

# THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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## Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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### Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

These are exciting and, to be honest, perhaps somewhat intimidating days for us. Our long awaited property acquisition and building project are upon us. It's important to remember that we will take all the time we need to do things as they ought to be done. We are a people who respect process. Additionally, it's helpful to keep in mind that we're not alone on this enterprise. While the endeavor remains truly ours, we are most fortunate to have access to the substantial expertise that our Diocese has in such matters. We won't have to re-invent the wheel – and we won't have to be on our own as we face the inevitable challenges. We've begun as we've needed to: with a shared process of initial input, sharing, visioning. To be sure, our conversations will continue. I find myself encouraged, however, to find that our various lines of insight do converge. It seems, in terms of our basic values and desires, that we are largely of common mind. May God, indeed, bless our on-going process.

Meanwhile, I believe it essential that our building project not "blot out the sun" for us. Parish life can *and needs to* continue in vital focus. So, I believe that a key part of my work in this time is to help us to remain vigorously connected with those things which bring us here in the first place (and for which, after all, we are seeking the resources to expand). These are basic:

Worship,  
care for one another,  
youth ministries,  
outreach,  
Christian education,  
spiritual formation,  
fellowship.

And for all these, Good Shepherd offers wonderful opportunities. Each time someone participates in any of these, our common life is strengthened. While our staff and volunteers seek to offer the best, at church we aren't mere customers. To a large extent, it's our own regular

involvement that makes congregational life what it ought to be – both for ourselves and for others.

And, on another note, I need to let you know that after four years of service, Lori will be stepping aside as Choir Director. As you know, she deals with health issues that now require a certain rearrangement of activities. So, while it may be possible that the matter might be able to be re-visited at a later date, she has found it necessary to take, on a formal basis, an extended leave. However, I am very happy to be able to tell you that our own Liz Brooks, who has been an active member of the Choir for some time, is musically trained, and has recently served as an associate conductor here, is willing and able to take on the ministry of Director. On an as-needed basis, Lori would be available as a resource person – and, as circumstances permit, sing with the Choir from time to time. On behalf of Good Shepherd, I offer a heartfelt "thanks" to both Lori and Liz.

In all our diverse ministries, may we serve to God's glory – and in God's joy.

Blessings.  
Yours in Christ,

Adam †

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### Lord of the Wardrobe

Over the last few years, we, along with a good portion of the world's population, have been exposed, or in many cases, re-exposed to "Inklingism" (C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkein, Charles Williams, and others in their circle of friends). Hollywood has discovered some of the incredible and wonderful stories created by this group of men. Certainly, if you have been attending services at The Good Shepherd for even a small length of time, you have picked up on references to these stories in sermons, announcements, jokes, and even occasional bulletins. (Check out names for servers, acolytes, ushers, etc. you will sometimes be surprised at the number of famous literary characters processing into our church!)

As these stories are “discovered” by the public at large, critics argue that the religious overtones are either so heavy handed the story should be avoided (“Narnia”) or that the story really has no religious connections at all and only Christian fanatics see religious meaning in them (*The Lord of the Rings*). Both Lewis and Tolkein intended their stories to be filled with deeply important Christian principles, though neither story applies these messages in any overbearing way. The stories go to the heart of human (or Hobbit!) struggle. They address the question that faces us all. Why do we have to live in such an evil time? The answer: though we cannot choose the time in which we live, we can choose how we live in the time we have.

Sociologists say there is growing evidence suggesting that people who avoid reading works of fiction tend to have less empathy for others. Much of what is written in fiction tends to deal with questions surrounding good and evil. Librarians and booksellers tell us that significantly fewer people each year are reading fiction. But wait, *some* book sales *have* increased. Young people are flocking to the bookshelves for the Harry Potter series, *The Lord of the Rings*, and the multiple tales of Narnia. Are these last two filled with a good dose of Christian teaching? Yes, indeed. Thank God. Maybe *you* know someone who could use a new book?

Blessings  
Claudia †

## Youth Activities – February

**Sunday School** – Starting in March, there will be a monthly newsletter that will be distributed at Sunday school. Hopefully, this will pull parents into the loop as to what your child is learning and any special events or projects that your child’s teacher might be planning. **Parents** don’t forget that there will be a meeting during Adult Sunday school regarding Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on February 5 and 12.

February 5	Sunday school @ 9:30
February 12	Sunday school @ 9:30 Children’s Eucharist with Mother Claudia Psalm 42, or 42:1-7 2 Kings 5:1-15 ab 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
February 19	Nursery thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school @ 9:30 7 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> grade will meet at 9:30 and then go to IHOP for breakfast.
February 26	Sunday school @ 9:30

**Episcopal Youth** – A reminder that we will now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 4:00 - 6:00pm.

February 5      A youth will be outside the church after the 8:00 and 10:30 services with “Souper Bowl” containers. The donations that are collected will go to St. Anne’s Shelter. Thank you for your support.

February 19      Breakfast at IHOP; meet at church @ 9:30

Swimming at the Clearfield Municipal Pool; Meet at the church @ 3:30. We will swim from 4:00 to 6:00. The cost is \$3 for teens and \$5.25 for adults. Your youth can be picked up from the pool or arrangements can be made to meet parents back at Good Shepherd.

### Upcoming EY Events:

March 4      The 30-Hour Famine  
St. James Church, Midvale  
March 4 (9:00am) - March 5 (noon)  
9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders

March 25      Ogden Police Department  
Benefit / Exhibition Game  
Ogden High School @ 7:00pm  
There are 8 FREE tickets available;  
first come - first served

## A Word About the Nursery

Thanks to all who have been patient with us as we create a program that will be beneficial to parents and children alike.

As most of you know, I am an early childhood educator and trainer of early childhood teachers. As such, I try to design programs for young children that will be stimulating, educational and developmentally appropriate. For the age that the nursery serves (birth to 3), I believe that the best program will be one based on play. What are most important for very young children to learn are social and emotional skills such as how to successfully be away from their family and how to appropriately interact with their peers and adults.

The nursery materials are now organized in bins and stored away in cupboards. What Kelly will do now is decide on three activities (floor, table and sensory table) and put those materials out. This will help to focus the children’s attention and make it easier for Kelly to be a successful guide and facilitator.

It is difficult for young children to separate from their parents and it is difficult for parents to see their child in distress. Here are some things that you can do to assist Kelly:

- Let her know what strategies you use to calm your child.
- Have a routine planned out for dropping off and then stick to it.
- Talk to your child on the way to church about the routine.
- No sneaking out! We are trying to create trust.
- Provide a touchstone if appropriate (blanket, stuffed animal).

It is my experience that the best way to learn about working with children is through experience. My approach is to model and support. I am in and out of the nursery every Sunday looking for teaching opportunities. Learning is a continual process.

Again, thank you to all the families of young children who trust them to our care. We are always open to hear your concerns, questions and encouragement.

God's peace,  
Letitia

## Adult Sunday School

February 5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – an Introduction.

February 12: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – further discussion, questions and answers.

February 19: Wrestling with Saint Paul, Round One

February 26: Wrestling with Saint Paul, Round Two

## Affirmation Offerings

There is a \$5.00 registration fee for each of the following unless otherwise noted. Space will be limited. Please call Julia Packard at (801) 322-4131 to register. Most offerings are available regionally upon request. If your parish would like to host an Affirmation or training, please call the Diocesan Center.

### *Explore Non-violent Living*

Ken Preston-Pile

February 11, Diocesan Center, 9am-5pm

A day-long workshop led by Ken Preston-Pile of Pace e Bene – presenting a program for learning, practicing and experimenting with non-violent options for our lives and for a sustainable just and peaceful world. Brown bag lunch. Drinks provided. Registration fee \$20. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Commission. Information from Elizabeth Haslam: [ehaslam4@comcast.net](mailto:ehaslam4@comcast.net) or 801-363-3177.

“After Mormonism – Now What?”

The Rev. Lee Shaw

February 18, Diocesan Center, 9am-Noon

Join us for a conversation about life after leaving the LDS church. This will be a time of exploring the spiritual and emotional aspects of leaving the LDS church. It will be a time of sharing insights and experiences as well as looking ahead to the future. The class will be facilitated by the Rev. W. Lee Shaw, rector, St. Stephen's - WVC. Lee was an active Mormon for much of his life, then joined the Episcopal Church in 1983. He is co-founder of the St. Chad Society, a support and discussion group for people leaving the LDS church.

### *Creation Theology in a New Era*

The Right Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish

March 3, 6:30-9pm, Ascension St. Matthew's – Price

March 31, 6:30-9pm, Grace – St. George

Human beings have long responded to the natural world, “our island home” with fear and wonder, manipulation and appreciation, contempt and reverence. Christian theology has only recently begun to face into the full challenges of living faithfully in God's household. This class offers an occasion to reflect on some of these challenges and to discover their implications for present and future generations.

## What's New in The Attic

The Attic has two new books to recommend to you this month; *Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog*, by John Grogan and *Don't Laugh at Me*, by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblen.

*Marley and Me* is a love story. It is a poignant and funny tale of the author and his beloved canine companion, Marley. The story is a wonderful illustration of true love; the love that is given to another of God's creatures (human or otherwise) not because of their virtues, but in spite of their imperfections.

*Don't Laugh at Me* is a children's book that deals with bullies. The story is actually taken from the words of a song by Steve Seskin. It appeals to us to look beyond obvious outward differences (which might be perceived as defects) in others, and recognize the goodness inside. It encourages kindness and compassion and would be a wonderful resource for anyone who has children or works with them in any capacity. The companion CD is included with the book.

We have only one copy of each of these in stock, but more can be special ordered.

**Our desk is on its last legs – literally – only three left!! If you have, or know of anyone with a large office desk you could donate, please contact the office, or any of The Attic staff. Thank you for your support.**

## New Study Group Begins

Starting Tuesday, February 7, and running for four sessions, Mother Claudia will lead a study group in preparation for the Lenten season. The group will examine Jack Miles' *Christ: A crisis in the Life of God*. This is a book guaranteed to cause discussion.

Did God break His promise to Israel? Has God changed his personality over time? Is Jesus simply a part of God's plan to carry out a "bait and switch?"

Come explore these intriguing questions as we examine God in the life of Christ.

- February 7: Appendix I, pages 257-263 and Part One  
"The Messiah, Ironically," pp. 15-73
- February 14: Part II, "A Prophet Against the Promise,"  
pp. 75-144
- February 21: Part III, "The Lord of Blasphemy,"  
pp. 145-197
- February 28: NO SESSION – Shrove Tuesday
- March 7: Part IV, "The Lamb of God," pp. 199-253  
and Appendix II, pp. 265-289

The book is on sale in The Attic.

## Confirmation Class Schedule

### Youth:

Monday, February 13, 5:30pm  
A Look at *Mere Christianity*  
(Book 2; Chapters 4&5)

Wednesday, March 1 – Worship  
Ash Wednesday service

### Adults:

Thursday, February 16, 7:00pm  
A Look at *Mere Christianity*  
(Book 2; Chapters 4&5)

Wednesday, March 1 – Worship  
Ash Wednesday service

## Enclosed this Month

Enclosed in this month's "Call" is a sheet to update your family information. Please take a moment to fill it out so that all the ministries of the church can be given updated information. Especially important are the email addresses, as we are planning to begin a parish email list to be able to send out weekly information as a back up to the Call. Also please check the appropriate box for us to be able to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries in both the Call and the weekly church bulletin. These completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the church. The reverse of the form is designed to be folded and taped for mailing back to the church. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

Linda Harden  
Parish Office Administrator

## "When they had sung the hymn"

### A Good Shepherd Parish Lenten Program

A Lenten program on Bach's St. Matthew Passion will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, from 9:00am until noon on Saturday, March 18.

During the first hour the Rev. Dr. Frederick Quinn, historian, the Rev. Adam P. Linton, Rector of Good Shepherd Church, Ogden, and Mrs. Lori Linton, church musician and choir director, will discuss the biblical St. Matthew's Passion (Chapters 26-28). The second hour will be an introduction to one of the season's best-known musical works, Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" (1736). Originally written for parish choirs and available local soloists, the music was largely based on popular Lutheran tunes of the time, pop music of the Baroque period, "what people might have played on their Ipods back then," Quinn remarked.

Several well-known choruses and arias will be examined, listened to, and discussed. Words and music will be provided and no prior musical training is necessary.

The program's final hour will be an old-fashioned hymn sing. Those attending are invited to select favorite Lenten hymns drawn from English, American, and German sources in the 1982 Episcopal hymnal, which contains hymns of recent origin and those dating back to the Protestant Reformation.

"The great music of the Lenten season was first of all popular music. Many tunes were drawn from folk melodies, expressing the deepest feelings people encounter. They have endured through the ages and are easily available to us," Dr. Quinn remarked, adding "We can not encounter death,

especially Christ's death, in silence. Music helps us approach the mystery of death and life eternal. That is what Bach and the great hymn writers were trying to do."

**Submissions deadline for the March edition of *The Call* will be February 20**

## ECW Bazaar Planning Meeting

We will hold a planning meeting for the next bazaar on February 12 in the parlor following the 10:30 service. We would like to welcome any one who would like to help on the next bazaar. We are looking for new ideas

Please join us if you are willing to help make the next bazaar as successful as our last.

Linda Garner  
399-0428

## Shawl-Knitting Ministry

We are expanding our shawl knitting ministry and will now be making hats and scarves and mittens for those in need and any donations of yarn would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box for yarn next to the St. Anne's box. We have been blessed to have given many shawls and afghans to shut-ins and parishioners, or friends and relatives. Many of the knitters are new at this and are doing great; in fact we are amazed at their proficiency. Anyone interested in joining the group, please come to one of our meetings.

Check the weekly church bulletin or *The Call* for times.

Thanks,  
Deacon Nancy

## Interfaith Works

This month Interfaith Works of Ogden met at Ogden Regional Medical Center and the presentation was given by the communication department on the privacy rules in the hospital, and their implications. Sister Stephanie hosted and the meeting was well attended. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30am and everyone is welcome.

Ian Luger is still collecting gently used books or cash for pre-school kids for the Head Start program. Her number is

479-6503 or contact me and I will see that she gets the goods.

Thanks again,  
Nancy.

## Community Food Co-op Here!

January officially launches the food co-op in Salt Lake and in February Ogden will join in launching our own. This is a grassroots food security project, which is a non-profit, volunteer-powered monthly food buying network that offers quality food at wholesale prices through a network of co-op teams, and builds community in the process.

Groceries will be offered at 50% below retail because of collective buying, low overhead and volunteer power. Each month, members pre-order their groceries. The co-op then purchases the food from local and national producers, growers, and wholesalers. Next, the food is delivered to a warehouse. Then, on the designated day, a volunteer network helps distribute the food to a central location, which for us will be the Youth Impact building. Members will meet there to pick up their orders and help with distribution.

The order each month is called a standard share and includes 2lbs. Boneless, skinless chicken chunks, 1lb. Diced beef, 26oz. chicken Kiev's, 1.5lbs. Boneless pork roast, 12oz. 16-bean soup, 2 varieties fresh fruits, 4 varieties fresh vegetables, and Vosen's 7-grain baguette bread. The cost is \$21. The cost without the meat is \$14.

There are several ways to order: Complete an order form (available from Nancy Groshart) and mail or fax – OR you can pay by phone using a credit card. If ordering by phone, call: Jana Dickson, Food Co-op Coordinator, Crossroads Urban Center, 347 South 400 East, SLC, 34111. (801) 364-7765, ext.127. [www.crossroads-u-c.org](http://www.crossroads-u-c.org)

This is not a program just for the poor. This is a program for everyone! Please join this community effort in February. There will be an informational meeting on the food co-op at the Marshall White Center (222 28<sup>th</sup> St., Ogden) on Tuesday January 31 at 6pm.

## February Birthdays...

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*

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| 1. Patrick Linton                            | 3. Trelynn Anderson              |
| 6. Hope Linton                               | 7. Carol Mansfield               |
| 8. Dorothy Leon, Andrea Pierce, Billy Wilson |                                  |
| 10. Joshua Stump                             | 11. Michael Janis                |
| 13. Shelise Stump                            | 15. Bart Stump                   |
| 16. Samantha Hall, Laura Clark               |                                  |
| 19. Robert Fairchild                         | 20. Diane Fairchild, Peter Sword |
| 22. Amy Ellis                                | 23. Logan Wilson                 |

24. Arno Bosley, Jon Gill, Muriel Hardy, Bill Tabor  
25. James Davis                      28. Emily Guyon

### ***February Anniversaries***

*Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)*

2. Russ & Carlisle LeBarron  
7. Vernon & Jacque Bergstrom, John & Rhonda Gill  
9. Carol & James Mansfield