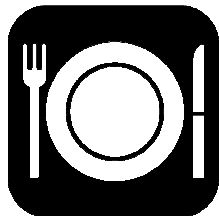


Benediction Weekly

May 6, 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.



St. Benedict's Serves *Dinner!*

Tomorrow night is our next turn hosting the Los Osos Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Great Room today!

And also note: our next turn serving at People's Kitchen in SLO will be June 2nd. You'll find the sign-up sheets for that in the Great Room, too.

Coming up at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

NO 8 am Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by
potluck lunch – *Visitors are welcome!*

Monday, May 7

5:00 pm - Community Dinner at TUMC

Tuesday, May 8

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper
7:30 pm – Readers' Theatre Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 9

2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 12

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill
5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:15 am – "Messy Church"
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, with music



Messy Church Starts Next Sunday

May 13 and 27 from 9:30-10:15 am

A brief and spirited Sunday morning worship program, designed with young children and busy families in mind. Featuring crafts and other hands-on activities as well as stories and prayer. With Pamela Bleisch and the Rev. Caro Hall. Twice monthly in the Great Room.

Ministry Training Sessions:

If you serve (or wish to serve) in any of these ministries, please speak with Caro+ if you cannot attend the class.

Eucharistic Ministers & Chalice Bearers Wednesdays, May 16 & 23 at 5pm

Two-part class for current and prospective Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers. Part 1- Theology (what & why) Part 2- Practice (when & how). Required for licensure every three years. Led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

Ushers & Greeters Sunday, May 27 at 12:15pm

Class for current and prospective Ushers and Greeters. Led by the Rev. Caro Hall.

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

April Income: \$13,328 April Income Budgeted: \$13,420 Difference: (\$ 92) shortfall
YTD Income: \$62,221 YTD Income Budgeted: \$53,680 Difference: \$ 8,541 surplus

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Gonzalez; Chalice Bearer: Bryson McKelvey;
Lectors: John Horsley & Janelle LaFond; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Steve Hirahara; Flowers: Sarah Chesebro;
Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Potluck Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Jeff Shuman
Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Steve Cake; Prayer Team Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez; Music Director: John Cribb

Thank you for your service!



**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*,
Michael Lucas, *Jr. Warden*,
Lisa Gonzalez, *Treasurer*,
Diana Hammerlund,
Esta Kandarian,
Alan Kiste,
Francis Rivinus,
Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk,
Lynn Wise

Register online for May 19 Diocesan Spring Conference

Story, narrative and myth in Christian faith will headline the "**Beloved Community StorySharing Campaign**," this year's diocesan spring conference on Saturday, May 19. Taking place at St. Paul's Salinas, the interactive conference will be held from 10 am to 3 pm, with a gathering at 9:30 am for refreshments. Cost is \$20 and lunch is included. Visit the event page to register online: <https://www.realepiscopal.org/event/diocesan-spring-conference-2018-beloved-community-storysharing/>

The Beloved Community StorySharing Campaign is a project conceived to support the Presiding Bishop's Beloved Community Commitments. This learning day is an interactive workshop with two parts. We'll learn about story, narrative, and myth and how they function in our faith, then we'll consider what stories, narratives, jokes, and tropes say about who we are and how we understand God in our Church. In part two, we'll engage our spiritual imaginations and learn how storytelling can redefine evangelism and facilitate racial reconciliation. We will tell our stories and listen to others' stories looking for the glory of God.

Come share, learn, and be inspired by the way our stories build community and speak of God's goodness. Email Mary Beth Powell at marybeth@realepiscopal.org with questions.



The Rev. Matt Conrad is retiring as rector of St. Luke's Atascadero, where he has served since 1984.

The SLO Deanery will be having a Celebration of Ministry service for him here at St. Benedict's on Sunday, June 17 at 3pm, with the Bishop officiating. Plans are still being finalized for the service, but it is expected that each congregation will be asked to contribute a plate of savory goodies and a plate of sweet ones for the reception afterwards.

Two New Hollister Institute Classes Starting

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith

Five Thursdays at 7pm, starting May 17

This study, based on the book by Marcus Borg, is an opportunity to re-think the basic tenets of our Christian faith together. Borg brings a fresh look to traditional ideas. Borg emphasizes the transformational aspect of Christianity by examining the "emerging paradigm" that is gradually replacing the belief-centered paradigm of the last several hundred years. The new paradigm, Borg writes, is about loving God and loving what God loves, rather than rigidly adhering to a specific set of beliefs. That's not new to most of us here at St. Ben's but this is an opportunity to think together about our faith and how we understand and articulate it in new ways. I hope that you will consider joining me as we "tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love" together in a new way. This class also serves as preparation for confirmation, reception or renewal of vows. Caro+

Creation and the Cross

Six Tuesdays at 10am, starting June 12

This will be a study of feminist theologian Elizabeth Johnson's latest book, Creation and the Cross. Written as a dialogue between Johnson and a student this tackles some of the same things that we have discussed recently about the difficulty of continuing to believe substitutionary atonement.

Starting from a text in Isaiah, Johnson argues that the plan of God is not so much about the individual sin or salvation of each person but about the redemption of the whole planet.

This will be an exciting conversation picking up where other discussions have left off. Please join us as we explore the frontiers of redemption together, daring to go where no others have ever gone.

Led by the Rev. Caro Hall

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. 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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