

Benediction Weekly

February 5, 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.



Potluck Lunch Today

Visitors are Welcome!

CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's:
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

NO 8am service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck

Tuesday, Feb 7

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Feb 8

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Friday, Feb 10

3:30 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting

Saturday, Feb 11

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café

5:30 pm – Evening Eucharist and soup supper

Sunday, Feb 12

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music

12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

“God Dethroned - How Our Language Creates God”

Ecumenical Retreat – February 25

St. Timothy's, Morro Bay

The retreat, open to both men and women, will be held at St. Timothy's Sweeney Hall in Morro Bay from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, February 25th. *Lorienne Schwenk* will be featured as the guest presenter.

Participants will look at ways they refer to the Creator in scripture, in culture, and in their own prayer life; and be introduced to new language that can help expand their visions of God.

There is a \$25.00 registration fee that covers a continental breakfast, lunch and all materials. Please register with St. Timothy's by February 18: 772-7388.

Tour of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Featured in Victorian-Age SLO Walk

Today at 2 p.m., Joe Morris will lead another of his historical walks of SLO---this one centering on the century-old homes and buildings in the Old Town Historic District. St. Stephen's Church this year is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and to commemorate that, the walk will feature a special fifteen-minute tour of its interior (the oldest church in town after the Mission). Also included are the residences of several past mayors, the founder of Cal Poly, and a dozen others. The walk is free, no reservations needed, sponsored by the Sierra Club. Duration about 1 1/2 hrs. We will meet in front of the Jack House, 536 Marsh Street. Joe can be reached at 805-549-0355.

We welcome new Vestry members, Barbara Schippers and Pam Bleisch. There is still an empty slot for an Episcopalian (confirmed or received) who has internet access. Please let Caro+ know if you can help. Our grateful thanks to Maria Kelly who has been Senior Warden for three years and we welcome Anne Kanter as the new Senior Warden. Please take an Annual Report if you didn't get one, including the addendum on yellow paper.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas;
Chalice Bearer: Janelle LaFond; Lectors: Alan Kiste & Brian Spolarich; Ushers: Margaret Fegan & Rod Morse;
Greeter: Ann Edwards; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez;
Potluck Hosts: Charlene Morse & Karin Cake; Tellers: Steve Cake & Stef Shuman;
Cantor: Anne Kanter; Music Director: John Cribb



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. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship. 4th Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

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

MEET ME IN MORRO - lunchtime social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

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
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

Coming up in March, a new Hollister Institute discussion...

The Worshipping Community: Praying with the God of Becoming and Relationship *

Led by Donna Ross with Carol McPhee, Ann Edwards, Roz Malone, & Ruth Turner

March 2 Why do we gather in community?
March 9 Why do we reflect on sacred texts?
March 16 Why do we pray?
March 23 How do we make peace?
March 30 How do we share the gifts of God?

March 2-30, from 10:00-11:45 am.

Email donnaross@charter.net to register

* Inspired by Rabbi Bradley Artson's *God of Becoming and Relationship*

C.S. Lewis Talk Series in Santa Maria

C.S. Lewis, the ever-popular 20th-century Christian apologist, will be the subject of three talks, on Friday, February 10 (at 7 P.M.) and Saturday, February 11 (at 10 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.), hosted by the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, 877 Francine Lane, Santa Maria. The theme, *C.S. Lewis on Christian Formation*, will be presented by distinguished guest speaker, Father Andrew Cuneo, an authority on C.S. Lewis and the first Oxford scholar to receive a doctoral degree on the eminent British author of numerous books, including *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. All these lectures, and tour of the church at 1 P.M. on Saturday, February 11, are open to the public. Refreshments and light lunch will be served. Free-will offering appreciated. Seating is limited. Please reserve your seat and request details from John Truman at (805) 206-6904.

Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah



On weekdays, listen for a word.

On Saturday, re-read the whole passage:

What do you hear now?

Lectio for February 6 - 11

Monday	Isaiah 49: 8-10
Tuesday	Isaiah 49: 11-12
Wednesday	Isaiah 49: 13
Thursday	Isaiah 49: 14-15
Friday	Isaiah 49: 16-18
Saturday	Isaiah 49: 8-18

St. Benedict's Annual Mutual Ministry Review and Time and Talent Survey

If you took one of these forms last week please return it (completed) to the box at the back of the church – and please put your name on it! If you didn't take one, please do today and return it next week.

Check our website
www.stbenslososos.org under News for downloadable copies.

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. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley, 528-7497; 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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