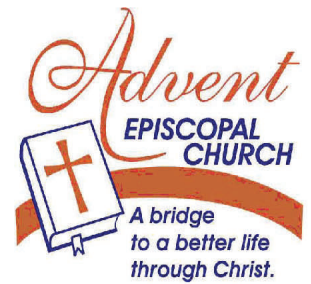


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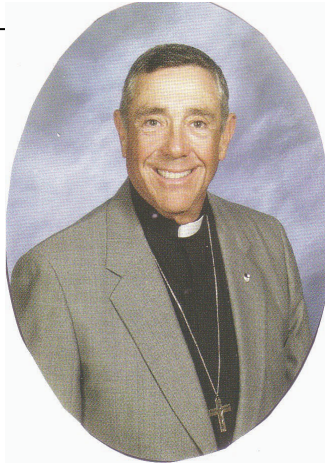
The Rev. Dr. Gabriel A. Sinisi, Rector

A monthly publication featuring news and events at the Advent



Dear Friends,

It is now ten years since the United States has been pulled into war on September 11, 2011. We still struggle with fear, anger, and confusion. We want justice. We want to do the right thing. Many of us must give the task of forgiveness to God. Remember each of us has been given a measure of faith. You may recall that faith the size of a mustard seed is sufficient. And now, friends, we must call on the faith that is in us to fight evil with goodness.



When the disciples ask Jesus, "Increase our faith," He points out to them that they have enough faith already. In spite of our fears and anxieties, we have what it takes, Sisters and Brothers.

I can't tell you the number of times I've been told something like this: "If I win the lottery, Father, this church will have a new air-conditioner or organ or steeple or whatever. If I inherit a fortune, I'll feed the hungry or build a hospital."

Don't you see? God is more interested in what we are doing with the abundance of time, treasure and talent we do have, than what we say we would do if only we had more. So often one "if only" just leads to another "if only" so nothing ever gets done in the dominion of scarcity and doubt. Each of us gets to choose to be paralyzed by our doubts, fears and an attitude of scarcity, or to do our part now with the abundant gifts and abundant faith we have been given.

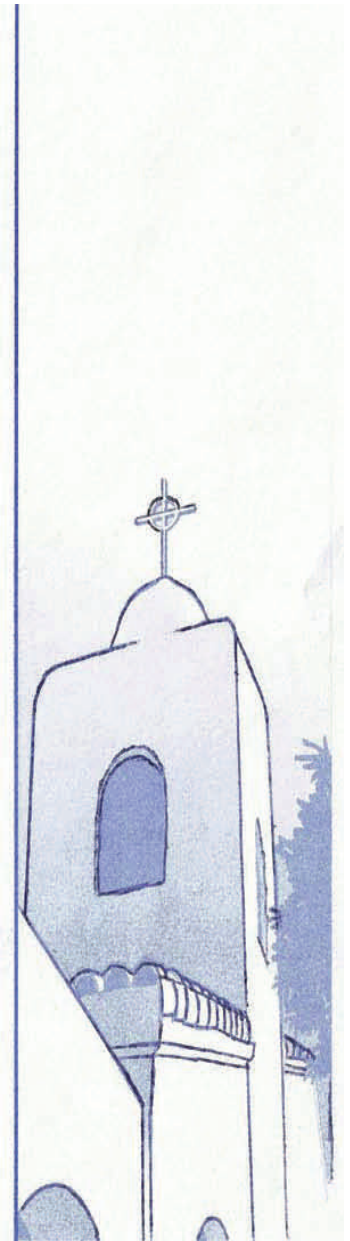
In this season of gratitude, we can give thanks to our God who creates, redeems and sustains us, not only with our lips but also with our lives. Our lives are His anyway, you know.

The words of the prayer attributed to St. Francis tell us how we can do this. Each of us can be an instrument of God's peace. "Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy..."

The world we live in is a finite place. So if we all dedicate our lives to filling it to the brim with God's goodness, there will soon be little or no more room for evil.

Peace and all goodness,

Gabe +



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A WORD FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN *by Phil Andrews*

Karen and I returned from our summer trip to San Diego the Wednesday after Labor Day. Guess where I went Thursday Morning. I just couldn't wait to see what we had done in our Sanctuary. WOW!

Under Bill Mendonsa's leadership (with daily assistance from Glenn Gullickson) the job was completed on schedule and under budget. The Vestry approved \$200,000 to complete the initial "statement of work". We were able to add the following items: all new lighting in the offices, painting of the offices, new carpeting in the offices, additional cabinets, a new tabernacle, additional railings, kneelers, tile in the office hallways, a wall hanging from the old kneelers in the form of a cross and a sink cover for the Sacristy. AND the entire job, with the additions and a "State of the Art" air conditioning system (to be completed in Oct), will cost \$189,000. Great job Bill! Thanks.

Sharon Mather has spent a great deal of time this summer identifying where we all live on a map that was started by Claudia Stewart. She then input the information into our Servant Keeper program in a data base called Neighbor to Neighbor Links, assisted by Rich Raszkievicz. Going forward this information will be used to enhance our "Member Needs" program. You will see more on this soon. Thanks Sharon and Rich and Claudia for your efforts on this project. Great job!

Don't forget October 29th, "Cowboy Night" for our party and silent auction. Peace, *Phil*

Deacon's Corner

By Rev. Dick Studley



The Historical Jesus will be the subject of a series of twenty- four lectures starting October 4, 2011. This series is a scholarly appraisal of what historical evidence may reveal about **Jesus**. People who have even the faintest knowledge about the **God-Man** have an opinion and these opinions vary widely.

This course is from a strictly historical perspective; accordingly, no particular theological beliefs will be either affirmed or denied. The attempt is to reconstruct what Jesus was really like, what he said and did. The four Gospels, our principle sources of knowledge about Jesus, create challenges for scholars. The Gospels are the written result of the oral tradition-the authors were not witnesses to the events – they were written several decades later-telling stories they had heard. Since Jesus left no writings, the Gospels are the starting point in the quest for **The Historical Jesus**.

This course will outline the processes used by scholars as well as the criteria used to evaluate historical data. The attempt is to situate Jesus in the historical context of his life—Jesus, taken out of context, is to misunderstand him. This course will cover his apocalyptic message, his teachings, his activities, as well as his final days.

The presenter is a religious educator highly regarded in his profession. His academic credentials include many years teaching adult learners. There is no advance reading for these lectures (and no exams!). The series will end close to the beginning of the Christmas season. This is a fascinating subject which is highly recommended as part of continuing Christian Education.

Peace in the Risen One *Dick*

Financial & Stewardship

Financial Snapshot as of August 31

	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$18,006	\$25,000	\$195,009	\$200,000
Plate	\$ 408	\$ 4,167	\$ 38,562	\$ 33,333
Other	\$ 936	\$ 3,442	\$ 2,315	\$ 27,534
Total	\$19,350	\$32,608	\$238,754	\$260,867
Expenses	\$28,275	\$32,608	\$262,771	\$260,857
Net Operating	-\$8,925	\$ 0	-\$24,017	\$ 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 until 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.

Stewardship: *by Tom Carroll*

To those who escaped the summer heat, welcome back. While you were away, wonderful improvements throughout the interior of the church were completed. A couple of features were added to the meditation garden path as well. We are on course for the noisy air conditioning unit to be quieted sometime in October. As we look around we see Stewardship prayers being answered. We must continue to teach, preach and live the abundance mentality. Psalm 9:1 states, *"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful works."* Indeed our Stewardship is alive here at your Advent Episcopal Church. As we launch our Fall Stewardship Program, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit has placed a unique passion for giving into the hearts of those who share and express their love of Jesus Christ.

FALL STEWARDSHIP THEME
2012



ADVENT NEWS CLIPS

A REMINDER— Bishop Smith will be visiting Advent on March 4, 2012. We will have only one service that day at 9AM. Anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by the bishop should notify Father Gabe.

NEWCOMERS AND NOT-SO-NEWCOMERS—Have you been coming to Advent for awhile or are you new? If you haven't gone through the "Newcomer" process please come to the Newcomer Table in Paine Hall and introduce yourself. I will be happy to order a Name Tag for you—they are extremely helpful. Contact Paul Bachman, 623-476-8989 or Paulabach@cox.net

ADVENT'S FLOWER POLICY...Several folks have expressed feeling about our policy on Altar flowers. Father Gabe, with the Flower Chairman, Flavia Mendonsa, and the Altar Guild had a meeting and the following policy was adopted. The vestry reviewed the policy on September 22 and agreed that it was good stewardship of parish funds.

When fresh flowers are not purchased by a parish member high quality silk flowers will be used. If you wish to purchase fresh flowers, the present cost will be \$70 for two arrangements. (The cost can be split if there are two people involved). You will also be asked to take the flowers with you after the service. If they are not removed, they will be thrown away.

Flower Chairman Flavia Mendonsa needs two to three weeks notice to insure that the order goes to the florist on time and there is proper notification in the Sunday bulletin.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this policy. Phil Andrews, Senior Warden

ECW NEWS NOTES <i>by Sibyl Krebs, President</i>

The ECW Convention will be on October 1 at Trinity Cathedral. Registration and breakfast will start at 8:00AM with Eucharist at 8:30AM followed by a business meeting and program. Cost will be \$12.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The program for the whole Convention will be a presentation on Native Spirituality and Christianity in the 21st Century given by two Daughters of the King Sisters, Vivian WinterChaser (Lakota) and Dorothy Saucedo (Navajo). I have heard both of these women give a joint program at an event presented by the Diocese.

The ECW Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at noon in Paine Hall. Please bring a salad to share or purchase a ticket for \$10.00. Tickets will be sold on Sunday, October 9th and 16th following both services.

Thanks to those of you who have been knitting and crocheting this summer! As always, we need you—and more— to keep up with the demand. If you knit or crochet and would like to be a part of this fulfilling ministry, please let me know. Yarn and instructions are available. Please contact Sigrid Cox at 623 8875-7133 or sigridcox@aol.com

"Helping Hands" for Children in Crisis will meet Monday October 3rd, 10th and 17th from 8:30AM until 11:30AM. In our seven years of making blankets and pillows we will soon have made and delivered 10,000 blankets and 10,000 pillows. For information please contact Sharon Gullickson 623 214-4828.

The Fall ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be on Sunday October 16. We had a great response last Spring and we are, in fact, close to the top of the list for the State of Arizona. How wonderful it is that so many of you opened your hearts to the ongoing need for funds to enable the national church to fulfill its mission work both here and abroad. Please fill the blue UTO envelopes with money and love. Thank you. Gaynor Gibson UTO Chairman

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



David Baker	October 1
Janet Ward	October 2
Peter Russell	October 3
Lois Simpler	October 3
Eleanor Tapscott	October 4
William Burder	October 5
Zibby Lang	October 5
Karin Williams	October 10
Christos Makridis	October 11
Alexa Streed	October 12
Gail Gehm	October 13
Martin Reinert	October 13
John Reynolds	October 13
John Squires	October 13
Patricia Tomlin	October 13
Geoffrey Dibbs	October 14
Elizabeth Evans	October 14
Arlen Madole	October 14
Karen Andrews	October 15
Linda Santarcangelo	October 16
Natalie Whittington	October 16
Barbara Alfvn	October 17
Dorothy Cooper	October 18
Ronald Boyce	October 19
John Erickson	October 19
Audrey Jobe	October 20
Bob McLaren	October 20
Isabelle Ravary	October 20
Richard Stickles	October 20
William Mendonsa, Jr.	October 21
Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle	October 22
Frances Rakestraw	October 22
MJ Schreiner	October 22
Charles Adams	October 23
Jean Carlson	October 23
Willidean Hirsch	October 23
Phyllis Kuykendall	October 23
Warren Sax	October 24
N Robert Carlson	October 26
Carol Gunderson	October 26
Gary Kilsdonk	October 26
Carol Lovdahl	October 27
Henry Arndt	October 29
Noel "Bud" Thomas, Jr.	October 29
Dermot Keary	October 30
Caludia Meka	October 30
Eleanor Hildebrand	October 31
Mary Jane Ostrom	October 31
Jean Turnbull	October 31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Ginney Erling	October 4
H.G. & Natalie Whittington	October 6
Fred & Dorothy Hesse	October 9
Robert & Cecily Sola	October 9
Dan & Jerrie Pierce	October 24
Charles & Janet Adams	October 25
William & Flavia Mendonsa	October 25
Bob & Joyce Fritz	October 26
Bob & Shirley Kraft	October 29



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

**Gerry Stewart
Patsy Boyce
Mary Coulson
Josephine Butz
Peggy Pearson
Helen Mischka
Mac Keller
And
Bob Hirst**



The family of Norma and Keith Manglos would like to thank everyone who attended Keith's funeral. Also we would like to thank you for all the many cards, phone calls and gifts.

We thank and deeply appreciate all!

Norma Manglos

**Episcopal Church of the
Advent
Welcomes our new members**

**Karen & Bud Thomas
Carol & Chuck Siconolfi**



LIBRARY NEWS by Meribeth Jones

Making the complex simple might be a theme for this month's offerings. Beginning with a tiny book, John McQuiston has used his lawyer's sharp mind to revise an earlier book of his: ALWAYS WE BEGIN AGAIN. (255.1) He "translates" the Benedictine Rule into modern wording while keeping the sense of the way of love, done cheerfully. I think it might be a glass half full concept. Imagine if everyone did work with a positive heart. This might be the foundation for a class about the Benedictines.



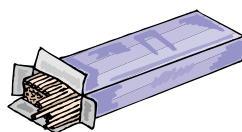
A PEOPLE CALLED EPISCOPALIANS by The Rev. Dr. John H. Westerhoff . We know that some Episcopal churches handle the services and the society they serve differently than we do at Advent. This is a raking together of the approaches with the traditional rake. Strong and ages old, the rake allows for freedom yet encourages community. Learn "church unity," Anglican Identity, Anglican Spirituality" from this small acorn.

For more detail on approaching today's seeker of churches, try THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD, Emerging worship for a missional church, by Mary Graves-Reeves and Michael Perham (264). Emerging churches, heritage churches, explained.

For detail, read Bryan Spinks' THE WORSHIP MALL, Contemporary responses to contemporary culture. (264). Here you can find details--prayer, music, bands, how the approach they presented attracted people. We know that's a serious job in Advent and will be for awhile.

Next month, nuns, church women and descriptions of Episcopalians.

Food bank item for
October
rice or pasta



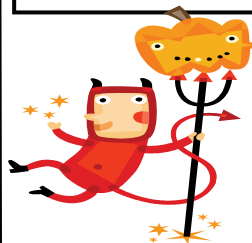
MEN'S CLUB NEWS
by George Winandy

Advents Men's Club will start out the fall with a prayer meeting followed by breakfast in Paine Hall. That will take place on October 4 at 8:00AM. On October 18 please join us at 8:15AM for our social breakfast at the Petite Café. Bring a friend. They might just find they would like to join us here at Advent.

NEWCOMER SOCIAL-NOVEMBER 13
5PM TO 7PM

If you are relatively new to Advent or have never attended a Newcomers Social please join us for fun, food and fellowship in Paine Hall on Sunday evening November 13, 2011

Please RSVP to
Paul Bachman
623 476-8989
or
paulabach@cox.net



The pastor was preaching a powerful message about heaven and hell, at end of which he Bellowed, "Now who wants to go to heaven?" Everyone in the small congregation raised their hands, except a wide-eyed boy who was seated down front. The pastor boomed out the question again, but still, the little boy was a holdout. The pastor stepped down from the pulpit and walked over to the child. "Son, don't you want to go to heaven?"

The boy replied, "Sure, Pastor, someday – but not if you're getting up a group today."

Contact: Susan Kricun, (602) 628-1350, susan@kricunmedia.com

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCES ITS INAUGURAL VESTRY FALL "COWBOY NIGHT" GALA FUNDRAISER SET FOR OCTOBER 29

New event to feature western-themed live entertainment, dancing, silent auction and refreshments

WHAT: Advent Episcopal Church's Annual Vestry Fall Gala:

Advent Episcopal Church announces its inaugural Vestry Fall "Cowboy Night" Gala featuring a western-themed evening filled with festivities, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a silent auction.

Guests who attend can dance the night away listening to live music from local band, Cottonwood Stash who will be performing the classic country songs that generations have loved, for "All the Good Times to Come"...

www.CottonwoodStash.com

The event will also feature a variety of themed food stations with culinary delights sure to please even the most discriminating palates. And to round out the festivities, guests will have the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of items featured in the silent auction from golf outings to local restaurant gift certificates to autographed sports memorabilia and much more.

WHEN: 5 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29

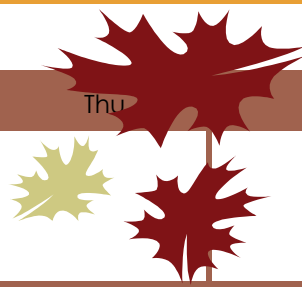
WHERE: Paine Hall at Advent Episcopal Church, 13150 W. Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West

TICKETS: \$25 per pair or \$15 each
(Tickets include two drink tickets per person.)

MORE

INFO: Event proceeds will support outreach and pastoral care programs within Advent Episcopal Church. The members and friends of Advent Episcopal Church welcome all persons, regardless of ethnic heritage, religious backgrounds, etc. We offer several opportunities for worship, ministry, and social activity. For tickets and more information call Phil Andrews at (623) 544-8038 or www.adventepiscopalaz.org.

October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00AM Holy Eucharist—no Music 8:30AM Choir Practice 10:00 Holy Eucharist w/music & sermon	3 8:30AM Helping Hands	4 8:00AM Men's Club Mtg. 11:00AM The Historical Jesus 12:00 Happy Home	5 9:30AM Men's Bridge 2:00PM EfM 5:00PM Holy Eucharist w/Anointing	6 10:00AM Al Anon 11:00AM The Historical Jesus 11:15AM Bible Discussion 8:00PM AA Variety Group	7 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 9:30AM Advent's Angels 6:30PM Outside Rental Event	8 8:30AM Altar Guild 10:00AM Outside Event Rental
9 8:00AM Holy Eucharist—no Music 8:30AM Choir Practice 10:00 Holy Eucharist w/music & sermon 11:00AM IT Comm.	10 COLUMBUS DAY 8:30AM Helping Hands	11 11:00AM The Historical Jesus 12:00 Happy Home Helper 1:00PM Investment Comm. Mtg.	12 9:00AM ECW Board Mtg. 9:30AM Men's Bridge 2:00PM EfM 5:00PM Holy Eucharist with Anointing	13 10:00AM Al Anon 11:00AM The Historical Jesus 11:15AM Bible Discussion 1:00PM Surprise Study Group 8:00PM AA Variety Group	14 Diocesan Convention 8:30AM Rubber Fingers 6:00PM Bunco	15 Diocesan Convention 8:30AM Altar Guild
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RECTOR ACTIVITY REPORT FROM 6-23-2011 TO 9-22-2011

THE RECTOR IS ON CALL FOR EMERGENCIES 24/7.

BESIDES PREPARATION FOR REGULAR PARISH WORSHIP SERVICES, ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, INCLUDING SCHEDULED SERMONS ETC., AND EFM MEETINGS WHEN APPLICABLE, THE RECTOR WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH:

VACATION FROM JULY 7 – JULY 19

- 29 PASTORAL CALLS
- 4 PARISH RELATED MEETINGS
- 3 EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF “LAST RITES”
- 4 FUNERALS
- 2 OTHER COMMITALS IN ALL SAINTS’ CHAPEL
- 1 COMMITAL AT SUNLAND MORTUARY
- 1 INTERFAITH SERVICE AT HERITAGE
- 2 OUT OF TOWN ORDINATIONS
- 1 ALL DAY SATURDAY REQUIRED SUMMIT WITH BISHOP
- 1 EPISCOPAL COALITION MEETINGS
- 1 CENTRAL RECTORS MEETING
- 1 AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION RELATED MEETING

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Gabe Sinisi +

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