

On the Road to Emmaus

May 28, 2010

Friends of Cleopas,

Bread for your Journey

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18

Are you living by a Spirit inspired dream? So much that goes wrong in life goes wrong because we have no dream, or the dream we have is not inspired by the Holy Spirit. Moral hopelessness follows where people have no sense that their life counts, is part of something bigger and more important than themselves. Without that inner conviction that life is more than what flows to me, but from me, a person eventually stops caring even about what comes to them! Interesting, isn't it? Without a dream, without a reason to pour ourselves out, we stop pouring, and in time, we lose what we have.

But, there are some dreams that are nightmares for mankind too—destinations that never should have been pursued, causes that stole and steal human dignity. Chairman Mao had a dream and it was in a little red book. The dream of equality stole, its estimated, 100,000,000 lives in the twentieth century. Some dreams flow right into the inferno.

A Holy Spirit inspired dream, a vision that one's life is part of God's mission for creation, that is precisely what the ancient prophet Joel saw, what Saint Peter saw happening on Pentecost, and is there for you and for me. Do you have a dream.

Your companion on life's way,

Fr. Theron Walker

Announcements

Community Service:

The first Saturday of the month is Emmaus day at the Saint Francis Center.

June 19 will be the first Emmaus Anglican Church service project to benefit the Castle Rock community. That is the day of the well publicized area-wide 9 Cares Colorado Shares food drive. Parish volunteers will hand out flyers and collect food at the King Soopers location at I-25 and Founders Parkway. All food collected will be donated to the Douglas/Elbert County Task Force Food Bank. The event begins at 7:00 a.m. and runs to 4:00 p.m. Two or three adults or a family of three to five are needed to serve shifts during this time. Shifts can be as long as three hours or divided into shorter increments to accommodate more volunteers. Please see Joe Clements following Sunday service or call him at 303-660-9033 to volunteer for this worthy cause

Grand Opening for Emmaus

Church planters today often hold what they call a Grand Opening, Birthday, or Public Launch. The idea is to have all the key aspects of worship, fellowship, and formation in place, then go on an advertising blitz to draw in especially the un-churched, on a big-all-out day. Our “Birthday” is **September 19th**. The Interim Executive Council has asked **Andy Cooley** to head up the effort. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen. B-106

Formation/Bible Study for Pentecost and Following

Act 5: The Continuing Story of the Creator redeeming Creation: *A study of the Acts of the Apostles and the Continuing Life of God in the Church.*

Throughout the summer months we will focus our attention on the Acts of the Apostles, and God’s continuing work of redeeming his good creation, through the Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit. There will be a historical piece including our creation of a timeline of events from Acts chapter 1, the promise of the Holy Spirit, to Acts 28, Saint Paul’s imprisonment in Rome, and the promise of salvation to all nations. We will bring politics, customs of the times, religious worldviews, economics, architecture, art, into the discussion along the way. Each lesson will also contain a call to not just be a spectator in the story, but a player.

Format: Topics are introduced on Sundays during formation. Questions that arise that take us too far off track, or require extra time and research, will be covered in Bible Study on Wednesday morning or Thursday evening. We will also simply delve into greater detail in the weekday sessions. (The general topic is the same on the weekday, but the terrain varies depending on your questions).

Who is this Formation Class for? Adults and interested teens and pre-teens. You and they will learn a lot! And bring your Bible.

Weekday Schedule

Wednesday June 2

Morning: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion from 1928 Prayer Book. Formation/Bible Study is from 9:45-10:45.

Thursday June 3

Formation/Worship Night

6:00-6:30 Light Supper

6:30-7:30 Formation/ Bible study with Fr. Theron

7:30-8:00: Vespers Eucharist

Serving Sunday

Server: Jake Ciafone/shadowed by Nani Ciafone

Crucifer: Alana Brennan

Lector: Denise Walker

Prayer Team: Carla Holst

Chalice Minister: Erin Cook

Ushers: Alan and Pam Hotchkiss

Childcare: Kris Kuchenbrod

The Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture (MESS) will kick off on June 12 at 7 AM until 9 AM in our own fellowship room. Breakfast will be provided by Procopio/Suro brothers. Just bring your Bible and be prepared to have good fellowship, some laughs, and some really good book learning. The first subject of study has yet to be chosen. Suggestions are welcomed. Future meetings will be the second Saturday of the month, same time and location. The first few months will be used to establish ourselves and gearing up for a big event on Saturday September 11 as part of the Emmaus grand opening that same month.

Sunday Schedule

10:00 a.m.: Worship

11:15-11:30: Fellowship

11:30-12:30: Formation

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