



October 29, 2009 (November calendar is with this.)

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is how the All Saints Art Project looked after last Saturday's workshop and artfest. To see the finished product, you need to be in worship this Sunday for **All Saints Day!** Please be here if you can (AND REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS) as we worship God together and celebrate the communion of saints, commemorating those who have died, consoling one another in our loss, and offering praise and thanksgiving to Jesus Christ for the gift of the saints in our lives and for the assurance of the resurrection. Sunday is also the day to bring your non-perishable **pie crust** for the Food Bank's

holiday food drive. And if your last name ends in **L-Z**, don't forget to **sign up** to help with our monthly breakfast for November 8.

The **bunk beds** got mostly built last week but not entirely, so you won't be able to see them Sunday. On Monday I'll be helping the La Puente volunteers to apply the stain to the beds. Then on **Wednesday volunteers** are wanted to apply polyurethane. That involves fumes, so volunteer only if you can handle them. We're hoping to move the beds into the church on **Friday – volunteers** also wanted.

Also on Friday is Church Women United's **World Community Day**, 1:00 at Sacred Heart. The theme this year is "Piecing Earth Back Together," envisioning creation as a quilt which we can help to re-stitch.

Then on Saturday, Victoria Bresee presents a workshop entitled "**Unplug The Christmas Machine**" at Adams State, 9:30-11:30 at the School of Business, Room 142. Take a look at the poster in the narthex to learn more. Cost is \$12.00 and you can make your reservation at 719-937-2840.

It's also the time of year when **San Luis Valley Federal Bank** solicits votes from its customers on recipients for its yearly donation. This year the bank's Board of Directors have set aside \$25,000 to be allocated to local non-profit organizations as directed by the bank's customers (so says their letter to us). If you bank there and are willing to cast your ballot for our congregation, please do so!! Voting ends Tuesday, December 22.

Our **prayers** this week include some joys. Nancy gives thanks for her friend Jewel's good news about her cancer, and John and Ellen report that Kate continues to make remarkable progress. At the same time, we were reminded of the victims of domestic violence right here in our community, and the news reminds us of the continuing unconscionable violence around the world, especially right now in Pakistan with the market bombing this week. And within our congregation, we have many members struggling with ill health and family responsibilities. As Christians we are all called to be priests, lifting up one another before God in prayer. What a privilege and a joy, to be allowed to share one another's burdens in this way.

I had a great time singing Sacred Harp music in La Junta Monday night. Today I ate lunch at the Senior Center for the first time and then had visits and Communion with some of you, something I've missed doing. Tomorrow I'll be at a workshop on Psychological First Aid at the County Administration Building, so call me on my cell phone if you need me: 680-4558.

The four boxes of chocolate covered pecans arrived this week to complete our order for the upcoming 78<sup>TH</sup> **ANNUAL BAZAAR on November 19**. Please consider helping by making chili, soup or pies for the luncheon. Baked goods will also be needed the day of the bazaar. Ellen (589-4240) or Jill (589-3410) can answer your questions.

Next week (because I couldn't fit it in this week): monthly can recycling and geraniums for next spring?

**Scriptures** for Sunday:      Isaiah 25:6-9                      Revelation 21:1-6a  
    Psalm 24                                  John 11:32-44 (warning – I got it wrong in the bulletin.)

In Christ, Katherine