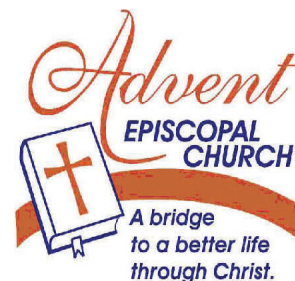


LUMINARY

June/July 2011

The Rev. Dr. Gabriel A. Sinisi, Rector



A monthly publication featuring news and events at the Advent Episcopal Church

Dear Friends,

Wherever you may be enjoying these lazy days of summer, I ask you to consider the continued growth of our parish. How can you help the process? Do you really want growth? Will you make it your business to invite people to come to our church? Do you really want to welcome all who come?

I think the little story below from the internet speaks eloquently to some of these issues.

One Sunday morning an old cowboy entered a church just before services were to begin. Although the old man and his clothes were spotlessly clean, he wore jeans, a denim shirt and boots that were very worn and ragged. In his hand he carried a worn out old hat and an equally worn out Bible.

The church he entered was in a very upscale and exclusive part of the city. It was the largest and most beautiful church the old cowboy had ever seen. The people of the congregation were all dressed with expensive clothes and accessories.

As the cowboy took a seat, the others moved away from him. No one greeted, spoke to, or welcomed him. They were all appalled at his appearance and did not attempt to hide it. The preacher gave a long sermon about hellfire and brimstone and a stern lecture on how much money the church needed to do God's work.

As the old cowboy was leaving the church, the preacher approached him and asked the cowboy to do him a favor. "Before you come back in here again, have a talk with God and ask him what He thinks would be appropriate attire for worship." The old cowboy assured the preacher he would.

The next Sunday, he showed up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, boots, and hat. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored.

The preacher approached the man and said, "I thought I asked you to speak to God before you came back to our church."

"I did," replied the old cowboy.

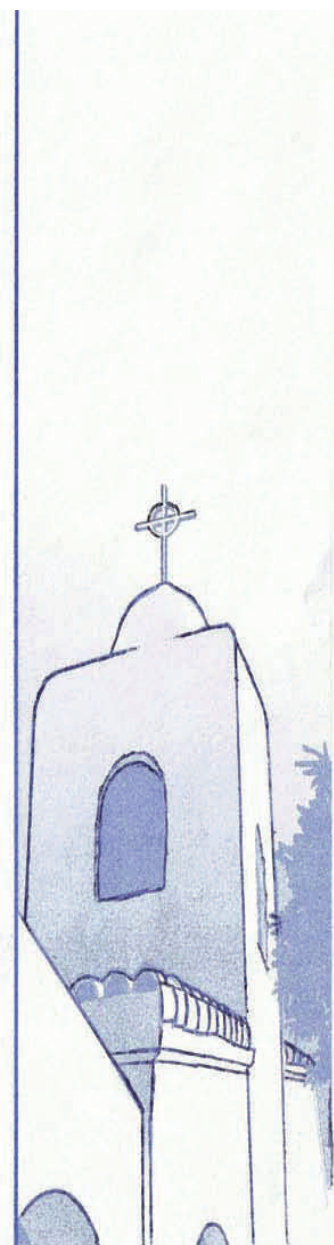
"If you spoke to God, what did he tell you the proper attire should be for worshipping here?" asked the preacher.

"Well, sir, God told me that He didn't have a clue what I should wear. He says He's never been in this church! AMEN!!"

Have a happy, healthy summer and safe travel.

In Christ's love,

Gabe +



13150 Spanish Garden
Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Deacon's Corner by Rev. Dick Studley



Finding Meaning In Your Loss

On May 19th, I begin my role as a grief facilitator at Sunland Mortuary. I annually facilitate this group while the current facilitator “escapes” the summer heat.

The death of a loved one is undoubtedly the most traumatic event in your life. Learning to live with your grief is hard work. **Grief work** is your work and yours alone: there is no definite “road map” to direct you as you work through your sorrow. In grief support work we address issues which can be a helpful guide as you face life without the one you love: **understanding the grief process, acknowledging the reality of the loss, embracing the pain of the loss, remembering the person who died, developing a new self-identity, searching for meaning and receiving on-going support from others.**

This is grief support. It is not therapy. Attendance at these meetings will not take away your grief; however, it is anticipated that some knowledge of the issues of bereavement will be of some help to your journey ahead.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Sunland Memorial Park, 15826 Del Webb Boulevard, Sun City, AZ, 623-933-0161. This is a “drop in” group - no advance notice required. You are welcome to attend any session for as many times as you wish, as often as you wish. This service is provided to the community free of charge by the good people at Sunland Mortuary.

Peace in The Risen One Dick

RECTOR ACTIVITY REPORT FROM 4-28-2011 TO 5-26-2011
 BESIDES PREPARATION FOR REGULAR PARISH WORSHIP SERVICES, ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, INCLUDING SCHEDULED SERMONS ETC., AND EfM MEETINGS, THE RECTOR WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH:

- 19 PASTORAL CALLS
- 2 WEDDINGS
- 1 FUNERAL
- 1 DOK INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 1 MEN'S CLUB INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 12 PARISH RELATED MEETINGS
- 2 PARISH RELATED SOCIAL EVENTS
- 1 AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION RELATED MEETING
- 1 RECTOR/VICAR ROUNDTABLE WITH BISHOP

NOTE: VACATION BEGAN MAY 20

THE RECTOR IS ALSO ON CALL FOR EMERGENCIES 24/7.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Gabe Sinisi +



TWO BROTHERS

Two little boys, ages eight and ten, were always getting into trouble, and their parents didn't know what to do about it. When they heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, the boys' mother asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother send the eight year old in first. The preacher, a large man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, “Do you know where God is, son?”. The boy's mouth dropped open and he made no response. The preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, “Where is God?” Again the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher looked him squarely in the eyes and said again, “Where is God?” The boy screamed and bolted from the room. When his older brother saw him, he asked, “What happened?” The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, “We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it!”

Financial & Stewardship

Financial Snapshot as of April 30

	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$22,322	\$25,000	\$112,454	\$100,000
Plate	\$ 6,756	\$ 4,167	\$ 29,005	\$ 16,667
Other	\$ 274	\$ 3,442	\$ 3,457	\$ 13,767
Total	\$29,352	\$32,608	\$144,915	\$130,433
Expenses	\$28,456	\$32,608	\$145,120	\$130,433
Net Operating	\$ 857	\$ 0	-\$ 205	\$ 0

Expenses have been higher than budget in the following areas: 1) Diocesan assessment is now based on current income 2) new server which was expected to be in last year's office expense didn't get paid till this year 3) landscaping work to reduce water usage 4) insurance payments which don't happen uniformly through the year 5) marketing expense in January.

Some of you, when you have gotten behind on your pledge, have made it up by either putting the weekly amount in each of several envelopes, or putting the total in one envelope and sending us all the other envelopes. This is unnecessary. Just put the total in one envelope and throw away the other envelopes. This will make life easier for the counters. Thank you.

Three phases of Stewardship by Bill Mendonsa, Junior Warden

As a member of the Vestry, I was asked what Stewardship means to me. I have been very fortunate in the last few years and feel that giving back to the Lord for me is in three phases. Treasure, we all know about and give financial help as best we can. Time, I work as often as possible ushering and greeting at as many services as I'm needed, working the coffee hour with my wife when needed. Talent, I've always been kind of handy and I have put that to good use as Junior Warden trying to do as many tasks as I can to help keep the cost of overhead to run the Church as low as possible.

For me the three phases of Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure work.

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

Was it you who spoke to a new couple in the parking lot one Sunday morning recently, greeting them cheerily with "Good Morning"! I'm so glad to see you today?

Was it you, our greeter, who met them as they came in and introduced them to others who came by, and made sure that they felt they were really welcome?

Was it you, an usher, who not only quietly recognized their presence, but also did not let them flounder for a place to be seated?

Was it you, worshipper, seated nearby, who was alert and helped them find their hymnal and the order of service?

Was it you, member, who brought them as your guest to the next social activity at church?

Was it you??? Well, if it is you, then it is you who have helped us build our reputation as a truly friendly congregation!

Keep up the good work! Christ is at work in you and through you!

(This is a reprint of an article previously submitted by Glenn Gullickson)

A WORD FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN *by Phil Andrews*

Exciting times are ahead for us at Advent. We are proceeding with plans to undertake an Altar remodel and sanctuary upgrade. The Vestry had a special meeting on May 5th. The following actions took place.

- I. After several months of study, input from the Congregation, and consultation with an architect, John Dick, the Facilities Study Group of the Strategic Planning Committee formulated a final draft of the Master Facilities Plan. The plan was approved by the Vestry.
- II. The Master Plan was divided into two phases. Phase 1 was prioritized into five manageable projects. The Study Group recommended the following prioritization.
 1. Altar remodel and sanctuary upgrade.
 2. Paine Hall and Kitchen remodel
 3. Narthex at church entrance
 4. Administrative addition
 5. Site-work (lowest priority)

The Vestry approved the list of priorities. Phase 2, enlargement of Paine Hall, was deferred as future planning.

- III. The Vestry then approved a detailed study of the first project, chaired by Jr. Warden Bill Mendonsa. Bill has appointed a committee, which will review and recommend the details this project will require. When their work is completed, the package will be sent out for bid to determine the cost of the entire project.

Expected changes will include new flooring, lighting upgrades, and improved and quieter air conditioning. The Altar platform will be enlarged to allow the Clergy and Lay Ministers more room to participate in the Worship experience. The Choir area will be re-arranged to involve the Choir more in the service.

Once the bids are in and approved by the Vestry, the details will be shared with the Congregation. We want you to be aware of all aspects of this project.

Peace, *Phil*

Men's Club Meeting for May *by George Winandy, President*

The last Men's Club meeting before summer was held on May 3rd and included the installation of new officers for 2011-2012 by Father Gabe. The new officers are:

President	George Winandy
Vice President	Bob Carson
Secretary	John Ericson
Treasurer	Bill Vaughan

At this meeting we had a guest speaker, Mr. Merlyn Carlson the new president of the Rotary Club of Sun City West. He talked about the fund raising process of the Rotary Club and the various outreach programs of their club. The next formal meeting of the Men's Club will be on the first Tuesday of October. During the summer we will continue to have Social Breakfast meetings at Le Petite Café in the Medical Office complex on Meeker St. at 8:15AM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All members who are available for these meetings are invited to attend and enjoy breakfast with good friends.

Advent News Clips

'SPECIAL EVENTS'

Janet Adams, Coordinator

- BUNCO - Friday, June 10th - 6:00pm
POTLUCK - Monday, July 4th - 5:00pm

For additional information, please contact Janet Adams at 623-640-9494

LIBRARY NEWS

by Meribeth Jones, librarian

Yes, it's hot. Yes, I'm in Illinois (-noy, not noise). Yes, there are still new books in the library for your reading pleasure.

Two books discussing the Psalms, suggested during the recent class, require patience. Read slowly, sipping the sentences, waiting for the flavor to develop.

'Helping Hands'

By Sharon Gullickson, Chairman

Helping Hands for Children in Crisis will meet in Paine Hall the first three Mondays in June and two Mondays in July from 8:30AM to 11:30AM.



Please join us to bring a little bit of sunshine into a child's life during some of their darkest moments.

ATTENTION.....

A lay minister's training course will be scheduled in September for anyone who might be interested in this ministry.

This is a wonderful experience and a spiritually fulfilling way to serve God. We ask you to pray on this and if you are curious about how it all comes together, please contact Sue Stroefer, 537-4031 or Jeannine Slee, 214-9975

Food Bank Item for June Rice-A-Roni

Food Bank Item for July—Peanut Butter or Jelly



PLEASE AVOID GLASS CONTAINERS

Also, when donating money, please make checks out to Advent with St. Mary's food bank in the memo line.

ADVENT'S ANGELS.....

If you are taking care of a family member and would like to chat with others doing the same, join us for coffee at Paine Hall on the first Friday of the month at 9:30AM.



Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand—and melting like a snowflake. Let us use it before it is too late. Marie Beynon Ray

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



James Taylor	June 1
Steve Norman	June 2
Martha Brady	June 3
Maureen Reynolds	June 3
Nancy Ellsworth	June 4
Wilma Kohn	June 5
Emma Koos	June 5
Susan Norton	June 6
Patricia F. Finnell	June 7
A Michael Giel	June 7
Thomas Smock	June 8
Yvonne Reed	June 9
Thomas Barnes	June 10
Viginia Erling	June 10
Marian Porter	June 13
Sharon Gullickson	June 14
Nita Hirst	June 15
Peggy Pearson	June 15
Laural Mae Harper	June 16
Philip Moore	June 16
Harold Nuoffer	June 16
Sharon Bach	June 17
Linda Sherwood	June 17
Irene Somishka	June 17
Lois Heinbaugh	June 18
Mary Lanham	June 18
John Buxton	June 19
George Glatzhofer	June 19
Alfred Erling	June 21
William Eyler	June 21
E. Hambright	June 21
Joan Koll	June 21
Roe Prueher	June 25
Dorothy Taylor	June 26
Fred Tomlin	June 26
Angelina Claudon	June 28
Marilyn Arndt	June 29
June Hammond	June 29
Donald Mellum	June 29
Robert Wheeler	June 29

*Our sincere condolences
go out to the
family and friends of*

Keith Manglos



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kimon & Dorothy Ayan	June 2
Mac & Willa Keller	June 3
Richard & Donna Raszkievicz	June 3
Rev. and Mrs. Lorne Weaver	June 3
John & Jane Buxton	June 5
Russ & Kathy Frey	June 8
J. Harrison & Rita Smith	June 10
James & Connie Forrest	June 11
Russ & Jane Brumagin	June 13
Bob & Nan Wheeler	June 13
Jerry & Zibby Lang	June 14
Keith & Sally Morrow	June 15
Gene & Shirley Sartori	June 15
Robert & Claudia Stewart	June 15
Roger & Yvonne Cooper	June 16
John & Marilyn Cottingham	June 17
Bob & Barbara MacDonald	June 17
Christos & Nelly Makridis	June 19
Cameron & Sandy Howes	June 21
Dick & Betty Riley	June 22
Glenn & Sharon Gullickson	June 23
Dermot & Marie Keary	June 23
Don & Diana May	June 25
Paul & Mona Anderson	June 26



Many thanks to the following ladies for making the wedding reception a success for Rev. Roi and Diane Prueher.

Sharon Gullickson
Judy Prudy
Sharon Bach
Kathy Frey
Katy Randall
Carolyn Luft
Sibyl Krebs for the wedding cake

And the clean up crew consisting of:

Alice Panzer
Joyce Rozon
Margaret Cwieka
Nancy Bell
and of course, Patti Hirst

Nita Hirst

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Marianne Prather	July 1
Charlotte Versagi	July 1
Mary Reister	July 3
Deb Fowler	July 4
Anthony Brennan	July 5
Harold Clemett	July 7
Donald Cox	July 7
Robert Elmiger	July 7
Judith Purdy	July 7
Doris Anderson	July 8
Elaine Benn	July 8
Joan Latta	July 8
Barbara Findlay	July 9
William Krebs	July 10
Sara Eyler	July 11
James Scott	July 11
John Froneberger	July 12
Robert Hoag	July 12
Jerry Lang	July 12
Braden Santarcangelo	July 16
Eugene Denton	July 19
George Cooper	July 22
Jane Hawk	July 22
Jean Trotter	July 22
Elinor Chapman	July 23
Sibyl Krebs	July 24
Beverly Fleenor	July 25
Ron Gere	July 26
Phyllis Olson	July 26
Edna Glatzhofer	July 27
Shirley Knecht	July 27
Gaynor Gibson	July 30
James Fletcher	July 31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Thomas & Anne Pellett	July 1
Ed & Yvonne Reed	July 1
Tom & Lois Heinbaugh	July 3
Alex & Pattie Drapes	July 4
Jack & Karin Williams	July 4
Michael & Nancy Davis	July 7
Michael & Mary Jayne Swallow	July 14
Frank & Nancy Amichetti	July 17
Canon Geoffrey & Margaret Dibbs	July 17
Bill & Sally Eyler	July 19
John & Sue Stroefer	July 19
John & Jerry Squires	July 21
Jo & Ellie Tapscott	July 21
Fleet & Nancy Bell	July 23
Ciro & Liz Molina	July 27

Thank you, Men's Club

The Community Fund of Sun City West thanks the Advent Men's Club for its generous contribution. The Community Fund provides temporary financial aid to Sun City West residents in financial distress

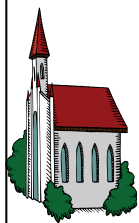
Jerry Overton, President



Episcopal Church of the Advent

welcomes our
new members

Steve & Diane Powell



Memorial Gift

Thank you Earl Thomas for the memorial gift of the newly finished planters in the front of the Church. given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Babette Thomas.



**Helping Hands
Fiesta Fun!**

And good food, too!

Church Leadership	Advent Vestry
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The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona
 The Rev. Dr. Gabriel A. Sinisi, Rector
 The Rev. Canon Geoff Dibbs, Pastoral Care Associate
 The Rev. Janet Gooltz, Assisting Priest
 The Rev. Lorne Weaver, Assisting Priest
 The Rev. Dick Studley, Deacon

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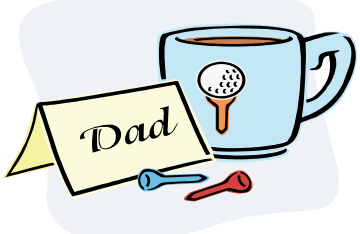
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June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Happy Father's Day</i></p>			<p>1 5:00PM Holy Eucharist With Anointing</p>	<p>2 10:00AM AI Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 8:00PM AA Variety Group</p>	<p>3 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 9:30AM Advent's AngY's</p>	<p>4 11:00AM K. Manglos Funeral & Reception 12:00PM Organ Rehearsal</p>
<p>5 8:00AM Holy Eucharist—no Music 8:30AM Choir Practice 10:00AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon</p>	<p>6 8:30AM Helping Hands</p>	<p>7 8:30AM Investment Committee Meeting 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:00PM Happy Home Helper</p>	<p>8 5:00PM Holy Eucharist With Anointing</p>	<p>9 10:00AM AI Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:30PM Central Clericus-Advent SCW 8:00PM AA Variety Group</p>	<p>10 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 6:00PM Bunco</p>	<p>11 12:00PM Organ Rehearsal</p>
<p>12 8:00AM Holy Eucharist—no Music 8:30AM Choir Practice 10:00AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon</p>	<p>13 8:30AM Helping Hands 9:30AM Caregivers Mtg.</p>	<p>14 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:00PM Happy Home Helper</p>	<p>15 5:00PM Holy Eucharist With Anointing</p>	<p>16 10:00AM AI Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 1:00PM Surprise Study Group 8:00PM AA Variety Group</p>	<p>17 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 12:15PM Ladies 3rd Friday Bridge</p>	<p>18 12:00PM Organ Rehearsal</p>
<p>19 FATHER'S DAY 8:00AM Holy Eucharist—no Music 8:30AM Choir Practice 10:00AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon 11:00AM Daughters of the King</p>	<p>20 8:30AM Helping Hands</p>	<p>21 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:00PM Happy Home Helper</p>	<p>22 5:00PM Holy Eucharist With Anointing</p>	<p>23 8:00AM Vestry Mtg. 10:00AM AI Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 8:00PM AA Variety Group.</p>	<p>24 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 10:00AM Universal Pest Control</p>	<p>25 12:00PM Organ Rehearsal</p>
<p>26 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:00AM Holy Eucharist w/music & Sermon</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:00PM Happy Home Helper</p>	<p>29 5:00PM Holy Eucharist With Anointing</p>	<p>30 10:00AM AI Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 8:00PM AA Variety Group</p>		

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 9:30AM Advent's Angels	2 Organ Rehearsal
3 9:00AM Holy Eucharist With music & Sermon	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 5:00PM ECW Potluck 	5 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 12:00PM Happy Home Helper	6 5:00PM Holy Eucharist with anointing	7 10:00AM Al Anon 11:00AM DVD Lecture Series 8:00PM AA Variety Group	8 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 6:00PM Bunco	9 Organ Rehearsal
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