

Benediction Weekly

August 11, 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.



Bunco Benefit for Los Osos Cares' Womenade

This Friday, 5:30–8:30pm at SBCC

See Caro+ to join a St Ben's bunco table – or *buncoships* are available!

This Week 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 family worship
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music

Monday, Aug 12 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Aug 13

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Aug 14

- 4:15 pm – Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Aug 16

- 5:30 pm – Bunco Benefit for Womenade at SBCC

Sunday, Aug 18

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible study
- 10:30 am – Children's Chapel
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

September Services

Bishop Mary will be making her final official visit to St. Benedict's on Sunday, September 29th. (Those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should speak with Caro+.)

In September we are shifting our **Healing Service**, which would normally be held on the fifth Sunday, to Sunday September 1st, so that it will not conflict with the Bishop's visit.

Then we will begin our **Season of Creation** series with special themed liturgies and sermons at the 10:30 service. And in October we will honor St. Francis of Assisi.

- Sept 1 – Healing Service
- Sept 8 – Ocean Sunday
- Sept 15 – Fauna Sunday
- Sept 22 – Storm Sunday
- Sept 29 – Cosmos Sunday & Bishop's Visit
- Oct 6 – St Francis Day Observed

Open Conversations

Are there things you're curious about - questions you've always wanted to ask but not had the opportunity? Open Conversations is the place to go. Each month, this new informal gathering will focus on a topic that relates to what it means to be part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal tradition, and specifically how we understand and live it out at St. Ben's. Whether you are new or have been here for as long as anyone can remember, this will be a great conversation about who we are and why we do the things that we do. This month on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:15pm we'll talk about why we do what we do on Sunday mornings. Next month, on September 17, we'll discuss what we understand about the Bible. Most months, Caro+ will lead the conversation but she won't be the only one talking. We'll meet at 7:15 after the pot-luck which starts about 6:15 after vespers which starts at 5:30. You can come just for the Open Conversation, come for dinner first or make an evening of it!



Updated Church Directories are now available near the ushers' station, or on the Members Only section of our website. Contact Laura in the church office if you don't know how to access that.

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

- Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Schwenk & Sarah Chesebro;
- Lectors: Judith Cadigan & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Steve Hirahara & Jerry Walton;
- Greeter: Carol Brubaker Walton; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman;
- Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Barbara Schippers; Intercessor: Louisa Beeler;
- Tellers: Judy Schloss & Diana Hammerlund; 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 Thursday 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 last Wednesdays.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Budget Cafe, 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.

Open Information Meeting August 25 - - -

Have you been missing the Hollister Institute?

Do you wonder what it is? Do you know where the name came from? (hint: check out the peak to the north)



Some of us have been meeting and discussing reinventing it.

We need you to join us (and yes, it doesn't matter if you don't know what the Hollister Institute is – we'll tell you about the history and our ideas and want to listen to yours)

- Hollister is and has been an outreach program of St. Benedict's to invite members and non-members to participate in programs and community with others who want to explore philosophy, religion, spirituality and ethics. Previous topics have included "Mystics, Martyrs & Mothers", "Does God Play Dice", "A Rabbi thinks of God" – and many, many others.
- Hollister is intended to be different from our in-house adult formation programs.
- We want to re-invent it to once again provide a focus on the outreach function as well as the community aspect
- We've posited a core group of people to engage facilitators/ presenters for programs and enlist others (a sub-group?) to provide logistical support.
- We envision 3-4 program cycles a year with each being 4 – 6 units long.
- We need:
 - Ideas that your non-St Bens friends and neighbors would like (and are feasible)
 - Ideas on how to provide logistical support so that presenters and facilitators don't have to "sweat the small stuff"
 - Ideas on other groups we could team with and how to contact them
 - Support on how to winnow a huge raft of ideas (from above) into workable programs

SO... meet with us on August 25 at 12:30 and let's get at it!

Bishop Mary's Celebration

Hosted by the San Luis Obispo Deanery

Friday, October 11th 6pm – 9pm at King David's Masonic Lodge, SLO

Limited Seats Available. RSVP by September 15 to John Cribb: johncribb@realtor.com (805) 235-6204. Tickets will be given for each reservation at no cost.

This event is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please make donations payable to St. Benedict's with the notation: "Bishop's Celebration"

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

Jul Income: \$ 24,353	Jul Income Budgeted: \$ 14,156	Difference: \$ 10,197 surplus
YTD Income: \$108,197	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 99,091	Difference: \$ 9,454 surplus

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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. Susan Plucker (530)263-8540

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer requests: (805)771-8974

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