

Benediction Weekly

August 19, 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.

Jazz Concert this Saturday!



Julie Kelly with the Real Time Jazz Band

August 25th - 3pm \$27 per person

Tickets at: <http://www.stbenslososos.org/jazz/>

at the Abundance Shop or Boo Boo Records or at the door.

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 with music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 21

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

Wednesday, Aug 22

- 6:00 pm – Grief support group
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 23

- 9:30 am – Nurturing Your Baby support group

Saturday, Aug 25

- 3:00 pm – ~~Annual Jazz Concert~~

Sunday, Aug 26

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 9:30 am – “Messy Church” family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

Today We Welcome the Rev. Merritt Greenwood as guest preacher, and Alan Bohemer as guest organist. Thank you both for joining us this morning!

Parish Council Meets Today following coffee hour. The monthly meeting is open to all interested parishioners, who are always welcome to attend.

A Grief Support Group has begun meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm in the classroom. Please contact Berkeley Johnson for more information: berkeley.johnson@gmail.com

Overnight Parking Community Meeting 6pm Tuesday, August 28, at Sea Pines Golf Resort. An open community forum, sponsored by Los Osos Cares and St. Ben's EarthCare, will meet to discuss an Authorized Overnight Parking program for Los Osos.

New Adult Education Class

Prophet and Mystic of Creation: Thomas Merton

You are invited to enter a profound and personal contemplative experience with Thomas Merton in this 6-week conversation. Together we will explore the significance of Creation for Merton's own experience of God. We will discover his intimate rapport with creation as the body of divinity – at once veiling and unveiling the God he so longed to behold and be held by.

Each week we will watch a 30 minute video presentation by gifted professor, author, psalmist, and spiritual animator, Sister Kathleen Deignan CND. Weaving together word and song, Sr. Deignan will lead us steadily closer to the horizon of insight Merton spent his life trying to disclose. Whatever your familiarity with the teaching of Thomas Merton, this fresh look at him as creation mystic and ecological prophet will engage you anew.

Sessions start on Thursday August 30 and run for six weeks. You may participate in a group at 10am led by Barry+ or at 7:30pm led by Caro+. Each session will last about 1¼ hours. See our website for details.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Merritt Greenwood; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas;
Chalice Bearer: Stef Shuman; Lector: Tom Pickering; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Ron Thompson;
Greeter: Michelle Frazier; Flowers: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Diana Hammerlund; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Judith Cadigan;
Prayer Team Member: Laura Thompson; Guest Organist: Alan Boehmer **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. 2nd & 4th Sundays 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, Lynn Wise

For Such a Time As This: Higher Education



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.

This month we focus on programs that support higher education and learning. The U.S. economy and way of life depend on the education system to provide opportunities for a prosperous future. Education is a pathway to significantly increase an individual's or family's access to a stable income, better wellbeing, and long-term financial security. According to the U.S. Department of Education, college graduates with a bachelor's degree will earn 66 percent more than individuals with only high school diplomas.

Each fiscal year Congress must reauthorize current higher education legislation or introduce new legislation. They introduced H.R. 4508, the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform (PROSPER) Act on December 1, 2017. While the bill seeks to make higher education more affordable by eliminating loan origination fees and offering \$300 more in Pell grants, these benefits are outweighed by other provisions which end up *costing students more* by cutting other government funding.

On August 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 alongside those who look to the education system to provide opportunities for a more prosperous future.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Book of Common Prayer: Collect for Education

FAST in solidarity with all who struggle to gain the education and skills needed to live and thrive in the abundance of our world, particularly those who must choose between education and immediate financial requirements. 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 lawmakers to support strong funding for our current higher education programs and oppose efforts like the PROSPER Act that threaten the affordability of higher education for students.

Prepare for action by reading the August Advocacy Resource at <https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/ForSuchaTimeasThis?0>

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

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