

Carey's Conversations

"The trouble is if you don't spend your life yourself, other people spend it for you."

— Peter Shaffer, *Five Finger Exercise: A Play*

Summer is rapidly drawing to a close and in just a few days the kids will all be back in school, and the light traffic pattern we have been enjoying will jam with commuters as the 'rush hour' returns. What free time many of us had will greatly diminish and we will wonder how we will get it all done. This seems to be the perfect time (tongue firmly planted in cheek) to ask people to add something else to their already cramped schedules. However, the things that the church asks you to consider hold the potential to not only enhance our lives but to transform them! Would you prayerfully consider adding one or more of these upcoming new offerings for growth, service and fellowship:

Young Adult Party: On Saturday, 23 August from 4-7pm the young adults will gather at the Stone's Home for food, fellowship and to brainstorm about the future of our ministry to young adults at St. Luke's.

Young Adult Sunday school Class: Beginning on 7 September the young adult Sunday school class will convene with a several week course called Marriage 101.

Education For Ministry (EFM): This is an awesome opportunity like no other to have an in depth and interactive study of scripture, church history and theology. The commitment is to meet once per week from September through May. Scholarship funds are available for those who have a need. Please contact John Rhodes who will be the mentor for the group if you have additional questions.

Community of Hope: for those who would like to be able to practice a ministry of care to those of our parish who are sick or shut-in this 14-week training program will give you the tools you need. See Deacon Joanna's article for more info.

Children's Choir: Jason Pennington, organist/choirmaster and Beth Maze, chaplain of children's ministries will be teaming up to lead our children in a new choir program. Be watching The Evangelist, Sunday bulletins and our Facebook page for more details.

In addition to these new offerings our children's Sunday school program "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" starts back up on Rally Day, 7 September at 9.15 a.m. Adult Sunday school will continue at 9.15a.m. Our other spiritual/service organizations such as Episcopal Church Women, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Daughters of the King, and St. Luke's Churchmen will be continuing their activities this fall.

Rally Day is 7th of September and we will have a potluck brunch after the 10.30 service. That evening we will welcome back that wild and crazy klezmer band "Meshugga" dinner starts at 6pm and tickets are currently on sale on Sunday mornings after both services. We look forward to seeing everyone back at St. Luke's.

Yours in Christ, Carey+