

August 26, 2009 (September calendar attached)



Dear Friends in Christ,

What a week it has been. Last Thursday PW met and planned this November's **bazaar**. They also voted to make a very generous gift to the Bunk Bed Fund; you'll be hearing more about that soon. Afterwards I saw Richard Gottlieb and his friend Ken (whom many of you met out at the Sand Dunes) at Kay Laws' students' **weaving exhibit** at Adams State – stop by if you haven't seen it yet. And that evening I met Charlotte Bobicki at the **Immigrant Forum** at the American Legion building.

Over the weekend I think we had a work group here doing gleanings – I never did see them. And on Sunday, pictures aren't available yet, but I certainly enjoyed having you all at the manse for last Sunday's **picnic** – and wasn't that nice of Al and Virginia Wehe to suggest that we set up tables on their lawn and to set up that toss game for us.

Monday was the **Church Fair** at Adams State. Thanks to Sharon and my friend Terry Bone who staffed the booth with me. In a meeting afterwards, Shirley Atencio suggested that the participating churches take turns in hosting a weekly food and fellowship evening for ASC students on Monday evenings. I'm waiting for more information, but be thinking about whether you'd like to help with that. Noel Herrera was in Monday working on the stained glass **window** and Ellen and Janet were here that evening to work on the **church Register**.

Tuesday morning the faithful **book sorting** crew of Alma, Phoebe, Sarah, Terry and I sorted the last of the books in the back of Fellowship Hall; as I write, three strong young men from Colorado College here with a La Puente work group are hauling the boxes upstairs to the storage room. After the book sorting I gave a 45-minute talk on "Recognizing and Ministering to Trauma" (as in psychological trauma) at the monthly Volunteer **Chaplains Lunch** at the hospital. That afternoon Chas and Jena from La Puente, and Audrey, Ben and Shasta from Habitat met with me here at the church to finalize plans for building the **bunk beds**. They will be giving Minutes for Mission on their own work and on the bunk beds on September 13 and September 20 during worship.

Mike Garcia came by the church Tuesday to see if we would host a **free exercise program** for older adults; it's not on the September calendar yet because arrangements are still pending, but will probably start on September 14. Also not yet on the September calendar is a training workshop for **Clerks of Session**, to be hosted here on one of several dates currently under discussion – so check the bulletin inserts for calendar updates.

Tomorrow afternoon I'll be gone to Raton and Trinidad overnight, then in the office Friday morning, off to two meetings in Monte Vista, and then back to the office. Saturday I'll be giving the benediction at the **National Heritage Foundation** celebration in San Luis – perhaps I'll see you there.

Don't forget **Communion** this Sunday. We're hoping to have some **non-wheat Communion bread** for those with wheat allergies. And here are the scriptures, in case you missed them last Sunday:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Remember that you can now pick up large-print copies of the scriptures for the current week AND for the following week when you come to worship on Sundays.

The Chapel of the South Fork is hosting a **concert** on Labor Day, September 7, by Robin Mark, author and worship leader from Northern Ireland. Information is on the narthex bulletin board. Lots of other events are coming up in September – look for more in future newsletters.

A joy and a prayer and a question. Best wishes go to **Lauren Lembo**, married August 3 in Colorado Springs. And our prayers go out to all **students** – college and younger – and their **teachers**, now back in school for the fall or preparing to return.

In Christ, Katherine