

Resurrection Life



March 2009

The Episcopal Church of
the Resurrection

- 1131 S. Main Street
Centerville, Utah 84014
- (801) 295-1360

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday Eucharist & Bible
Study 9:00 a.m.**

Clergy Corner

In The Meantime...

Dear Friends in Christ:

By the time this reaches you Lent will already be underway. In this solemn season, we prepare for the mighty acts of Holy Week and Easter. In the words



of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, we are invited "to the **observance of a**

holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word". We can do all these things in private, of course. However, our Lenten journey will be even more meaningful if we follow it in companionship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I urge you, therefore, to make a special effort to attend church each Sunday and throughout Holy Week. Please see the schedule inside this newsletter. **The Worship Advisory Committee and I are especially excited about adding the Night Watch after the Maundy Thursday service, and about reintroducing the Great Vigil of Easter here, with a special invitation to the children.**

In addition you might read a **particular book of the Bible or some other spiritual work** during this time. The Gospel of Mark would be a good choice, as it is the Gospel from which many of our readings are taken this year. Matthew or Luke would be equally appropriate. For other possibilities, check out our parish library or ask Father Steve or me for recommendations.

As for "self-examination and repentance", our church provides for private confession in the service called "**Reconciliation of a Penitent**" in the Prayer Book. Again, Father Steve or I would be glad to meet with you if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Sometimes it helps to have someone else listen to your doubts and fears and assure you of God's acceptance and pardon.



Whatever path you take, I can promise that **the more intentional your keeping of Lent, the more joyful the feast of the Resurrection will be for you.**

On another note, I am following this brief message with a few passages from my address

to the parish at our annual meeting on January 25. I hope you will find some food for thought in the challenges I see for the Church of the Resurrection.

God bless you throughout this holy season.

Faithfully,

Ruth +

(The Rev.) Ruth Eller, Interim
Pastor

Baptisms

Our next baptisms will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. on **April 11**. After that, the next opportunity for baptism will be on Pentecost, May 31. Remember, preparation is required for this important sacrament.

Please contact Mother Ruth if you are interested.

Daughters of the King



Daughters of the King will meet on **March 15** immediately after the Sunday Service in the conference room.





TREASURY NOTES

A YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY OF
OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS RELATIVE
TO PLANNED INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Thru 01/31/2009</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Thru 01/31/2009</u>
Total Income	\$ 13,465	\$ 12,301
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,663	\$ 14,295
Over/(Under)	\$ (198)	\$ (1,993)

Charles Stuth, Treasurer

Special Service Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer. A short, quiet, candlelit service, with occasional music from the Taizé tradition.

Take a break from your busy week – this will help you to keep a holy Lent.

Holy Week & Easter

April 5, Palm Sunday – 10:00 a.m. -Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, and Eucharist

April 9, Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist followed by Stripping of the Altar and Night Vigil (in response to Jesus' question, "Can you not watch one hour with me?" Sign-up available on Fifth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday, and Maundy Thursday)

April 10, Good Friday – 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

April 11, Holy Saturday – 7:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil. Lighting of the New Fire, reading of the great stories, Baptisms, and First Eucharist of Easter. *Children encouraged to come! Lessons for the Vigil will include story-telling especially for them.*

April 12, Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m. - Festival Eucharist

Challenges for the Church of the Resurrection

From the Interim Pastor's Address at the Annual Meeting:

(1) I have observed that in many cases too few people are asked to do too much here. The challenge, then, is to share responsibilities. . . . We should meet this challenge not merely for the sake of expediency but for the sake of widening and deepening the involvement of everyone who attends this church. . . .

(2) It is so tempting to think that there really is nobody out there who would be interested in hearing about who we are or listening to the Good News of God's love as it has been received by this church. After all, eighty-percent of the population of this state already belongs to another denomination. So why bother? Why not just enjoy one another's company, luxuriate in the beauty of our liturgy, savor the amazing munchies at coffee hour, and hope that God will bring enough recruits through the door to keep the party going?

Here's the apparent challenge for Resurrection: this congregation needs to grow.

Here's the real challenge: this congregation needs to be on fire with the Good News of Jesus. If that happens, growth will follow.

Please don't misunderstand me. I know that there are committed Christians here. I know that many of you are already fired up by God's love. . . . But I would like to see these individual fires burn together, catch on in such a way that this community as a whole becomes a beacon to all of South Davis County.

Stewardship Moment

When we talk about stewardship it is usually in terms of the time, talent, and treasure we donate either to our church or the community at large. There is another very important element to stewardship and that is prayer. We often tell people we will keep them in our prayers for one reason or another but do we? Prayer is another important part of our stewardship as Christians as we serve God in this world. Daily prayer is a wonderful way to build a truly meaningful relationship with God as well as remember those to whom we promised our prayers.



Bishop's Visitation

Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Carolyn Tanner Irish, will be with us on Sunday, **April 19**, at 10:00 a.m. to confirm and receive those who have been prepared in the Anglican Way class, as well as preaching and presiding at our Eucharist.

**Thursday Morning
Eucharist &
Bible Study
at 9:00 a.m.**

**Still Time
To Attend!!**

The Anglican Way: An Introduction to the Anglican/Episcopal Way of being Christian Scripture – Tradition – Reason

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This series is designed for those wishing to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or to be received into the Church from another denomination – AND for those who wish to explore or brush up their knowledge of our rich tradition. No strings attached! Sign up by returning the form below or calling the Parish Office (295-1360). We need to know roughly how many people will attend so we can order books and plan for the soup supper.

- **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - February 18 and 25*, March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 and 15 – Soup Supper and meeting.**
- **Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation: Sunday, April 19**

**Ash Wednesday. No class, but all are asked to attend a service that day, either in the morning or in the evening. We also skip the Wednesday in Holy Week, April 8, though again participants will be expected attend Holy Week and Easter Services. Everyone in the class should also plan on attending the Confirmation service, whether or not they will be confirmed.*

*Note: There will be a \$15.00 fee for this series, covering the cost of the book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian* and other materials. Scholarship help is available – just ask the Interim Pastor.*

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Yes! – please sign me up for The Anglican Way

Name(s):.....

Telephone:..... Email:.....

..... I will need child care for children, age(s).....



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Search Committee

In the Parish Profile that will go out to prospective clergy candidates, the Search Committee wants to include a page of web sites that might be of interest to someone moving here. The committee looked at the Visitors' Bureau website, but it wasn't satisfactory. So, the committee thought that by asking the people of the parish to share their knowledge, passions, interests, and favorite things, it could compile a better and compelling list of websites.

The Search Committee needs web sites of historic, educational, political, natural resources, outdoor opportunities and entertainment events occurring in Utah. In addition, the committee needs lists of businesses that might be intriguing, children's opportunities and interests, schools, programs, etc.

Please send your list of websites to Lynnae Ray as soon as possible. Thank you!

Weekly Events

Tuesdays:

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saucy Stitches
7:00 p.m. - NA 12 Step Program
7:00 p.m. Ta'i Chi Chih (until April 21, 2009)

Wednesdays:

6:30 p.m. - The Anglican Way (3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/01, and 4/15)

Thursdays:

9:00 a.m. - Healing Service and Bible study
10:00 a.m. - Mom's Club
5:00 p.m. - TOPS
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection!
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. --- Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Your Financial Support Needed for New Piano!

We are raising \$10,000 to pay for the newest addition to the Church of the Resurrection's music program - our grand piano. This beautiful instrument is now being used weekly during worship services. It is work of art and complements the beauty of our sanctuary. But we need your financial help to pay for it.

We are selling "keys" from the piano at \$125 each to raise the funds to pay for this piano. Donors won't literally get a piano key but they will receive permanent recognition of their generosity. So far, we have sold several keys. But we need to sell many, many more to cover the cost of this eloquent musical instrument.

Your donation would be a perfect way to support the parish's music program! It also would be a thoughtful remembrance or memorial for someone special in your life. What a wonderful opportunity to recognize a loved one while supporting the worship and musical needs of our parish! We need your financial support. Please buy a key today!

You may place your donation in the offering plate during the Sunday worship service, along with a note designating the donor or person to be remembered. Or you can mail your donation to:

**Grand Piano Fund-Raising
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
1131 South Main St.
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Thank you for your financial help... it will assure a strong future for the beautiful musical heritage of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection!



Cut Here and Return TODAY!

YES!

I'd like to purchase a key for the new parish piano! Please reserve _____ keys at \$125 each. *Please make your check payable to "PIANO - Episcopal Church of the Resurrection"*

My Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____



Please make this key a MEMORIAL to _____

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Thank You!