

Benediction Weekly

April 15, 2018

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.



Earth Day will be Observed Here next Sunday

Support your Local Planet!

Coming up 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 with music
- 2:00 pm – Deanery Mtg at St Matthew's, San Ardo
- 7:30 pm – "Emma's Revolution" concert SLO UMC

Monday, Apr 16

- 6:30 pm – "Savage Grace" Hollister class

Tuesday, Apr 17

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

Wednesday, Apr 18

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

Thursday, Apr 19

- 9:30 am – Nurturing Your Baby support group
- 6:30 pm – Earthcare: "Road to Zero Waste"

Sunday, Apr 22 EARTH DAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting



Zero Waste Presentation

6:30 pm, Thursday, April 19

As part of Faith Climate Action Week, St. Ben's EarthCare group will be hosting a talk and video presentation on moving from a society based on consumption and trash to one of zero waste. Mike di Milo, Education Program Coordinator for the SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority, will provide a slideshow, "*The Road to Zero Waste*" with Q+A, followed by an informative video: "*The Story of Stuff*."

Learn how we can take the next step in using natural resources more wisely, while moving toward zero waste. You'll leave with a new perspective on what (not) to throw away after seeing this thought-provoking presentation.

This is an open meeting - please invite your friends!

Emma's Revolution Concert Tonight at 7:30

Benefit Concert for People of Faith for Justice (PFJ)
SLO United Methodist Church, 1515 Fredericks St.



Emma's Revolution is the award-winning "activist power duo" of Pat Humphries and Sandy O, whose songs have been sung for the Dalai Lama, praised by Pete Seeger, and covered by Holly Near. With hauntingly beautiful harmonies and powerful acoustic instrumentals, Emma's Revolution covers issues from killer drones to wind energy, from the Black Lives Matter movement to the sustaining power of love. Their music delivers the energy and strength of their convictions, in an uprising of truth and hope for these tumultuous times.

The San Luis Obispo concert benefits People of Faith for Justice, an interfaith alliance in SLO County that promotes peace and justice for all through ongoing education and strategic advocacy. Tickets, available through www.emmasrevolution.com, are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Preferred seating is \$30.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Chesebro; Chalice Bearer: Lorraine Schwenk; Lector: Janelle LaFond;
Ushers: Michael Lucas & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Ann Lucas; Flowers: Jo Oliver; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund;
Prayer Team Member: Louisa Beeler; Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Henry & Suzan Vaughan and Alice Welchert;
Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Steve Cake; Music Director: John Cribb



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

ABUNDANCE SHOP— Thrift shop at 2025 9th St. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm.

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. 2nd Weds 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Grill.

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.

SATURDAY EUCHARIST - Evening Eucharist on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

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

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Pamela Bleisch Strawn, *Sr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, Diana Hammerlund,
Esta Kandarian, Alan Kiste,
Michael Lucas, Francis Rivinus,
Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk,
Lynn Wise



For Such a Time As This: Economic Opportunity Initiatives

The Episcopal Church and the ELCA continue our united call to Pray, Fast, and Act in support of policies and programs that provide opportunities for and respect the dignity of all people.

This month, our focus is on economic opportunity initiatives. Although the U.S. government facilitates a variety of programs, all too often families find it nearly impossible to break out of poverty. Many families work low-wage and low-skill jobs, yet still struggle to keep up with their needs.

The 2018 federal poverty level for a family of two—like a single parent with one child—is \$16,460. Sadly, many families are in this group of working poor. Though some individuals can work hard 40-hour weeks and 52-weeks a year, they still can be below the poverty line. For example, a person working 40-hours a week and 52-weeks a year at the federal minimum wage would earn \$15,080 a year. These positions almost never provide paid vacation or sick time and often not even federal holidays, and not all are lucky enough to have consistent full-time work throughout the 52-week year. In Congressional testimony last month, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce heard that this working poor represent 80% of people receiving government assistance.

Education as a means of economic opportunity to increase wages and gain better employment is one means of helping this demographic gain upward mobility.

On April 21, join the EPPN and presiding bishops of The Episcopal Church and ELCA as we Pray, Fast, and Act for economic opportunity initiatives.

PRAY for the working poor of our nation, that while they fight to keep their families housed, fed, and clothed that we may fight to provide them with educational opportunities.

Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

— *Book of Common Prayer – Collect For Labor Day*

FAST in solidarity with those who while they labor tirelessly still struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Help us remember that though they are working, they are unable to access education and training which would open greater opportunities to support themselves and their families.

ACT, by studying the one-pager on the connection between economic opportunity, education, and poverty (available here: <http://bit.ly/fsatapril>). Then, on the 21st of April, write Congress and demand robust federal funding for educational programs from early childhood to adult and trade schools.

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An EarthCare Trip to Yosemite May 10th-13th

Come with us on a very special trip for three nights to Yosemite National Park, where we will explore its scenic beauty and also our spiritual connection with nature. Joe Morris and Rev. Barry Turner, Co-leaders.

Full details on our website <http://www.stbenslososos.org/>

Cost of the trip is \$250 per person for the three nights lodging in tent cabins in Half Dome Village (plus \$30 Park entrance fee per car). **Reservation Deadline is April 26th** Apply early, as space is limited to 15 people. Info: contact Barry at 805-784-0670 or carltonba@gmail.com or Joe Morris, at 805-549-0355 or dpj1942@earthlink.net.

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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