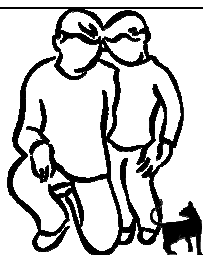


Benediction Weekly

June 18, 2017

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Happy Fathers' Day

This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 4:00 pm – Choral Evensong, St Stephen's SLO

Tuesday, June 20

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, June 21

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, June 22

- 7:00 pm – Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible

Sunday, June 25

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

Hospitality Notes

If you can walk easily and you arrive before the service starts, please choose a parking space further away from the church and leave the closer ones for those who have mobility issues or who are late.

Please consider sitting in the middle of a pew rather than at the end. It's very off putting for newcomers to have to clamber over you and feel like they're being a nuisance just trying to sit down.

We will give priority in the back pew on the south end for families with children. You can sit there, but please be prepared to move if a family shows up. We don't want them to leave because there's no space for them.



Thank you!

Choral Evensong Today at 4:00 PM - St. Stephen's, SLO

St Stephen's is continuing their 150th anniversary celebration with a choral Evensong. The congregation will be the choir for the entire service, except for two pieces – the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – which will be sung by a rehearsed choir. All other music will be in the Hymnal and the service booklet you'll receive at the door. You don't need to have a great voice, just a love of singing. Reception follows at 5 pm.

A BIG Thank You

To everyone who contributed to making our 30th Anniversary service and building blessing such a wonderful evening. Particular thanks go to John Cribb and the choir, those who ministered during the service and Anne Kanter and her crew for the food.



Vestry Membership

There are two unfilled seats on the vestry so please pray that the Holy Spirit will send people to fill them. If you are a confirmed or received Episcopalian, please ask yourself if it might be you!



Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross ; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Esta Kandarian;
Chalice Bearer: Brian Spolarich; Lector: Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Rod Morse & Alan Kiste; Greeter: Brian Spolarich;
Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Coffee Hour Hosts: Charlene Morse & Alice Welchert;
Tellers: Diana Hammerlund & Bryson McKelvey; Intercessor: Celeste Pennington; Piano: David Alm

Thank you for your service!



BIBLE STUDY - Come join us for Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday except first Sundays.

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP - First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

EARTHCARE - A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE - a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE - Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE - Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship in members' homes. 4th Saturdays 1pm (Suspended till September)

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL 3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Rod Morse, Jr. *Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

Los Osos Community Dinners

St Benedict's Homeless Outreach group has been working with other groups and congregations to provide a free community dinner in Los Osos. This is intended to provide support for those who are living on the edge, as well as being a place to grow community. Dinners are available on the first and third Monday at 5pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.

There have been between 35 -40 people at every community dinner so far. St. Benedict's is scheduled for **July 3rd** at 5pm so it's hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. If you can help to provide food or to help on the night please sign up on the board in the Great Room or talk to Barbara Hirahara for more details.

Our Core Values

Thank you to everyone who participated in our conversation about core values. The Parish Council will be using your input in creating our five year mission and ministry statement. These are the clusters of values we created together:



- ◆ Liturgical worship /Learning/ Education/ Contemplative orientation /Episcopal Liturgy, Ecumenical Spirit/Faith- Perseverance/ Spiritual Support/ Experience of God
- ◆ Service to Community & World/ Helping/ Healing—Visiting the ill/ Outreach to people of need/ Protecting and Helping the disadvantaged/ Full of Kindness/Generosity & Community/ Abundant compassion
- ◆ Hospitality: Authentic, Informal, and Bounteous/ Growing in numbers/ Generosity & Community/ Joyful, Welcoming
- ◆ Inclusion & Tolerance/ Accepting/ Resourcing/ Dignity and Worth of the Person
- ◆ Willingness to Experiment/ Willingness to rethink our position(s)/ Always asking questions
- ◆ Innovate the tradition!/ Flexibility/Transition/Opportunity
- ◆ Connection with and Care for Nature/ Harmony/ Stability/ Sustainability
- ◆ Musical/ Joy/ Joyful, Welcoming/ Beauty/ Happiness/ Fulfillment/ Entertainment
- ◆ Enthusiasm/ Participation/ We Can

Education for Ministry to be offered in SLO Deanery

Every baptized person is called to ministry... and the Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides the education to carry out that ministry. EfM will be offered in the SLO Deanery from September 2017 through June 2018 on Tuesday afternoons for 2-3 hour sessions.

Participants in the EfM program study the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present. Participants learn the disciplines of biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and ascetical theology. They will belong to small "communities of learning" in which the events of each person's life may be examined in the light of the materials being studied.

If you have taken EfM in the past, but haven't "graduated," you may resume from where you left off. All materials and books are provided as part of the enrollment fee. Scholarships may be available. For questions, contact: Lisa Gonzalez at (805) 544-2895 or lgonzo@fix.net, or Mary Ann Hjalmarsen at (805) 481-4509 or maryannhjalmarsen@msn.com.

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670; or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595.

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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