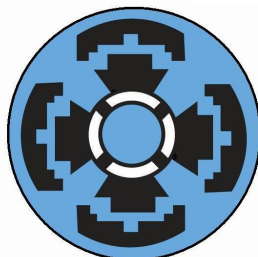


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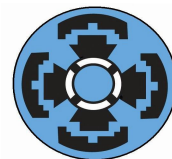
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**Worship Schedule**

8:30 AM Worship  
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9:15 AM Fellowship all morning  
10:30 AM Worship

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**COGS Cabaret Night**

If you missed the COGS Cabaret Night last year, be sure to attend this year.

**Cabaret  
& Cuisine  
2007**

**What:** Fun, Food, Fellowship and Entertainment  
**When:** Friday, September 28  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall  
**Time:** 6 o'clock until ???  
**Price:** \$12.50 per person  
**Menu:** Punch (NA) and appetizers; Ham roll-ups and liverwurst pate and crackers; Creamy baked chicken breasts; Rice with vegetables; Caesar salad and rolls; Piña Colada Cake and coffee

Payment and cut off date is September 23. Entertainment by our own band members. Food prepared by Jeanette Eckley & Marilyn Chynoweth.

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## FROM THE PASTOR

## Pastor's Reflections

So you thought August was HOT? Wait until you see things heat up for the fall here at COGS. I will highlight a few of the things to look forward to and then close with what I think are some important priorities for the coming few months.

★ This summer a flier was published and distributed talking about the new LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM at COGS. It has the tag line, "We make house calls". There are several ways to participate in this new ministry program including being a lay ministry volunteer. Training for volunteers begins Saturday morning, September 8. The following sessions will be held: September 22, October 6 and 20, and November 17. Graduation will be in December.

Other ways to participate include making cozy quilts and prayer shawls or being available for special needs like running errands, fixing a meal, child care and the like for someone who is temporarily under the weather. There are other possibilities as well.

Check out the brochure at the church if you think you might be interested in this kind of ministry of hospitality.

★ Confirmation class will begin on Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 p.m. If you have someone in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade who is interested in this important step in faith development, please let me know.

★ We will be heading for New Orleans again the first week in November. If you are interested in a real adventure in service, please let me know.

★ The Turquoise Chalice is rolling around again. It is Friday evening, October 19 at the Sheraton Uptown. I strongly encourage you to plan on attending this year for three reasons:

1) It is a major fundraiser for the New Mexico Conference of Churches which we support.

2) Bob Rosenak is the MC this year.

3) I am serving as the president of the board of directors this year and would love to see a good turnout from COGS. I have enjoyed working with these people all year and certainly appreciate all of the good things they do on behalf of New Mexico's poor.

Think about coming.

★ The Annual Pet Blessing is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 21, 4 p.m. Get Fido and FiFi ready for this big event.

★ And certainly, don't forget the Cabaret night on Friday, September 28.

On top of all of that, I want to point out that we have some priorities that need all

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## COGS MUSIC — LIGHT THE NIGHT

## COGS MUSIC

Calling all singers and instrumentalists! If you love to sing, or play, or just want to get better at sharing your talents, come and join us!

**Choir** meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; **Handbells** meets Thursdays at 6 p.m., and **Band** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.. If you play an orchestral instrument, COGS **Chamber Group** will have an organizational meeting after church on Sunday, September 9, at 12:15. Come and sit in! We welcome experienced and inexperienced musicians!

*Marilyn and Kate*

**PLEASE**  
**NOTE**

**There will be  
no UFO Group  
until further  
notice.**

**Mark your calendars**

**for Saturday,  
September 15 — the  
2007 Light the Night  
Walk!**

**6 p.m. Registration**

This event is sponsored by the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**. These are diseases that have hit our congregation hard. We can help!

Thanks in part to walkers from COGS, 2006 was the best *Walk* ever, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is counting on our continued support. Our efforts are helping to fund lifesaving research and provide help and hope to thousands of families.

**Join us to  
Light the Night!**

Register or make a donation to the 2007 Walk by joining the Church of the Good Shepherd Team. Visit [www.lightthenight.org/nm](http://www.lightthenight.org/nm) or call the LLS office directly at (505) 872-0141; or call Lauren Bullard, Team Captain, at 459-2956 or Judy Gilman at 402-0562.

## UPCOMING EVENTS — FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Forever Young

Forever Young will meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 11 a.m., at the home of Ray Wenger, 5501 Cancelar Drive NE. This will be the annual planning meeting for the coming year. Bring your ideas as to what might be interesting or fun for the group to do. Bring something to share for lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Beginner's Quilting Class

Learn the process of choosing fabric and pattern, cutting and stitching, putting the layers together, and the quilting finishing stitch. Classes start Sept. 5, at 9:30 a.m., for 6 weeks. Location: Christa Manning, 4936 Skyline View Ct. NE. Phone: 332-8671.

*Christa Manning*

## Spirituality Group

**"Paradise is all around us, and we do not understand. Its time is now.....The place is here.....in your hearts." — Thomas Merton**

Please plan to join our 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday Spirituality Group on September 6 when we will be beginning a new book study: *Thomas Merton: Essential Writings* by Thomas Merton, edited by Christine Bochen. (Before purchasing a book, check with Shirlee Coppage, 281-0998, who has a couple of extra copies at \$11.20 each.)

The Thursday group begins with an inspirational reading and then 15 minutes of meditation. We then take turns reading aloud the various passages before discussing them. Newcomers are always welcome!

*Floyd and Shirlee Coppage*

## Book Group — September

**September 17**

Book: *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen

Leader: To be announced

Hostess: To be announced

*Shari McAnally*

COGS Children's Outreach/  
Preschool Financial Report  
for July 2007

Income for July: \$10,119.40

Expenses for July: \$21,131.28

Surplus/Deficit for July: (\$11,011.88)

Year to date Surplus: \$717.83

Reconciled cash in bank @  
July 31, 2007: \$41,057.82

*Ann Travelstead*, Preschool Committee

Treasurer's Financial  
Report — July 2007

July income: \$50,745.34

July expenses: \$24,409.27

Difference: \$26,336.07

Income year to date: \$174,414.02

Expenses year to date: \$158,882.01

Difference: \$15,532.01

Checking account balance as of  
July 31, 2007: \$64,547.75

*Richard Mitchell*, Treasurer

## FROM THE MODERATOR

## Moderator's Musings

HAVE YOU JOINED A TEAM YET???

We have five ministry teams that are up and running. In case you have not met our ministry team leaders, they are: Carol St. John, Hospitality Ministry Lead; Maria Weddige-Gurney, Faith Development Ministry Lead; Don Sauer, Worship and Creative Arts Ministry Lead; Don Viets, Justice & Community Ministry Lead; and Jennifer Branham, Administration Ministry Lead.

If you would like to join one of the ministry leads, give me a call, 299-8375, or e-mail me at [loistulga@aol.com](mailto:loistulga@aol.com), or contact one

of the ministry leads. Here is your chance to come on board and be a part of this exciting year.

SEPTEMBER 5 is a date to circle. We will be joining at 7:00 p.m. to continue the Ron Buford tactics. We will be completing plans that have been made and completed and plans to be completed. All who have participated in the past two workshops will be contacted regarding this evening. If you would like to come, please do. It will be worth your while.

*Lois Tulga*, Moderator

## Pastor's Reflections — continued from page 2

of our effort and attention this fall. One item is program planning for our kids. I hope everyone of you will find a way to help us build the best program in town for our young people. We have experienced many fits and starts over the past several years and NOW is the time to pull out the stops and let it roll. Get on board.

The second priority is pulling all of our energy and enthusiasm together to make the church accessible to all. IT IS TIME TO GET MOVING ON UPDATES THAT NEED TO BE MADE IN THE BUILDING. We cannot let another year slip by.

The third and absolutely essential priority is to begin to look at how we need to staff the church for growth. This could be

difficult as it might mean making some tough choices.

The churches that grow are churches that are staffed for growth. What does that mean? These are tough questions, but it is time to take a long hard look at where we want our money to go so that we are able to do the best job of doing ministry in Albuquerque.

It promises to be a "hot year" full of ideas and opportunities for ministry. I'll bet that you have lots of ideas and even some energy to get us off dead center. Children, building, and staff ..... We can do it! Yes, we can!

Blessings,

*Pastor Sue*

### Church School at COGS in September

#### Adult Sunday School

Beginning September 9 — Classes will meet from 9:15-10 AM.

#### Contemporary Theology Class

A continuation to conclusion of the study of Marcus Borg's excellent book — **Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary.** "...After a lifetime of work and study, Borg ... discovers a Jesus that can continue to inspire, inform and guide those who have moved beyond archaic doctrines. Borg argues that there is a movement in the church today that is catching up with where scholarship has brought us in understanding Christian origins. Here readers will find an historically accurate Jesus, but one who is still worth following."

*With Floyd Coppage in Classroom 1.*

#### Biblical Studies

**The Ancestry of Jesus as Chronicled in the Old Testament: from Abraham to David!** A little history, a lot of mystery! Are you intrigued by sacred numbers and Biblical codes in the Old Testament? Who were Jesus' relatives according to scripture? Come and explore the Old Testament for clues as to the genealogy of Jesus Christ!

*With Richard Mitchell in Classroom 2.*

#### Children's Religious Education

Sundays at 9-10 a.m.

**Victoria Lopez, Coordinator and COGS Teachers**

**Following Jesus:** Children will be working with stories, music, science, cooking and arts and crafts activities to explore how Christians become "the church together."

Sept. 2: **Being the Church:** Whom Would Jesus Invite?

Sept. 9: **Part of the Family:** Discipleship in *Community*.

Sept. 16: **God Loves Us Into God's Church:** Lost and found, we are God's.

Sept. 23: **Many Ways to Pray:** How do we talk to God and Jesus?

Sept. 30: **Followers of Jesus:** Living God's Way

*Dear Children,*

*Each of you are so special, and we want you to come and share Sunday School together, as you grow into "being the church" of tomorrow. Blessings!*

*Your Teachers*

#### **New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

For help, call 246-9240. State Hotline:  
1-800-773-3645; National Hotline:  
1-800-799-7233; Statewide Legal Resources  
Hotline: 1-877-974-3400.  
Services are FREE and confidential.

### Turquoise Chalice — Friday, October 19

The 2007 Turquoise Chalice Award and Benefit Banquet is scheduled for Friday evening, October 19, 6 p.m., at the Sheraton Uptown. This is the yearly benefit for the New Mexico Conference of Churches (NMCC), an ecumenical organization that we have actively supported for many years.

This year we are honoring Rev. Joel P. Garner, O. Praem., a member of the Norbertine Community, who has been in pastoral leadership at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary parish in Albuquerque as well as Prior of the Norbertine Santa Maria de la Vid Priory since 1985. Prior to coming to New Mexico he was a member of the Religious Studies faculty and pastor of the campus parish at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin. He also directed a summer Theological Institute at the college for fifteen years. Later he became Director of Formation for the Seminarians and the founding director of the Norbertine Spirituality Center at St. Norbert Abbey. Fr. Garner has been involved in a number of ecumenical activities. He chairs the board of the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, the educational efforts of which include a Masters of Theological Studies degree in cooperation with St. Norbert College.



#### Care Core Report

##### OUR MEMBERS:

**Stephanie Bisson, Bill Eberhardt, Charles Hill, Anis Johnson, and Dr. C.A. Kennedy**

##### OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

**Fran Doty** (Amy Homicz's mother) and **Fred Luft** (Bobbi Luft's husband)

##### OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

**Linda Coen** (friend of Ann Meierkord), **Donna Drayer** (former member of COGS), **Emma Elliott** (Bob & Pat Rosenak's great-granddaughter), **Michelle Feng** (Patrick Xavier's cousin), **Roger Hogeboom** (Don & Barbara Mitchell's nephew), **Mary Hoppgood** (Emy Yeazell's mother), **Deborah Pecorelli** (sister of Dorenda Morse), **Olivia Prisco** (Don

& Barbara Mitchell's granddaughter), **Linda Robbins** (friend of COGS), **Peter Smith** (Linc Nagle's brother), **Carmie Tucek** (former member of COGS), and **Terry Wenk** (Nancy Barfield's friend)

The following have been removed from our prayer list. She would like to thank COGS for their prayers. We thank God for her improvement and ask God to continue God's care and blessings: Kimberly St John.

Remembering all those who are serving their country: **Justin Zel Montgomery** (Linc Nagle's son-in-law) in the Police Department and **Erick Williams** (Maxine Williams' grandson) in Iraq.

*Orp Christopher*