

Benediction Weekly

April 21, 2019

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.



This Week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Children's Chapel
- 10:30 am – Festival Eucharist

Monday, April 22 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, April 23

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, April 24

- 4:15 pm – Education for Ministry
- 5:00 pm – Laundry Love at Osos Clean Laundry
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal at TUMC

Saturday, April 27

- 3:00 pm – Central Coast Readers' Theatre:
"Someone's) A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Sunday, April 28

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

Rector's Vacation: April 22 to May 3

Contact wardens Pamela Bleisch & Michael Lucas for church business, any of the clergy for spiritual counsel, or Celeste Pennington for pastoral care needs.

Laundry Love -- Wednesday April 24th 5-9pm

Sign up to help out at our monthly ministry of providing free laundry service for low- to no-income Los Osos residents at the Osos Clean Laundry on 9th Street.

Central Coast Reader's Theater Presents: (Someone's) A Midsummer Night's Dream Saturday, April 27 at 3:00 pm

Shakespeare's most sylvan romance undergoes a change as this time it is not Titania who is enchanted and it is not Bottom who experiences a dream he cannot explain. This time the village women take the stage to entertain at the marriage feast. This time the flowery bower, the bosky dell and the vernal meadow are conjured up at St. Benedict's and it is the Central Coast Readers' Theatre working the rustic magic. The show is produced by St. Ben's Music Director John Cribb and arranged and directed by Dr. Jonniepat Mobley. Suggested donation: \$10 at the door.

Hollister Institute Presents:

First Saturday Series: *The Gospel through Drama* Saturday, May 4 at 9:30am

Using drama enables us to experience the Biblical narrative in a deeper way and to discover new perspectives and insights. Join us for a morning of co-creative exploration. Group members will be invited to take roles in a spontaneous enactment of a story from the Gospel. The focus is not on performance but on exploration of the characters and message of the story recreated in the here and now. After the enactment group members will have an opportunity to share their reflections on the roles they played and how this experience connects to their lives.

The Hollister Institute invites you to participate in a meeting on Wednesday, May 8 from 2:30-4:00pm to review the original purpose and history of The Hollister Institute. We also want to consider ways to continue forward in a sustainable manner. Share with us what you have valued about the Hollister Institute! Everyone is invited to attend. If you are unable to make the meeting and have ideas and considerations to share, please email office@stbenslosos.org or contact Caro+ prior to May 8. *Thank you!*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Subdeacon: Jim Arnold;
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lucas & Lisa Gonzalez; Lectors: Brian Spolarich & Bob Pelfrey;
Ushers: Connie Weldon & Ron Thompson; Greeters: Laura Thompson, *pre*, & Lisa Gonzalez, *post*;
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Maureen Titus, Diana Hammerlund & Pat Stoneman;
Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judy Schloss; 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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Sundays during the 10:30 service.

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

EARTHCARE – 2nd Weds 2:30 pm. Discussion/action group seeking local solutions to environmental concerns.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Budget Café, 3121 S. Higuera SLO

MESSY CHURCH - Sunday morning family worship geared towards young children and busy families. 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Great Room at 9:30.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving lunch 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,
Lorienne Schwenk, Deb Garza,
Lynn Wise, Steve Hirahara, Jane Wu.

Pledge to Care for Creation

For Earth Day, consider joining other Episcopalians across the country in taking a pledge to care for Creation (www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-pledge).



Episcopalians and our friends are transforming our concern for the environment into a concrete Pledge for the Care of Creation.

If you take up the pledge, you are doing more than adding your signature to a petition.

There are three sections of the pledge:

- That we may be Loving. . .
- That we may be Liberating. . .
- That we may be Life-Giving. . .

As we pledge, we each name and take up a set of concrete commitments specific to our own lives and callings. You may need to do some reflection and personal decision-making about how God is calling you to be more loving, more liberating and more life-giving in your relationship to the whole of creation. A reflection guide is available here:

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/creation_care_pledge_reflection_guide_final.pdf

The good news is, we're not alone in this commitment. Even as we struggle to care for life around us, Paul reminds us in Romans that all of creation has joined in the struggle. God has given us the work of redemption and liberation, work that takes time, patience, diligence, and perseverance. It is work that includes making changes in personal habits, living simply, being humble, and taking up less space. But we do it not only for ourselves or by ourselves. We do it knowing we are knit together with all that God has created – all reaching for the fullness of God together

Greening Los Osos

"Time spent among trees is never time wasted." ~Katrina Mayer

Celebrate Earth Day 2019 and learn how to plant a tree at the Sea Pines Golf Resort in Los Osos, in conjunction with Barefoot Concerts on the Green with featured performer the Damon Castillo band on **Saturday, April 27th** from 2:00-5:00PM. This inaugural event is sponsored by Greening Los Osos



whose mission is to preserve, maintain and expand the local tree population. The newly formed group has an ambitious plan to spread awareness of the beneficial impact trees have on the environment including improved water quality, reduction of soil erosion, recharging of the groundwater supply and release of oxygen. Contact greeninglososos@gmail.com for more information.

Save the date for September conference - Stewardship of Creation at a Time of Climate Change

According to author and activist Bill McKibben, climate change is an opportunity for which the church was born. A one-day conference on **Saturday, September 14** at St. Paul's Salinas will explore ways that we can live into this opportunity. Participants will receive information on the latest scientific understandings of the causes and effects of global warming, will explore how caring for the Earth is an integral part of living as the Jesus Movement, and will leave with practical tools to put their care into action. Together, we can do more as a body than any of us can do alone. More information will be available soon.

Organized by Earthcare of St. Benedict's, Los Osos, and sponsored by the Partnership Commission.

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

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall (805)704-5826; The Rev. Barry Turner (805)784-0670; The Rev. Faye Hogan (805)541-4595; or The Rev. Susan Plucker (530)263-8540. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer requests: (805)771-8974

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