

THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

Rector's Reflections

Dear friends,

Another "program year" begins at Good Shepherd with many options for fellowship and service. I encourage you to read through this expended edition of *The Call* for details. Please don't hesitate to contact me – or any of those serving in ministry leadership – for questions, expressions of interest, etc.

I would like to mention, especially, that our Bishop, the Right Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish, will be with us on Sunday morning, 10 September – the date of our program year start-up. She will preach and preside at the 8:00 and 10:30 services and, along with me and Jay Stretch, will discuss General Convention at Adult Sunday School (9:30). This will be an important opportunity for fellowship and conversation, to be sure.

Also, I wanted to highlight a special feature of our worship this fall. Beginning on September 10, and continuing thereafter every third week through the end of the Pentecost season, we will be offering special intercessions for peace in our Sunday services. In these services, Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., for the Prayers of the People, we will be using the Litany of Peace, from which the Prayer Book Forms I and V were both adapted. One of the very nice things about this classic Litany is that, while truly fervent, it does not sound like a partisan policy statement. As authentic ecclesial prayer, it is spiritually fully usable by people of differing political perspectives (and also by those who aren't quite sure what their political perspective is – or should be).

And on this last point, I would like to expand, just a bit, before going on...

One of the unfortunate features of contemporary American religious life, I believe, is that so many faith communities seem entirely comfortable with being co-opted by a comprehensive, secular partisanship – whether this be liberal or conservative. Churches line up either on the right or on the left – and then, in their comments on civic or global concerns, never say anything remotely

unpredictable again. But, it seems to me, that a People of God, if true to that identity, must retain the ability to surprise and be surprised.

Now, please don't get me wrong. I am not, by any means advocating a retreat into some abstract, self-contained, life-irrelevant piety. We are, indeed, sent to this world to be active instruments of the healing, peace, and justice of God's Reign in Jesus Christ. Our Episcopal Church has a long history of progressive social concern – for which I am most grateful. (This is an Anglican heritage that far pre-dates the nineteen-sixties, by the way.)

However, as we take up the work that God has given us, we are to do so, not as somebody else's cheering section, but – precisely – as *God's People*: from our own heart, and faithful to our own calling. And, it seems to be, that if we really are doing our work – authentically, any one earthly partisanship could never be *entirely* pleased with us.

Now, getting back to our special intercessions for this fall...

Some may wish to incorporate the Litany of Peace into their personal devotions. When used, it will be printed in the Sunday bulletin (and is, in this edition of *The Call*, as well). There is, surely, strength and blessing in a shared intention of prayer. Finally, as part of this, every third Sunday at the 10:30 service, when we include the Litany, for our opening Processional we will sing the traditional "God the Omnipotent," Hymn 569 in our *Hymnal 1982*, with its refrain, "Give to us peace in our time, O Lord." Indeed, for us and for all, may it be so.

Finally, as we pray for peace in the broader sense, may we not forget to seek to be instruments of God's peace in our immediate relationships and circumstances. The Shalom of God is all-encompassing – and also to be directly, practically incarnate, here and now, through us.

Blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Adam +

A Checklist

In February of this year, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend Rowan Williams, spoke to the assembly of the World Council of Churches. He examined what it means to be a Christian living among others. I believe that now, as we begin a new program year at Good Shepherd, it is a good idea to remind ourselves about some of the important aspects of being a Christian living in our other world. It is difficult to walk the Christian path if we don't occasionally examine where we're headed. So I offer a summary of the ideas the Archbishop identified.

As Christians:

- We carry the name of Christ with all its historic references.
- We are servants to God and care givers to those around us.
- We are witnesses to the consistency of God and God's faithfulness to us.
- We are on intimate terms with our Creator.
- We belong to the places and circumstances Jesus defines for us - to stand for Christ as His witness.
- We recognize our need for mercy and forgiveness, and our need to offer both to others.
- We move forward in our lives with trust; not expecting to have a map of the future.
- We look for and offer balance. It isn't necessary for others to agree with us. It is only necessary to offer shared love and shared labor in hopes of reaching understanding together.
- We share in prayer and Eucharist the celebration of a God who keeps promises and maintains hospitality.
- We are called upon to search, to question, and to dialogue.
- We have patience in suffering.
- We are active in our faithfulness.

I look forward to a new program year with you and the opportunity to work on our list together.

Blessings

Claudia †

**Mother Claudia's office hours:
Wednesdays
7:00pm to 9:00pm**

The Litany of Peace

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the earth, for healthful seasons, and for abundance to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, and for all those in necessity or distress, especially [], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all affliction, danger, and violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us., deliver us, and in your compassion keep us, O Lord, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [the Blessed Virgin Mary, the God-Bearer., (N.,) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

(Silence)

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Sunday School Registration and Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, September 9

It is time for the 3rd annual Youth Ministries Spaghetti Dinner! Come join us for food and fellowship. Take this opportunity to meet this year's Sunday school teachers and other families.

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Parish hall (downstairs)

Cost: Donations accepted

Contact Letitia

With questions, for registration forms or to RSVP

Itsgoodshepherd@qwest.net

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Adult Sunday School

We will begin our new Adult Sunday School year with two sessions on the Episcopal Church's General Convention, held this last summer in Columbus, Ohio. These will include explanation of what General Convention is and how it works, but will focus on reflections, questions, and conversation on the particular experience of this last Convention with Father Adam and Jay Stretch, both of whom served as Deputies from the Diocese of Utah. On the first of these, our "kick-off" Sunday, 10 September, we will be blessed that our Sunday School discussion panel will include our Bishop, the Right Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish.

Our main fall class series is entitled, "Living in the Way of Jesus." It is said, that the longest distance in the universe can be the journey from the head to the heart. To be sure, our Anglican tradition honors reason, prizes learning, and encourages critical reflection. This is a key part of who we are in faith. But it isn't the only part. We also, drawing especially on the Celtic Christian part of our

heritage, also highlight a very practical, on-going, incarnational spirituality. In authentic living, head and heart are integrated. This series addresses practical spirituality. For opening comments and for starter questions in the sessions, Father Adam will be drawing on *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering our Hidden Life in God*, by Dallas Willard, a Professor of Philosophy from the University of Southern California and also a Christian writer with a gift for vivid discussion of living in the way of Jesus in the contemporary, post-modern world. *The Divine Conspiracy* engages, particularly, with the Sermon on the Mount.

The last three sessions this fall (December 3 through 17) will be provided to our Building Committee as part of parish-wide conversation on our expansion project. We'll have the chance to hear substantial updates, take an initial look at possible concepts and approaches, and – especially – to provide comment and input for the endeavor.

10 September – General Convention: A Conversation with Bishop Irish, Fr. Adam, and Jay Stretch

17 September – General Convention: More Conversation with Jay Stretch and Fr. Adam

24 September – Living in the Way of Jesus, "Entering the Eternal Kind of Life Now"

1 October – Living in the Way of Jesus, "Sin Management" or New Life?

Episcopal Services in Spanish

On Sunday, September 4, we will begin the regular, weekly offering of Spanish language Episcopal services at Good Shepherd. The service begins at 12:30pm and will be lead by the Rev. Pablo Ramos, Canon for Latino Ministries, Diocese of Utah.

Listening to the Inner Teacher

One of the major components of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to allow children to guide themselves by listening to the little voice inside them, the inner teacher; God.

I started to wonder how often, in today's society, we allow children to, not only listen to, but also follow that little voice. Are today's children given permission to wonder? How much information that children receive did they discover on their own through experiencing materials and the natural world around them? What are acceptable risks and do we allow children to take them in order to learn about themselves and others?

These are all questions that I found myself asking as I went through my training. I started to ask, "Who owns the

spiritual lives of our children?" After much personal reflection over the course of my training and the remainder of the summer, I realized that we, as adults, often don't encourage children to wonder. We don't provide the opportunity or the invitation for children to form a personal relationship with Jesus. This is, of course, unintentional. Our lives are busy. Spending an hour watching the ants on the sidewalk just doesn't fit into the schedule of most families. In addition, we underestimate the child's capacity for reflection and quiet.

We, ourselves, are products of the industrial education model. Adults have all the information and it is our job to impart that information to the children. This is true for some things. It is also true, however, that the majority of the information that we all possess could have been discovered by watching and manipulation of materials.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will give our children the opportunity to discover their own spirituality and, as a result, fully own it. As a parent, you will be asking yourself "What are they doing in there?" I invite you to learn with your child by watching, and most importantly, listening. They will share what they are learning by their actions. There will be a period of adjustment for all. The clergy will begin to notice that there are many sets of eyes watching very intently from the front pews. Parents will notice that their children are participating more fully in the Holy Eucharist by, perhaps, doing the Epiclesis with the priest. The congregation at large will notice that the children are vocal during the service but that now the conversation includes things like "That's the chalice!"

God is speaking to our children and they are listening. We have, at last, given them a space to be "still and know I am God". What a blessing.

Peace in your day,
Letitia

Sunday School 2006 - 2007

Atrium I

If your child is 3,4 or 5 years old, they will be in the Atrium for our first year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Chatechist: Letitia Teneau-Sword

Assistants: Suzanne Miller and Sarah LeTourneau

Grades 1-3

If your child is in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade, they will be in the primary room using our existing curriculum.

Lead Teacher: Nancy Arnett

Substitute: Mark Campbell

Grades 4-6

If your child is in 4th, 5th or 6th grade, they will be in the intermediate room using our existing curriculum.

Lead Teacher: Tricia Dirks

Substitute: Amy Ellis

Junior High Group

If your child is in 7th, 8th or 9th grade, they will be in the junior high group using our existing curriculum.

Lead Teacher: Laura Clark

Substitute: Carol Mansfield

Episcopal Youth Event

Sunday, September 17, 2006

Come help keep God's creation in good order and provide an important community service at the same time! We will meet at Ladyfinger Point on Antelope Island to pick up trash, clean the picnic area and trim the vegetation along the parking lot. Afterwards, we will explore the island by taking a hike and end the day with an early picnic dinner.

Cost: Free

Wear: Protective clothing, sunscreen, insect repellent and sturdy shoes

Bring: Sacked meal and drink, water

Attention: This activity counts as community service hours

Contact Letitia

With questions or to RSVP
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Study Groups Begin Again

Fyodor Dostoevsky. *The Brothers Karamazov*.
Translated by Richard Peavar and Larissa Volokhonsky.
Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
ISBN: 0374528373

Study Groups meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm or Thursdays at 12:45pm after the weekday Eucharist.

September 12 & 14:

“From the Author,”

Book One, “A Nice Little Family”

Book Two, “An Inappropriate Gathering”

September 19 & 21

Book Three, “Sensualists”

Book Four, “Strains”

September 26 & 28

Book Five, “Pro and Contra”

Confirmation Class Schedule

For Youth and Adult Confirmands:

Joint Confirmation Class Field Trip
Friday evening, September 15, 2006, at 6:30pm
Congregation Kol Ami
2425 Heritage Way (2760 South)
Salt Lake City

“Enrollment” Sunday:

October 1, 2006, 10:30 service at Good Shepherd

Classes resume in October. A schedule will be printed in *The Call* next month.

My how time flies!

A “New Year” is right around the corner for all of us “residents” of Good Shepherd – and before you know it, our fabulous Holiday Bazaar will be here on Saturday, November 4.

Please gather up all of your GOOD used treasures that need a new home and of course we could always use NEW items if you have them. There is a box outside Father

Adam’s office for your contributions or just leave them by the box.

I am also asking for two volunteers to help me set up and price all the items on Friday, November 3. Give me a call or see me at church if you can help. I also need a cashier for the day of the Bazaar.

So many thanks to all of you for making our “What-Not-Why-Not Treasure Adventure” another GREAT success. I can thank you now because I know you will.

“Happy New Year” to y’all and see you soon.

Jan Shanklin

ECW Board

The Good Shepherd Social Committee
presents

The Newcomers Dinner Saturday, September 16

All are welcome – those new to our parish family, those who have been here for years, and all in between.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for details.

We would also love to have a few more members join our committee to bring some new ideas for activities. If you would like to help out with social activities please call Billie Wilson at 546-1531.

ECW Holiday Bazaar

The annual ECW Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. Again this year, the Bazaar will sponsor a raffle featuring a quilt and other beautiful items crafted by our talented parish members. The Bazaar will be complete with the Tea Room, bake sale, hand made items, a pet table, a Wheel of Fortune, a children’s program, and our What Not Why Not Sale.

Many hands make light the load! We need everyone's help to make this year's Bazaar as successful as the last. Last year the ECW raised nearly \$4000 at the Bazaar. This money was used to help St. Anne's, the Buddhist Temple, the clergy discretionary fund, to remodel the small kitchen, and to support other ECW events and activities. The money we raise goes far to meet the needs within and outside the walls of Good Shepherd. Each and every hand crafted item, baked good, bottle of preserves, raffle item, white elephant, and vendor table helps us meet our goal.

If you have completed bazaar items that you wish to donate, we would be happy to store them for you. Please contact Linda Garner, Billie Wilson or Linda Harden.

Please remember the What Not Why Not sale is not a rummage sale, and handling rummage items is difficult for everyone. But, we would love to have that "nearly new" item that just isn't working for you.

We also need help baking dog cookies for our pet table. If you would like to help us in this manner, please contact Linda Garner for a copy of recipes – or you can use a recipe of your own! I am sure the pets would love a variety of treats!

If you would like to reserve a vendor table or have any further questions please contact me.

Linda Garner
399-0428

Sponsorship of Paul Lukosha

A couple of years ago, the ECW sponsored a student in Zambia for two years, Paul Lukosha. Paul completed his education and now is a certified teacher in Mbala, Zambia. Paul completed his education with our scholarship, but Zambia is so poor, the government can only offer paying teaching positions to approximately 10% of the graduating teachers. Since his graduation, Paul has been unable to find a paying position and has been struggling to make ends meet and helping his family with the daily demands of life.

A group of women at Good Shepherd have decided to sponsor Paul as a full time teacher through the Zambia Scholarship Fund's Adopt A School program. Through our donation, Paul will obtain a paying position to teach the children of his community. This sponsorship will enable this young man to meet his goal of teaching, provide him a living salary, and insure that the children receive quality education. If you would like to assist us with this project, we would appreciate additional help. Please contact Linda Garner at 399-0428 for further information.

Finance Committee Update

This is an update on the financial status of Good Shepherd as of July 31. As is apparent our expenses are exceeding our income. This is in part due to several unbudgeted expenses, notably the need to replace our boiler. This expense in itself will be about \$9000, and is not in the figures below. In addition, there are a few Pledges that are in arrears.

This will likely be the second year in a row that Expenses have exceeded Income. Any additional consideration that can be given to keeping pledges current as well as consideration of additional contributions will help bring Income in line with Expenses. The following are the numbers reported to the vestry at the August meeting.

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Pledges	\$ 88,627	\$80,712.31
Other Income	\$ 48,755	\$44,648.01
Total Income	\$137,382	\$125,360.32
Total Expenses	\$141,174	\$126,398.76

Youth Impact Update

To all our great friends at Good Shepherd:

In the last few months there have been some significant changes in the corporate structure and management of Youth Impact and I thought it would be appropriate to give the members of Good Shepherd an update and "how goes It" report

Recently, we established Youth Impact, Inc., at Utah nonprofit corporation, as a new legal entity separate from our previous identity as an unincorporated division of Episcopal Community Services (ECS). We did this for several reasons. First, having our own nonprofit corporation, not directly under ECS, better facilitates our ability to raise funds. Many foundations and corporations are reluctant to donate to organizations that are directly related to a specific religious organization. Secondly, it creates a better management structure. While we were part of ECS, our board was a board of advisors. Now, by having our own nonprofit corporation, the board is a Board of Directors and is directly responsible for the management of Youth Impact.

I would like to describe for you our new management and administrative support structure, and to assure you that we will be fully responsible and accountable for compliance with all grant designations, representations made within grant requests, status reports, financial

disclosures and program development representations. Here are a few of the essential features:

1. **Board of Directors Role and Involvement:** Currently the Board of Directors for Youth Impact Inc. is transitioning from its previous status as a Board of Advisors for Youth Impact. The new Board will have eleven members when complete. Youth Impact Inc. Board of Directors will have financial oversight to include monthly meetings, developing the budget and reviewing budget compliance, fund raising as well as other financial matters as appropriate. The Board's responsibilities will also include corporate compliance as well as communication to the broader community through fund raising events and community service involvement.

2. **Management:** Robb Hall is the Director of the Youth Impact Program. Robb is directly responsible for the daily operation of all activities to insure that our program achieves our mission. Robb reports directly to the Board. Our Board of Directors is here to provide oversight and assistance in achieving the mission. Our Board is a working board. At this point I would like to emphasize that the Board of Directors, Robb and his staff, all of our volunteers, and all the support folks from the Episcopal Church and the Community are committed to this goal.

3. **Program Staff:** As stated above, Robb Hall is our Director. He is responsible for all aspects of our program. This includes the staff, facilities, but most importantly he is responsible for maintaining our focus on the kids in our program. Our motto, "A SAFE PLACE TO BE A KID!" guides him, the staff and the Board of Directors in all aspects of our program. Currently we have six members on our staff, including Robb. All have a role to play in the daily operation of our program. We hope to increase the staff with additional funding.

4. **Budget:** The budget committee is comprised of two Board Members and the Director. Currently, Episcopal Community Services is maintaining our budget. We will continue with this budget for the remainder of this year. The budget for the forthcoming year will be established and maintained by our Budget Committee for Youth Impact Inc.

5. **Development Services:** Our goal is to generate the funding necessary to hire a Development Officer who will be responsible to design, implement and follow up on annual fund raising events, grant writing and reporting. In addition, this officer will be responsible for our public relations program. We currently have a friend of our program who is a professional grant writer helping us write several grants until we can hire a Development Officer.

In transitioning from our ECS identity, we will no longer be subject to ECS oversight, although we will preserve the historical relationship with the Episcopal Church in Utah. The Diocese owns our property and provides very substantial funding support for Youth Impact, Inc. Frankly, without the assistance of the Diocese and especially David Bailey, Cannon to the Ordinary of the Diocese, and Steve Hutchinson, Chancellor as our advisors, yours truly would still be floundering in the dark.

We are all excited about our future and welcome all your help as we move into this new paradigm. We especially request your help in telling the world, but more specifically the local community, about the great work Youth Impact is doing. The more people that know, the easier it is to raise the funding we need to further build our program.

All of us at Youth Impact want to thank all the wonderful folks of Good Shepherd for your prayers and support. The seeds that were planted over 14 years ago have really grown and Youth Impact really is – A SAFE PLACE TO BE A KID!

Vern Bergstrom
Chairman of the Board
Youth Impact

Building Committee Report

Since the last report from the Building Committee, an architect has been hired. Mr. Ray Bartoldi has been retained as the architect for the building project. Mr. Bartoldi is from Ogden and has worked on several other churches in the area, including St. Jon's in Logan. As of press time, a few details are still being worked out on the contract between the Diocese and Mr. Bartoldi. We are looking for sometime in September for the first official meeting with him.

One of the chief concerns of the Jubilee Committee was the increase in plant operations due to the new construction. We have looked at the increased costs and realize there will be an increase, but feel the parish can still fulfill its obligations. More details will be forthcoming on this as the Capital Fund drive kicks off.

The necessary testing for water depth has been finished. It appears (anything can happen) that water will not be an issue at this point.

As we head into the next phase with the architect, we ask for your continued support and prayers. Please do not hesitate to contact any committee member if you have any questions.

Dave Seiter
Co-chair, Building Committee

Rector's Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
 Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - noon, 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 Fridays the office will close at 3:00pm.

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September 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)

1. Delores Ottley, Letitia Teneau-Sword
2. E.J. Brooks, Sarah Linton
4. Bobbie DeHaan
5. John Torghelle
7. Madeline McDonald
8. Jan Clute, Shyanne Thornsbury, Lucille Turner
11. Jerry Groshart
18. John Coy
21. Kristin Bauter
22. Charles Campbell
24. Danielle Hall, McKenna Wilson
26. Natalie Fairchild
27. Vince Crolla
29. Jeffrey Hales, Lucy Stretch

September 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)

9. William & Sylvia Doe
24. Bob & Collette Torghelle
27. Bill & Sherrie Bangert

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“Wherever you are in your faith journey, we are blessed to have you with us. At whatever level you find it helpful, we are happy to be available as a spiritual resource – as a place to visit, a way station, or if you be so led, as a home in faith.”

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The Rev. Claudia D. Seiter, Associate Rector
The Rev. Nancy L. Groshart, Deacon
The Rev. L.E. “Pete” Poggemeyer, Jr., Deacon

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Choir Director: Liz Brooks

Sexton: Dyrek Farr

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Letitia Teneau-Sword

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David Dirks	Jim Hard
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Parish Secretary: Linda Harden

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