the coming weeks. Please contact Pam Hotchkiss for more information, and sign up on the kitchen bulletin board. [photchkiss1@q.com](mailto:photchkiss1@q.com)

### **Community Service**

**Lunch for the Orphans of Pe-Hill parish, Kenya.** The Interim Parish Council has designated the third Sunday of the month for a special monthly offering for the orphans. For just \$65, we can provide 100 orphans with their lunch at school on Thursdays. On the third Sunday, if you are led and able to make a special offering in addition to your tithe, please... The offering from Children's Chapel will also buy lunch for the orphans (65 cents buys a child lunch who would have otherwise gone hungry).

**St. Francis Center:** Emmaus serves at this downtown Denver center for the homeless on the first Saturday of each month. Our next day is **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The coordinator, Joe Clements is currently out of town, but if you are interested in serving, contact his

assistant, **Ben Contreras**: [ben4444@averitech.com](mailto:ben4444@averitech.com) or 303-249-1016. The center is always in need of is Bath and Face **Towels** WHITE is best because they wash everything with bleach.

**Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture (MESS)** The second Saturday, **October 9**, is time for the **MESS** (Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture). The men meet for breakfast at 7:00 a.m., then study the Scriptures, breaking at 9:00.

**Emmaus Tee Shirts are available for \$10.00**

**Emmaus Dinner Group Extraordinaire (EDGE)** If you have not yet put your name on the list to be included in the groupings, please contact us so you can be included. This is a social group with a Christian World View so that we can support and encourage each other in our living of daily life. If you can participate occasionally or regularly, we would like you to take part. Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Desk at Church, call Joleen and Jerry (303-688-2124), or email us ([joordt@earthlink.net](mailto:joordt@earthlink.net)). **Hold the date:** We are having an all-church Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to come. **Joleen and Jerry**

**From the Treasurer Mary Renton**, treasurer, has posted an up to date report in the kitchen. For questions on your giving or on the finances of Emmaus, contact Mary: 303-660-9534 or email at [mary.renton@dcsdk12.org](mailto:mary.renton@dcsdk12.org)

**Attendance Last Sunday: 72 Offering: \$1,777 (2K required)**

**Serving this Sunday**

Lector: Barbara Kleinert

Chalice Bearers: Ben Contreras and Jake Ciafone

Acolytes: Jacob Wolfe (server) and Nani Ciafone (Crucifer)

Prayer Team: Donna Sullivan and Erin Cook

Children's Chapel: Erin Cook

Ushers: Lura and Karl Wolfe

**Month at a Glance**

Sunday 9/26 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 9/29

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

Saturday 10/2 Community Service at St. Francis Center

Sunday 10/3 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 10/6

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

6:30 p.m. Post-Welcome Celebration Meeting

Saturday 10/9 Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture

Sunday 10/10 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

3:00 Blessing of the Beasts

Wednesday 10/13

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

7:00 p.m. Monthly Vespers Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Sunday 10/17 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 10/20

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

Thursday 10/21 Interim Executive Council at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 10/24 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 10/27

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

Friday 10/29-Saturday 10/30: Clergy Retreat for Anglican Mission

Sunday 10/31 All Hallows Eve

9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Children's Parade of Saints

11:30 Formation