

So that's Father Shemelies!

On Saturday, March 26th, a blustery, icy night, many of our parishioners gathered in the church hall to finally meet Father Shemelies and the congregation of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewehedo Church. They came in, laden with pots and dishes and baskets of food! Incredibly wonderful food! And Father Shemelies stood at the door, dressed in his white robes and turban, and blessed each one - women, men and a host of children - with the cross he held.

The women, all dressed in their traditional clothing, got right to work, laying out the dishes of dips and sauces, cutting the huge loaves of yeast bread and separating the stacks of unleavened bread called injera. When all was

ready, Father Shemelies and his wife, Tigist, explained how we were to eat these foods. Using a piece of the large, plate-sized spongy injera bread, we were taught to scoop up some of the marvellous selections of sauces and pop it in our mouths without the need of a knife and fork or even a napkin! (Well, maybe a napkin was useful!) Everything was vegetarian - the Ethiopians observe a very strict Lent - but we didn't feel that we were missing out on anything! It was delicious!

I'm sure that our guests, Lynn and Larry Pearce,

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Pictured above are Father Shemelies, Larry Pearce and our own Reverend Kersi Bird.

Seniors' Tea

On Wednesday, June 8, we will be having our annual Seniors' Tea from 2 to 4 pm so dust off those white gloves and spring bonnets (just kidding! Or why not?) and come on out for little sandwiches, sweet pickles and tasty squares.

Cheryl H. hopes to have all the scrapbooks of memorabilia up-to-date for this day!

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Vestry meets the second Tuesday of every month;
7:00 p.m. at the church. Observers are welcome.

Services of Worship

Sundays

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, B.C.P.

10 a.m. Worship offering a variety of traditional, contemporary and intergenerational services.

10 a.m. Sunday School

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist B.A.S.

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A bird's eye view

by Rev. Kersi Bird

It is amazing how light can be so energizing. Now that we are well into spring-and it finally feels like spring!- it seems like the world is opening up. Our days are longer, literally, and there is so much potential for relishing life in all its forms.

As Christians, the season of Easter is a time to treasure new life and new beginnings. The early disciples struggled to understand the meaning of the resurrection. It was a promise fulfilled; Jesus rose as he said he would as the Messiah. But; what then? How were they to live out this new beginning?

The disciples had much to ponder. In spiritual language, they had much to contemplate regarding the nature of God, and their place in the world. As modern-day disciples, we can continue this practice through a variety of means. We are blessed at Good Shepherd to have our outdoor labyrinth, and people within the parish with the skills and experience to guide others in its use.

This June, we will be hosting once again a Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk on the 21st. Participants are encouraged to walk the labyrinth in the company of others in the long light of the day. Last year it was a shared event with members from St. Laurence, taking place on a glorious, warm evening, and was a very moving experience. Walking the labyrinth, like prayer, draws us, paradoxically, both into ourselves, and beyond ourselves, resting ultimately in the presence of God.

Our labyrinth has become a place of contemplation in the neighbourhood. People have found this quiet oasis, and later this spring we will be inviting the community to discover it if they have not already.

As we find ourselves in our own state of pondering, I pray that we too would be blessed this Easter season, and that we would see with new eyes the beauty that surrounds us.

OneBody parishes joint service June 19

The three Anglican parishes that comprise the OneBody Youth Group: Good Shepherd, St. Laurence, and St. Martin's- will be joining forces for a combined service on Sunday, June 19.

All parishioners are invited to worship with our youth at the Calgary Academy at 10 am, with a BBQ to follow.

Further details will be available as the date approaches.

Communications officer

As the new Communications Officer for the Church of the Good Shepherd, I will liaise with Vestry and Executive members to ensure programs and events are communicated to the parish and wider community. The three main areas include:

◆ Church web site (www.anglicangoodshepherd.ca)

To ensure the page is up-to-date with current events and programs, as well as future events so the parish and wider community can see what is happening. On a continuing basis, will look at what changes can be made to improve the web site.

◆ Shepherd's Voice

To produce the Calendar of Events (found on the back page) and to keep Shepherd's Voice deadlines in Vestry's mind.

◆ Outside publications such as the Wildwood Warbler, The Sower and Facebook.

Communicating articles of interest, public workshops and events to the community via outside publications. Create a Church of the Good Shepherd Facebook page, so parish members on Facebook can connect with each other and be aware of events.

Any articles to be submitted to outside publications such as the Sower or the Warbler will first come through me to be authorized by Executive. We would like to ensure the information being presented to the public is consistent, accurate and not being doubled up.

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representatives of KAIROS, were very happy to have been invited to such a feast. After the meal, Larry gave us an excellent presentation on Acadia Place, the apartment project which houses families at risk of or experiencing homelessness, which was the focus of our fund-raising efforts. We also had a display of goods from Ten Thousand Villages from which we received 10% of the sales.

After the meal, one of the Ethiopian women demonstrated the traditional coffee ceremony which included roasting the green beans. I'm sure none of us were aware that coffee originated in Ethiopia in the Kingdom of Kaffa (hence the name "coffee") where people first recognized the energizing effect of the large red berries of a plant growing wild. We were able to sample the beans before and after roasting - and the resulting strong, but delicious, coffee served in tiny cups, marked with the Emperor Haile Selassie's seal.

The next morning, Kersi's Lenten meditation was about sharing - how it is different from giving. Everyone gains from sharing. How true that was of the previous evening. We, the participants, gained in understanding, insight, fellowship and faith - and Acadia Place gained the

Shepherd's Voice articles will continue to be sent to Kathie.

As this is a new role, I am excited about the opportunity to work with all members of the parish to ensure information is presented effectively and timely. If you have any questions, ideas or have articles you'd like submitted to outside publications, please email me: holly.young2@gmail.com. My phone number is 403-695-7338. I am also on Facebook, so please let me know if you are on Facebook and I will search for you.



ACW Diocesan Quilt

This year is the 120th Anniversary of the founding of the WA/ACW in our Diocese.

To mark this occasion a commemorative quilt has been made from 8 1/2" blocks contributed by every church within the Diocese. This is our quilt block reflecting Good Shepherd created together by Kathie MacDuff, Veronica Martell and Angela Wards. The Quilt was to be on display at the ACW Annual Conference in Lethbridge at the end of April 2011.

Hopefully we can have a picture of the whole quilt in our next Shepherd's Voice.

consequence of our efforts. We were able to raise over \$570 from the donations for food and drinks, and from the sale of the goods from Ten Thousand Villages.

Some parishioners who took home a Lenten box to save their coins during the past weeks may want to donate the proceeds to Acadia Place. If so, either return the boxes to church or make out a cheque to the church for the counted contents and mark it "Acadia Place".

There were lots of other things that Father Shemelies and his congregation wished to share on this evening but we simply ran out of time. So we plan to have another gathering in the future. I can hardly wait!

Cheryl Horrey

