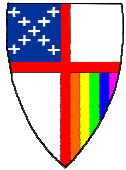


Benediction Weekly

July 8, 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.



22nd Annual Central Coast Pride in the Plaza

The Episcopal churches in the San Luis Obispo Deanery are again hosting an information booth at Pride in the Plaza today, beginning at noon. Hosted by local diva Rosé Aldé, GALA presents the afternoon featuring fantastic music and live performances. The live entertainment begins at 1:30pm. Details at <https://www.slopride.com/>

Coming up at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – “Messy Church” children’s program
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12 - 5 pm – SLO Deanery at Pride in the Plaza

Tuesday, July 10

- 10:00 am – Hollister Inst: “Creation and the Cross”
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, July 11

- 2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting
- 5:15 pm – Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Thursday, July 12

- 9:30 am – Nurturing Your Baby support group

Saturday, July 14

- 9:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill
- 5:30 pm – Evening Eucharist, followed by supper

Sunday, July 15

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting



Welcome to the Episcopal Church!

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or would like a refresher course, Caro+ is offering an introductory course based on the short book, *A People Called Episcopalians: A Brief Introduction to Our Peculiar Way of Life* by John Westerhoff. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:45pm, starting July 11 and ending August 1.

The topics will be:

- July 11: Identity
- July 18: Authority
- July 25: Spirituality and Temperament
- August 1: Polity

Pre-registration is required. Please let Caro+ know if you plan to participate and if you need childcare to do so.



Breakfast

Saturday
930 am
Sea Pines
Grill



Messy Church today – 9:30 a.m.

An informal worship service for busy families with young children, featuring crafts, stories, songs, and prayer is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Led by Pamela Bleisch and Caro Hall+.

Saturday
Eucharist
5:30 pm



Giving in June – St. Ben’s General Operating Fund -- Thank you!

June Income: \$ 7,781	June Income Budgeted: \$13,420	Difference: (\$ 5,639) shortfall
YTD Income: \$77,027	YTD Income Budgeted: \$80,520	Difference: (\$ 3,493) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Lorianne Schwenk & Lisa Gonzalez;
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Judy Schloss; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Ann Kanter;
Flowers: Lisa Gonzalez; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Coffee Hour Hosts: Barbara Schippers;
Prayer Team Member: Judy Schloss; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Judith Cadigan;
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

COMMUNITY DINNER – Providing and serving food at Trinity UMC, on 1st Monday of odd-numbered months in conjunction with Los Osos Cares.

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 –Varying programs of stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

LAUNDRY LOVE - 5-9pm on 4th Wednesdays at Osos Clean Laundry, helping low-income families with funds, soap, and friendly assistance.

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

MESSY CHURCH - Sunday morning worship geared towards young children and busy families. Twice monthly in the Great Room

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 2nd Saturdays at 5:30pm, followed by potluck supper.

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

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, Alan Kiste,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Lorienne Schwenk

For Such a Time As This: Safety Net Sustainability

The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America continue our united call to PRAY, FAST, and ACT in support of programs that provide for necessary care for all people. Both Churches have in place such programs, but often these programs are designed to meet shortfalls in federal and state assistance.

This month we focus on safety net medical and retirement programs. The United States has a strong tradition of communities working together to care for the less fortunate. Since the time of the Revolution, Europeans such as Tocqueville noted that our ability to form associations and groups to address common problems differentiated Americans from other people. The federal government represents the largest such association formed for the improvement and betterment of our society. Towards that end, we have instituted Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security so that the poor, elderly, disabled, and people caught in economic conditions they can't control will have a back stop for their health and wellbeing. In recent decades, as investments in programs that spur the economic potential of individuals has declined, the number of people needing these backstops has grown.

On July 21, please join the EPPN, ELCA Advocacy, and the Presiding Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church as we #PrayFastAct.

PRAY for all those who rely on our nation's common Christian charity to receive medical care or retirement.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

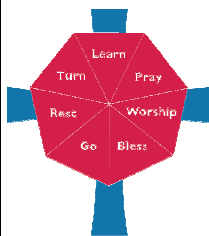
~ Book of Common Prayer: Prayer for the Poor and the Neglected

FAST to remember those who are unable to access these programs and the many who would be hungry and hurting if they were to lose the bit of help these programs provide. Share on social media using #PrayFastAct. On the 21st, post a picture of a dinner place setting with the reason you are fasting this month.

ACT by urging our elected leaders to support policy solutions that address the long-term sustainability of these programs not by block granting funding or manipulating eligibility, but by investing in our fellow citizens so that in the long-term, fewer people need a helping hand.

Learn more from the Episcopal Public Policy Network at advocacy.episcopalchurch.org

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In his sermon during the Opening Eucharist of 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, taking place now through July 13 in Austin, Texas, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry formally invited the whole church to take up *the Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life* --- a churchwide initiative of spiritual disciplines and resources for individuals and communities following the Way of Jesus.

Read more about the Way of Love at wayoflove@episcopalchurch.org

Keeping in Touch during the Week. Contact any of the clergy for counsel & spiritual care:

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