

'Hurrah' to four who have earned our praise

Years of double-duty days and long nights—working, waiting, traveling, more time with computer and books than with family—have been rewarded for four members of the diocesan family who attained major goals at graduation ceremonies in May. We applaud

Carolyn Woodall, Eldon "Andy" Anderson, Randy Knutson, and Stephen Bentley.

Two meaningful graduation ceremonies

By William O. Woolley, St. Anne's, Stockton

TWO GRADUATIONS HELD in May 2011 included graduates from the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.

The first was held on May 15 at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Steve Bentley of St. Anne's Church in Stockton and Carolyn Woodall of St. Mary in the Mountains, Sonora, received the Certificate of Diaconal Studies from the School for Deacons. They were the first two graduates of the School for Deacons from the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin in 25 years.

The second graduation was held on May 20 at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. Eldon (Andy) Anderson of St. Anne's, Stockton, and Randy Knutson of St. John's, Lodi, each received the degree of Master of Divinity.

Brief biographies of the four graduates are on page C.

The view from Riverbank

By the Rev. Glenn Kanestrom

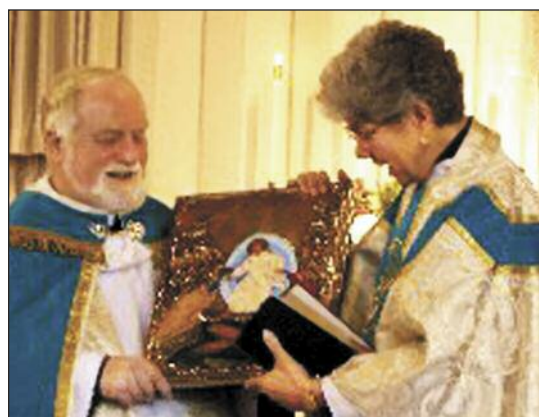
JANE AND I had the great pleasure of attending the graduation of the class of 2011 for the School for Deacons in Berkeley. It was a wonderful affair; there were nine graduates in the class from around Northern California, including two from our diocese—Steve Bentley and Carolyn Woodall.

After Steve and Carolyn were presented their diplomas, the dean of the School for Deacons made special mention that these were the first to graduate from our diocese in something like 25 years. After he said this, they (and we) were treated to a standing ovation. I felt very proud for Steve and Carolyn, and very proud to be a part of this diocese. We have been through a lot and we are still catching up with the rest of the Episcopal Church. But we are also leaders, able to show the rest of the Church how to remain faithful in the midst of adversity.

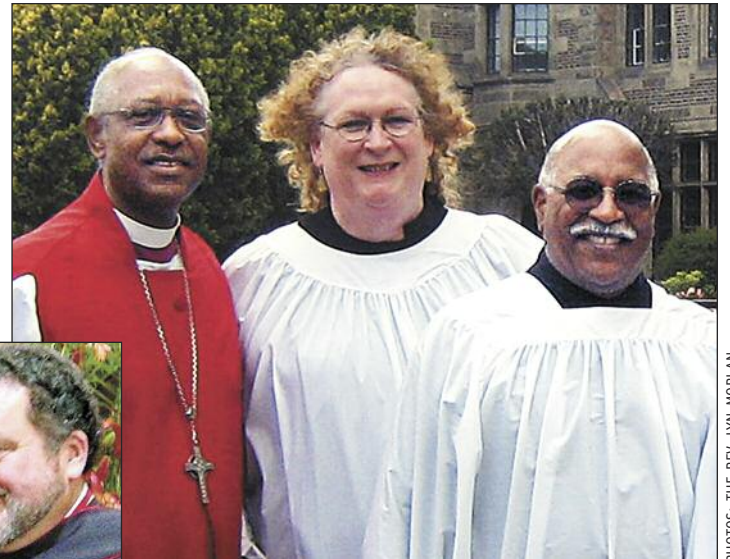
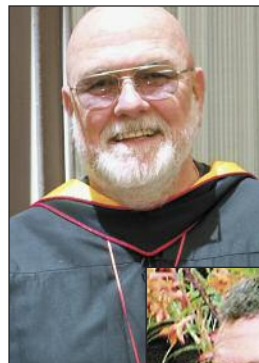
So be proud, be aware that we are highly thought of throughout the church... and be faithful in gratitude to God for all that we have accomplished... and how far we've come.

Diocese welcomes Canon Kate

THE REV. CANON Kathleen Cullinane has been called by the Rt. Rev. Chet Talton to serve the diocese as our canon to the ordinary. Canon Kate most recently served in the **To Page D**



Canon Kate Cullinane paid an official visit to St. Matthew's, San Andreas, on June 5. The Rev. John Shumaker presented her with an icon of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Top left: Andy Anderson; Left: Randy Knutson; Above: The Rt. Rev. Chet Talton, bishop of San Joaquin, with Carolyn Woodall and Steve Bentley at School for Deacons graduation.

PHOTOS: THE REV. LYN MORLAN

Grace fetes grads and recently-adopting families

By the Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian, Vicar, Grace Bakersfield

AT ITS WELL-attended first annual end-of-the-school-year barbecue and potluck after church on June 5, Grace Episcopal Church in Bakersfield celebrated the high school graduation of two of its parishioners: David Deleersnyder and David Vivian. David Deleersnyder will join the Navy in the fall while David Vivian will be attending UC Santa Cruz and playing goalie on the school's soccer team. Both Davids have served as acolytes at Grace; David Deleersnyder has also been thurifer and gave a "What Grace Means to Me" talk during the stewardship campaign one year, while David Vivian has often played

guitar and bass guitar during services.

At the same event, Grace honored two of its families that have recently had adoptions finalized: Alyssa Antongiovanni has adopted Lucca and Landon, and Richard McGuire has adopted his wife DJ's two children, Ashleigh and Rowen. For a relatively small parish (140 members), in addition to Alyssa and the McGuires, Grace has a large number of adoptive parents: Stephanie and Ron Antongiovanni, John and Linda Eviston, Diane Mangum, Cindy and Rosie Sosa, Eric and Susan Barle, and Lori Toia and Arcie Aldapa. Our loving adopting parents incarnate the following prayer from "A Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child" service from the Book of Common Prayer: "O

God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself."



PHOTO: PHILIP HOLT

Top: The Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian presents graduates David Deleersnyder (far left) and David Vivian (near left) with Bibles. Right: Alyssa Antongiovanni holds Landon, left, and Lucca, right.



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to Grace, Bakersfield, for another generous gift to *Episcopal Life San Joaquin*. Not only does Grace offer financial help to our diocesan newspaper but as a busy congregation of active people it also sends an abundance of stories and photographs. We appreciate all the support from Grace and welcome similar support from all the other congregations of San Joaquin.

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Diocese welcomes Canon Kate

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Diocese of Indianapolis and before that in the Diocese of Los Angeles. During her 31 years of professional ministry within the church and 21 years of ordained ministry she has been the executive director of a not-for-profit refugee resettlement agency, assistant rector, missionary in Uganda, rector, and hospice and hospital chaplain as well as canon and associate dean of a cathedral.



The Rev. Canon Kathleen Cullinane

In her position as canon to the ordinary she will serve as lead member of our diocesan staff, facilitate clergy support groups, be a resource for congregational development and assist aided parishes and missions. As assistant to the bishop she will be offering counsel and support to Bishop Talton and assisting with administration and management of the diocese. She also will serve as transitional and vocational/ordination officer for the diocese as well as maintaining a regular schedule of Sunday visitations to complement the bishop's calendar.

Canon Kate was raised as a Roman Catholic and following college at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles she entered a religious order. It was there that she discerned that her call from God was to become a priest rather than religious life so she left the order to explore the possibility of priesthood within the Episcopal Church. Her time in seminary was spent at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, where she earned both an M.Div. and an S.T.M (master of sacred theology). During her seminary years she also spent a year in Uganda as a missionary working in campus ministry at Makerere

University and coordinating university students and seminarians to provide AIDS education for local high schools and training schools.

Following seminary Canon Kate was called to serve as assistant and then rector of St. Mary's in Los Angeles. St. Mary's began as a mission to Japanese immigrants in 1907. During Canon Kate's time with St. Mary's the congregation became much more

multi-cultural and the second largest ethnic group after Japanese-Americans became Belizeans of Afro-Caribbean descent. Canon Cullinane was then called by the dean of the cathedral in Indianapolis to serve as the canon missionary and associate dean where she took lead responsibility for personnel, administration and management as well as outreach, liturgy and international mission projects.

Canon Cullinane reports, "I am very excited to be able to come back home to California and to be part of the re-building of the Diocese of San Joaquin. I am also thrilled to be working once again with Bishop Talton. As I was preparing to move to Modesto I discovered an old photo album with a picture of my installation as rector of St. Mary's by Bishop Talton. It was kind of fun to discover a picture of the two of us together, both twenty years younger than we are today."

Canon Kate enjoys travel, gardening, cooking and entertaining for friends. Having attended cooking school in both Thailand and Bali, she says one of her personal hopes for the future is to attend cooking school in both Italy and India. □

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Challenge to the diocese

THE HEADLINE ON the Episcopal Church website reads, "The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti—the Largest Diocese in the Episcopal Church—is in ruins." While the people of Haiti struggle to rebuild their nation, Episcopalians are uniting to rebuild our church in Haiti. When the earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, it effectively leveled the most populous diocese of the Episcopal Church. Seventy percent of church buildings were considered a total loss. Diocesan-run schools, clinics, and hospitals that served over 100,000 Episcopalians, as well as countless community members, were wiped out in thirty-five seconds."

The Diocese of Haiti provides many services to the people of Haiti—health care through their hospitals and clinics, education and culture through their schools and care for the indigent elderly. The Episcopal Church has been essential to the relief effort in the aftermath of the earthquake which claimed over three thousand lives

The Bishop of Haiti, Jean Duracin, has asked for help and the Episcopal Church has responded by putting forth an appeal for money to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince which was completely destroyed by the earthquake. "Home of the famous murals that depicted the Biblical narrative, the cathedral was a beacon in a land where strength of faith is inversely proportional to economic development. As the site of Holy Trinity Music School, the Cathedral trained a touring choir and the nation's only symphony orchestra, providing both cultural development and income. Holy Trinity Professional School and the primary and secondary schools, also located on the cathedral grounds, all raised up future leaders..."

The appeal is to rebuild all of this. Every diocese and congregation has been asked to join in this effort. Holy Family Church in Fresno has already signed on to the project by raising money to help rebuild the cathedral "Brick by Brick." \$10.00 buys one brick. I want to challenge our diocese to

join this effort to rebuild the cathedral in Haiti. Let us all join Holy Family Church and raise money "Brick by Brick" to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral as individuals, and congregations, and as a diocese. Go to the website of the Episcopal Church to learn more about this. www.episcopalchurch.org. Your donations may be made by check and mailed to Holy Trinity Cathedral Fund, c/o Episcopal Church Foundation, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Beyond my challenge that we help rebuild the cathedral in Haiti, I hope that we as a diocese will partner with the Diocese of Haiti, that the Diocese of San Joaquin will partner with congregations in the Diocese of Haiti and that schools here will partner with schools there. We here have some things in common with the church in Haiti. We too have been left suddenly without churches in which to worship just as they have been. Here it is because of the separation in the diocese, there 70 percent of the churches were destroyed by the earthquake. Many of us here have to set up for worship and take down after worship because we are worshipping in borrowed spaces. In Haiti, once again because of the earthquake, worship space is borrowed or is out of doors. Their suffering has been physical, emotional and psychological. Ours has been emotional and psychological. We also share with the Diocese of Haiti the determination to rebuild and recover our churches and diocese.

I challenge us, the Diocese of San Joaquin, to be with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, joining our strength with theirs, our determination with theirs, our faith with their faith, and our spirits with their spirits. I pray this will be a subject for discussion at our deaneries and at our convention.

† Chet Talton

Quotations are from the website of the Episcopal Church.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor praises women's retreat

ATTENDING THE EPISCOPAL women's retreat in May, I was again reminded of the wisdom, beauty, and humanity that resides in a community of women of faith, especially under the guidance of a spiritual leader forged in the fires of the living like Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. In our exploration together of what forgiveness is and is not, we found ourselves led closer to ground zero—toward the nature of Resurrection, the Kingdom of God, God's movement in us

and in the world, and what it is to walk with and in Christ. The miracle that emerged was that we are living right now with a unique opportunity within our Church and as Christians to build a community of faith that is rooted in the truth at ground zero, without distractions, where forgiveness lives with injury, joy with pain, where freedom emerges from bondage, where the energy of our faith moves out into the universe to do God's work, where

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Bishop Talton's Calendar

July 10 Bishop Visitation, St. Mary in the Mountains, Sonora
July 17 Bishop Visitation, St. Brigid's, Bakersfield
July 31 Bishop Visitation, St. Clare of Assisi, Avery

Canon Cullinane's Calendar

June 19 St. Nicholas, Atwater/Merced
July 10 St. Paul's, Visalia
July 17 Grace, Bakersfield
July 24 St. Andrew's, Taft
July 31 St. Anne's, Stockton

Labor Day weekend conference offers learning and fellowship

A GATHERING OF people from the churches of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin will take place at ECCO, the conference center near Oakhurst, September 2, 3 and 4, 2011.

Musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar guild members, artists, and other lay ministers will learn

new skills in small group workshops and share their expertise with others.

If you have an interest in leading or attending a particular workshop, please contact the diocesan office, 209-576-0104 or emeyer@diosanjoaquin.org.

Plan now to be there and share in the fun. □

GRADUATES' BIOGRAPHIES



Eldon W. Anderson

ON TRACK TO become a priest, Eldon W. Anderson, better known as Andy, received the master of divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific on May 20, 2011.

Andy's journey has taken him from a childhood in Nebraska, a bachelor's degree in education from Chadron State University in Nebraska, four years of service in the Marine Corps, most of that time in Japan, two years in the Marine Reserves (honorably discharged as a staff sergeant), and a 35-year teaching career in Nebraska, Nevada, Missouri, and California. He married his wife, Karen, also a teacher, in Toyko in 1969. Both of them were confirmed in the Episcopal Church in Nebraska in 1976.

Andy and Karen are the parents of two grown sons, Parley and Kevin. Their household includes a rescued dog, two rescued kittens and "an obscene amount" of football, baseball, basketball, and hockey trading cards and memorabilia. They are members of St. Anne's, Stockton. Andy assisted at Christ the King in Riverbank as part of his seminary training.

the church.

He and his wife, Robin, who is organist at St. John's, have two children, Annika, 23, and Jonas, 20.



Carolyn Woodall

CAROLYN LOUISE WOODALL, bishop's warden at St. Mary in the

Mountains, Sonora, and chair of the diocesan Commission on Equality, is in the ordination process for the diaconate. She had been a postulant for the diaconate and attended the School for Deacons in 1993, also participating in the education program for deacons in formation which existed at that time. Accordingly, she took a shortened program at the School of Deacons for purposes of formation and to take classes she had not previously had an opportunity to take.

Carolyn is a deputy to General Convention and has served on Diocesan Council.

She is an attorney, admitted to the bar in 1987, and works as a deputy public defender in Tuolumne County.

She has two children, Shawna, age 26, and Lauren, age 19. She also has four cats of varying ages. □



Stephen Bentley

STEVE IS A cartoonist/illustrator with Creators Syndicate and the creator of the daily "Herb and Jamaal" comic strip.

He is an active member of St. Anne's, Stockton, where he has served as youth minister, altar guild director, sacristan, and Eucharistic minister and visitor. He also has provided transportation for elderly parishioners, has been trained as a Stephen Minister, and has participated in Education for Ministry. He was a staff member of Junior Music Camp at Camp San Joaquin and has worked on fundraisers for St. Anne's, including being on the first design team of Pub Night.

Steve is going with our diocesan delegation to Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) as adult leader. The event is being held in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 22-26.

Steve has assisted at Christ the King in Riverbank during the past year as part of his seminary work. He was the illustrator for *On the Road Again*, a book written by the Rev. Canon Keith Brown in 2001.



Randy Knutson

RANDY KNUTSON HAS felt the call to ministry for many years, serving in liturgical churches in the Central Valley since 1984.

He started serving at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Lodi as the music director in 2000. A desire to know about the greater Episcopal Church and to study liturgy with Louis Weil at Church Divinity School of the Pacific caused him to enroll in one class in the fall of 2006. He was encouraged in his studies there by his parish, interim leadership, and finally Bishop Jerry Lamb in 2009.

With the completion of the master of divinity degree from CDSP, Randy hopes to pursue ordination or use his skills to further the spiritual and liturgical life of

Madeline Franklin awarded Richard Kregel memorial scholarship

By Carol Bower Foote

ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lodi, the newly established Richard Kregel memorial scholarship was awarded by the Rev. Harold Clinehens to Madeline Franklin of Tokay High School.

Richard Kregel is a beloved member of St. John's parish who died in August 2010. His family says, "For those who knew Richard, he will always be remembered as the best listener on earth. When you were in his presence, it almost felt like time was standing still. He was a man of great faith; his life was marked by devotion to family, an unyielding work ethic, and deep concern for the welfare of others." Born in 1935, Richard was the first in his family to go to college.

This merit-based scholarship for \$1,000 is awarded to a high school senior who plans to start a program of higher education within a year. As described by the Kregel family, "This scholarship is awarded to an individual who values the



PHOTO: CAROL BOWER FOOTE

The Rev. Harold Clinehens presents the scholarship award to graduating senior Madeline Franklin of Tokay High School.

power of listening. Being a successful student and change-maker requires a keen ability to listen and ask questions." □

Deaneries Corner

IN THE DIOCESE WITH THREE CORNERS

Southern Deanery

By Susan Read

THE SOUTHERN DEANERY met on June 11 in Ridgecrest, hosted by All Souls' Episcopal Church. Bishop Chet Talton, his wife, April, their Yorkshire terrier, Buddy, and Canon Kate Gullinane were special guests.

Each congregation in the deanery had at least one representative at the meeting, which was rich with discussion and constructive ideas. The group focused on two overarching areas, Church Growth & Mission and Communications, each with several actions to pursue.

One proposal came alive when Lucy Lynch of Grace Episcopal Church, Bakersfield, volunteered to chair a campaign to collect pennies for the re-construction of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Haiti. "Seventy percent of Haiti's churches were lost in the devastating earthquake in January," Bishop Chet Talton reported. "You know what it's like to lose churches, so you have a shared situation

and the opportunity to help re-build brick by brick." Within minutes, Lynch collected \$35 from a paper cup passed around the room and promised to coordinate pennies donated by deanery parishes from this point on.

Fortified by Maud Garrett's delicious chicken and vegetable lunch, the attendees set the next meeting date for October 1 at St. Sherrian's in Kernville.

Northern Deanery

By Beryl Simkins

THE NORTHERN DEANERY met May 14, 2011, to discuss outreach, youth involvement, and the potential for training and education within the deanery. Local parishes represented shared the extensive amount of outreach that is currently being done in each locale. The Rev. Glenn Kanestrom agreed to head a committee to survey outreach opportunities for the deanery, and come to the next meeting with information and recommendations for an outreach program that would provide the most benefit with the combined effort of the group.

The deanery discussed the possibilities for involving our youth in projects and activities that would combine the youth in all of the churches in our deanery. Stephanie Gilmore, Terrance Goodpasture, and Beryl Simkins agreed to work on a committee to compile information about the number of youth in our parishes who would benefit from a youth program, and to survey the youth to find out activities and programs that they would enjoy and that would interest them.

There is also an interest in providing training and education within the Northern Deanery, with programs planned that would be held in conjunction with planned Northern Deanery meetings. The Rev. Stan Collins will develop an educational program and do a survey of the parishes to determine educational modules that would be important in the deanery.

The next Northern Deanery meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, at 12 noon at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Riverbank. All members of the churches in the Northern deanery are invited. Please bring a sack lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

Central Deanery

No report this month. □



PHOTO: SUSAN READ

Special guest Buddy Talton (teacup Yorkshire terrier) is the center of attention with Southern Deanery members. Standing, from left: Jan Dunlap, St. Brigid's; Fr. Bob Woods, St. Sherrian's; Donna Malone, All Souls'; Chris Russell, St. Andrew's. Seated: Walter Graham, All Souls', holding Buddy, and Lucy Lynch, Grace.



Karin Gunderson

Arts at St. John's offers harp and vocal music

ON SUNDAY, JULY 24, the Arts at St. John's is pleased to welcome Karin and Joy Gunderson to St. John's Episcopal Church in Lodi for an

afternoon concert of peaceful harp and vocal music.

Founder of Heavenly Harp ministry Karin Gunderson is an accomplished vocalist, harpist, pianist, and flutist whose life has been filled with music and faith from an early age. Her career has included work as a public and private music instructor, solo performances in concert halls and churches, and her current ministry as a harp practitioner

in hospice facilities in Phoenix, Arizona, bringing peace, comfort, and an awareness of God's presence to patients and their families.

Karin also specializes in integrative therapies that bring greater levels of wholeness and wellness to body, mind, and spirit.

Joy Gunderson is the youngest harpist in the Heavenly Harp ministry, first recording at the age of 13.

You are invited to an afternoon of peace, inspiration, and renewal through music. The concert is free. An offering will be taken.

The concert will be held at 1055 S Lower Sacramento Road in Lodi. For more details, visit www.artsatsaintjohns.com or call 209-369-3382. □

SPOTLIGHT



Wristbands make a statement

AS PART OF its commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive parish, Grace Bakersfield asked Matt Mazzei, founder of the Rainbow Delegation, to visit Grace on Sunday, May 15. After church, Matt gave a presentation on the Rainbow Delegation to about 35 parishioners and answered their questions.

The Rainbow Delegation (www.rainbowdelegation.org/), located in Fresno, is a rapidly growing movement of people who wish to show their support for the LGBTQ community through the wearing of a rainbow wristband. Its participants

are diverse, encompassing people of all ages, races, and sexual orientations. They wear the wristbands not for fashion, nor as a fund-raiser for any particular agenda, but simply to be seen—not just by the youth desperately needing to feel they belong, but also as a statement to all those people who would rather LGBT folk didn't.

The Rainbow Delegation sends free wristbands (shipping included) to anyone who asks and so far has shipped 50,000. As part of its outreach to the LGBT community, Grace raised over \$200 at Matt's presentation to "pay forward" wristbands for others. □

NEWS BRIEFS

■ A royal experience

Members of All Souls', Ridgecrest, enjoyed an evening with a British slant on May 18 at the home of the Rev. Ruth Ellis. They watched The King's Speech together and shared sweets and cheese.

■ Bike event in Lodi

The first annual Duke McDonnell Memorial Motor Bike Run was set to welcome bikers from the Lodi community on Saturday, June 18, with a blessing of the motorcycles at St. John's Episcopal Church, a run into the foothills, and a tri-tip lunch upon return. The day included games for family members and raffles.

■ Episcopal night at the ball game in Modesto

A parishioner from St. Paul's, Modesto, donated a hundred tickets for Episcopalians to attend a Modesto Nuts ball game on Saturday, June 4.

Unfortunately, the game was called because of a late spring rainstorm, but Episcopal night will be rescheduled and the fun will resume.

■ Two anti-racism training sessions available

The Commission for Intercultural Ministry in the Diocese of Northern California offers an anti-racism training event, required for all church leaders, on Saturday, July 23, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento.

The Diocese of El Camino Real is presenting "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" at Church of the Good Shepherd in Salinas, September 23 and 24.

For more information about these events, contact our diocesan office at 209-576-0104 or read about them in Friday Reflection. Don't get Friday Reflection? E-mail Juanita Weber at jweber@diosanjoaquin.org and ask to be added to the mailing list. □

Celebrating 35 years as a priest and 10 years at St. Matthew's



The Rev. John H. Shumaker

THE REV. JOHN H. Shumaker received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh, while active within the parish ministry at Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At the cathedral, his home parish, he served as a lay reader, lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, and church school teacher.

His master of divinity degree was received from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin, and he received Holy Orders on October 25, 1975, ordained as a deacon at Trinity Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. Robert Bracewell Appleyard.

Serving as the curate of Grace Church, Oak Park, Illinois, he was involved in outreach ministry to the Hispanic community and was a member of the Diocesan Ad Hoc Hispanic Commission in the Diocese of Chicago. On June 2, 1976, he

was ordained to the priesthood at Grace Church by the Rt. Rev. James Winchester Montgomery, bishop of Chicago.

Fr. Shumaker became the rector of Saint Matthew's Church, San Andreas, in 2001. □

Camp San Joaquin revisited

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of San Joaquin is sponsoring a family camping experience at Camp San Joaquin, Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31, for adults and children of all ages.

Plan now to join our diocesan family in this opportunity to enjoy, explore, and reverence the high Sierra at Camp San Joaquin. The days will be filled with hikes, visits to sites in Kings Canyon National Park, trips to the creek, swimming, arts, campfires, music, worship, study, and great food.

If you are young, we hope you will find a new passion for the outdoors and the camping experience, and we want everyone else to re-experience your enjoyment of camping (with running water, indoor plumbing, and someone else's cooking).

We are encouraging congregations to start scholarship funds to assist those who might otherwise not be able to experience Camp San Joaquin and the spiritual growth and fellowship to be found there.

The camp director will be Katrina VanWalterop Ijams, a parishioner at St. Paul's, Modesto. You may contact her at vanwalterop@sbcglobal.net or 209-549-2669. The cost is \$50 per night for adults and \$25 per night



Playing at Lewis Creek at Camp San Joaquin.

for children. This includes all meals and accommodations in cabins or tent cabins.

Camp San Joaquin is located between Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Park east of Fresno. Information about the camp can be found at www.campsanjoaquin.com. □

Letter to the editor praises woman's retreat

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nothing and no one is lost, where love transforms darkness and heals scars, where we can close our worship singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and truly believe it.

We happy few offer our deep gratitude to the Rev. Kathie Galicia for organizing the retreat at ECCO this year and for inviting Barbara to come from the East coast to share time and insight with us. We thank the Rev. Lyn Morlan and the folks of St. Anne's for hosting our hospitality hours, and the ECCO staff for nurturing meals. I am grateful to Barbara for flying out here in the midst of a major move and for the women who elected to participate in this retreat. You offered yourselves in worship, in discussion, and in companionship. I encourage those who may be reading this, especially lay women who want to grow, to consider coming when this opportunity is offered again (hopefully, next year).

Respectfully offered,
Carol Bower Foote, St. John's, Lodi