

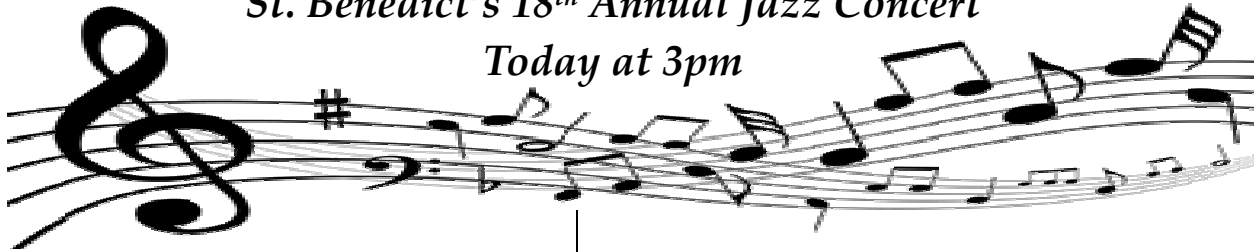
# Benediction Weekly

August 20, 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.*

## St. Benedict's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Concert

Today at 3pm



**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  
3:00 pm – **Jazz Concert**

### Tuesday, August 22

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck  
7:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, August 23

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

### Sunday, August 27

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



## Season of Creation Sunday Themes

For four Sundays in September we will celebrate The Season of Creation with special themed liturgies and sermons at the 10:30 service:

*September 3 – Forest Sunday*  
*September 10 – Land Sunday*  
*September 17 – Wilderness Sunday*  
*September 24 – River Sunday*

Then in October, we will honor St. Francis of Assisi:

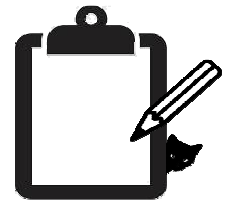
*October 1 – St Francis Day Observed*  
*October 8 – Blessing of the Animals*



August has been designated “**Peanut Butter and Jelly Month**” at St. Benedict's. We are particularly encouraging parishioners to donate jars of peanut butter or jelly - or both- to our Prado Day Center collection boxes throughout August. Graham crackers would also be welcome!

## Los Osos Community Dinner September 4

It's St. Benedict's turn to host the Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5pm on September 4th. Free dinners are available in Los Osos on the first and third Mondays to provide support for those who are living on the edge, as well as being a place to grow community. If you can help to provide food or to help serve on the night, please sign up in the Great Room or talk to Alice Welchert for more details.



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Jim Arnold; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian;  
Lector: Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Ron Thompson & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Connie Weldon;  
Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Laura Thompson;  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Maureen Titus; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Stef Shuman;  
Intercessory Prayer Team: Laura Thompson; Music Director: John Cribb

***Thank you all 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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** – Discussion and fellowship in members' homes. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm (Suspended till September)

**LUNCH BUNCH** – lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*  
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

## Strauss Concert at St. Ben's



Pianist Louise King and soprano Karen Dunn will perform in concert Saturday, September 9 at 2:30 p.m. The concert, "All Strauss, All the Time," will feature music by Richard, Johann and Oscar Strauss. The performances include "Four Last Songs" (Richard Strauss), "Arias from the Fledermaus" (Johann), and "Walzertraum" (Oscar), as well as various piano solos.

Ms. King received her musical education in Europe, where she studied on scholarship at the Waltershausen Conservatory in Munich, Germany. She continued her studies with Nadia Reisenberg of the Julliard School. She now resides on the Central Coast and teaches and performs in San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles. Ms. Dunn, who lives in Morro Bay, has performed many times with Opera San Luis Obispo. She has also performed with the Coastal Valleys Symphony, the Santa Maria Symphony and the Tolosa Strings. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

## St. Stephen's Official 150th Birthday Celebration

*Sunday, September 10*



For its 150th Birthday, a block party will follow St. Stephen's morning worship with The Right Reverend Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real. After the Ribbon Cutting, a Block Party will ensure that the celebrations continue into the afternoon. The whole SLO community is welcome to help us celebrate our status as the oldest continuous Christian Church in San Luis Obispo!!

Local bands and entertainment will get the church a-rockin'. Try ringing our steeple bell. Take tours of the church and hear the 150 years of our history as a part of San Luis Obispo's history.

**10:00 am Celebration Service; 11:30 am Ribbon Cutting; The Big Block Party until 3.00 p.m.**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is at 1344 Nipomo Street & 650 Pismo Street, SLO  
Street parking only. Alternatively, walk, bike or take SLO Transit #2 which drops off right in front.



### Seeking spiritual formation? Join Education for Ministry Bible Study

*"If you want a sustained experience of spiritual and educational formation, Efm is the program for you. It is worth every moment of your time!" -Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves*

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 at St. Stephen's SLO from September 2017 through June 2018 on Monday or Tuesday afternoons for 2-3 hour sessions.

Efm is a unique program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Efm is designed to prepare lay persons to live out by word and deed the promises made at baptism. Weekly Efm will start in September and be held either on Monday or Tuesday at St. Stephens in San Luis Obispo.

To learn more, contact Lisa Gonzalez at (805) 544-2895 or [lgonzo@fix.net](mailto:lgonzo@fix.net), or Mary Ann Hjalmarson at (805) 481-4509 or [maryannahjalmarson@msn.com](mailto:maryannahjalmarson@msn.com).

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

July Income: \$ 16,687	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 12,656	Difference: \$ 4,031 surplus
YTD Income: \$ 98,903	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 90,924	Difference: \$ 7,979 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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