

Benediction Weekly

May 21, 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.



Parish Council meeting today following coffee hour.

The meeting is open to interested parishioners who are always welcome to attend.

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, May 25 ASCENSION DAY

- 10:00 am – Hollister Institute: Centering Prayer
- 4:00 pm – Dog Walkers meet at Baywood Pier

Saturday, May 27

- 1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club at Cadigans'

Sunday, May 28

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

Parish Meeting

On Sunday June 4 we'll have a parish meeting over our pot-luck lunch so that everyone can have some input to the five year mission and ministry plan which we are creating. This plan will include our core values and our goals for ministry. What is God calling us to do, to be or to change? Please come and give us your input.

Early June at St Ben's

- June 1 – Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible, 7pm – a 5 week course
- June 3 – Ken Wilbur: Thought as Passion, 10am – a 1 day workshop
- June 3 – Peoples' Kitchen, 12n
- June 4 – Parish Meeting & Potluck, 12n
- June 8 – Bishop's Visit, 6:30pm



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (May 25-June 4) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Go to <http://thykingdomcome.global> and sign up to receive the daily email. Each day of Thy Kingdom Come, there will be an invitation to view short videos with prayer guidance from international and ecumenical church leaders, as well as a special video for youth. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be featured in the lead video on May 25.

After signing up, you are invited to pray daily from Ascension to Pentecost, use your social media to "Pray It - Picture It - Post It" (on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook) and Help create a Global Prayer Wall.

The prayer themes for the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come are: #ToJesus #Praise #Thanks #Sorry #Offer #PrayFor #Help #Adore #Celebrate #Silence #ThyKingdomCome

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice Bearer: Bryson McKelvey;
Lector: Rob Ross; Ushers: Marie Moore & Rod Morse;
Greeter: Rob Ross; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Charlene Morse & Barbara Schippers; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Bryson McKelvey;
Intercessor: Celeste Pennington; Music Director: John Cribb



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

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

DOG WALKERS - Congregants & canine companions' constitutional - 4pm Thursdays at Baywood Pier.

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

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.

Choral Evensong in SLO

As a part of its 150th Anniversary Celebrations, St. Stephen's SLO is having a Congregational Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 18th at 4 p.m.

Evensong, the Vespers service of the Episcopal Church, will be sung by a choir made up of all in attendance. No experience needed, just a love of singing. This is a community event, everyone is invited to come and sing with us. All faith traditions are welcome. You don't have to be an Episcopalian or even a church go-er. And you don't have to have a great voice or special training, just a love of singing.

The congregation will be the choir for the entire service, except for two pieces - the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis - that will need some rehearsal, and will be performed by a special group. All other service music will be provided in the booklet you'll receive at the door. Want to be a part of this special group? Contact Kathryn Bumpass by phone 805-709-0840 or email kathrynbumpass@earthlink.net. You can also contact St. Stephen's music director, Katya Gotsdiner-McMahan at gotsdiner.e@gmail.com.

Join us for beverage to quench your thirst after singing, and light snacks.

People of Faith for Justice presents

Alexia Salvatierra

Faith-Based Sanctuary: What does it mean?

Thursday, May 25th 6:30-8:30 pm

Congregation Beth David, 10180 Los Osos Valley Rd, SLO

Rev. Alexia, a Lutheran pastor, is the co-author of Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World. She was the Exec. Director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), both in LA and statewide. Under her leadership, CLUE became known for the New Sanctuary Movement in which congregations in 37 cities around the country accompanied immigrant workers and their families facing deportation.

She will also be speaking at 12 noon on the same day at PJF's brown bag lunch discussion "Introduction to Immigration Issues" which will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 295 Old Country Road, Templeton.

More info at peopleoffaithforjustice@gmail.com or www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org



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Giving in April - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

April Income: \$ 10,801	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 12,989	Difference: (\$ 2,188) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 58,610	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 51,957	Difference: \$ 6,653 surplus

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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