

The stream

September 13, 2020

Hi Wellspring Community,

I've missed our time together this summer. Sharing a meal together and being welcomed into your community is something I treasure each year. Summer in Laos has been hot and rainy but full of unexpected activities. Stories that I love to share with you all.

Due to Covid-19 and travel restrictions I was not able to return stateside this summer which makes fundraising different this year. If you are able to support me for this coming year please use one of the two links listed below. My profile total is \$33,000. Currently I have almost half raised due to monthly giving.

My Support Page: https://my.pinnacleteaching.com/support/teacher_pages/teacher-krista

If that link doesn't work, go to <https://www.elic.org/donate>

Click on **Donate to a Teacher**

Type my last Name: **AYLWIN**

And you will be able to give right to me!

Thank you for your love and support over my years serving in Laos.

Sincerely- Krista Aylwin



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For Our Progress and Joy in the faith...

For most of my life as a Christian, Septembers have coincided with fresh energy and renewed ministry activity in congregational life. As with many things in 2020, though, it's not a "normal" September, is it?

We're in a time when valued ventures seem slowed down or standing still, and when spotlighted circumstances fuel anxieties. It's a season of uncertainty, when progress and joy seem harder to pursue.

It's a season when renewed attention to deeper realities can be crucial. This coming Sunday, I will wrap up the series of sermons, "The Prophetic Message, Completely Reliable." We've been focusing on the Old Testament lessons from the lectionary to consider some of those deeper truths that anchor who we are in who God is.

In the weeks to come, I'll be focusing our attention on the lectionary lessons from Philippians. A key phrase from chapter 1, verse 25 provides the focus of this series: "For Your Progress and Joy in the Faith." Part of the reason St Paul wrote that letter was to encourage the Christians in Philippi to pursue progress and joy in the faith despite challenging and adverse circumstances in Paul's own life (under house-arrest, awaiting imperial trial) and among the Christians in Philippi (political tensions and economic distresses).

Paul's confidence that his friends in Philippi could make progress and experience joy in their faith was anchored in the character and decisive action of our Lord Jesus Christ. This encouraging and Christ-honoring epistle holds great promise for us in our challenging times. We too can have great confidence that God our Father, who began good work in and among us, will faithfully bring that work to completion in Christ Jesus through the provision of the Holy Spirit.

I'd like to encourage each member of Wellspring to consider doing two things over the next 5 weeks.

- 1) Read all the way through the Epistle to the Philippians each week.
- 2) Pray this collect every day:

A Collect for Progress and Joy in the Faith (based on Philippians 1:2, 9-11, 19):

God of Grace and Peace, you have promised to complete the good work you have begun in your people: through the provision of the Holy Spirit may our love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. *Amen.*

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Fr. Nathan

Please Pray

For the church, the clergy, especially **Fr Nathan, Fr Michael, Fr Tom and Fr Mark**, and **Bishop Ken**. Give thanks for the healing Bishop Ken has experienced since his accident a year ago.

That we may each recognize God's presence in our lives and overflow with grace, patience and love for ourselves and for those we encounter each day.

For the people of Wellspring and the mission of the church, that we may witness the love of Christ to the world, and especially for Fr. Mark and his wife Rachel, and the leaders of All Saints Honolulu in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For our nation and our state and all those in authority, that they may act with wisdom and fairness, as they work through information and communicate to the public during this season.

For the people of this world, especially for those working hard to understand and combat the COVID-19 virus, for small business owners and churches that are now trying to figure out how to reopen safely, for medical professionals and hospital staff, as well as police and fire staff, during this busy and stressful time, and for workers who are considered essential, pray for their health and safety.

For our local community, for our firefighters battling the fires locally and throughout the state, for our teachers and students as they work through the growing pains of online learning and for our college students as they begin a new year.

For those who suffer, are in need, or any sort of trouble, especially for our church family members experiencing physical troubles.

For **John Bree**, pray for strength and comfort.

For **Tom Wright**, who is experiencing severe back pain. Pray for relief from pain, rest, and a treatment plan to be determined.

For **Alita Roberts**, who is dealing with some medical issues and awaiting test results. Pray for strength, peace, and relief from all symptoms.

For **Helen Rotherham**, pray for peace and strength.

For **Gayle Behrens**, pray for clear test results.

For **Krista Aylwin**, pray for her work in Laos.

For our **parishioners** living in care facilities as they are under quarantine and not receiving visitors.

For our friends and loved ones who struggle with mental illness.

For healing and relief for members of our church family including **George Bishop, Debbie Bree, Donna Hoegh, Rebe Holmes, Laura McClenaghan, Jane Mills, Alice Ngunjiri, Sally Kennedy, Sandy Sanders, Jo Thornburg, and Mary Lou York**.

For other family members and friends who are suffering from illness and stress of any kind, including **Bob, Blanche, Rita Caldwell, Elijah, Emily, Fr. Tom Foster, Steve John, Kathy, Caroline Kramer, Laura Marie, Lupe, Marcie, Elaine McClenaghan, Piper Sousa and Ryan Owens**.

In thankful remembrance for the faithful departed and for all the blessings of our lives, especially for **Michael Neeley**.

For the friends and family who grieve the loss of their loved ones, especially for **Cathy Neeley and the Neeley family, for Bill and Bob Simms, for Chris Hackler and the Hackler family, and for the Heinrich family**.

The Wellspring Family Calendar

September

- 13 Wellspring Serves at the Salvation Army Shelter
- 15 Vestry meeting, 4:30pm
- 16 Women's Ministry Zoom, 10:30am
- 24 American Red Cross blood drive at Wellspring, 1-7pm
- 26 Book Club meets, 10am

October

- 18 Bishops' visit, with Installation of Fr. Nathan

We hope to continue on with Sunday morning services but until further notice we are working on a week by week calendar.

As we begin to serve at the shelter again each month, please contact Sally Kennedy at 209.524.4588 for cookie sign-ups and volunteering to serve.

*Send calendar items to
wellspringmodesto@gmail.com
or drop a note in the office.*



The next gathering of the book club will be held on Saturday, September 26th, at 10am at the home of Barbara Poth. We are reading “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman. Please join us!

Women's Ministry Zoom Bible Study

Every other Wednesday Morning from 10:30am - 12:00pm

Current Study: The Books of 1st John, 2nd John and 3rd John



Found at shereadstruth.com Reading Plans: scroll to study named 1,2,3 John

Go to: Zoom.us; Click on Join Meeting; Zoom Meeting ID: 857 2243 8227

It's never too late to join us!

Our last time together we shared the truth of God's love found in the scripture and how we have met His precious love in our lives.

Our Next Day together is Sept. 16th

Prepare to discuss & share on the following Scripture Readings

- Day 10: Effective Prayer
- 1 John 5: 14-21, Deuteronomy 29: 29,
- Luke 18: 1-8, John 3: 16-17

- Day 11: Walking in Love
- 2 John 1: 1-13, John 8: 31-32,
- 1 Corinthians 3: 6-9



September 13th, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:9-18

Psalm 103

Romans 14:5-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 20th, the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalm 145:14-21

Philippians 1:12-30

Matthew 20:1-16

All scripture readings are NIV We use the 2019 BCP Lectionary.

The Collect

for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All the links in one place!

- ◇ We have an online giving option! If you would like to check it out, click [here](#)
- ◇ Our website is staying up to date, check it out [here](#)
- ◇ Sermons are loaded on the website, and will be available immediately following our live service on Sundays, click [here](#)
- ◇ We are now offering a livestream of our Sunday services on our Facebook page. Click [here](#) to view the service as it happens. You can also check out our YouTube channel later in the day for the service on that platform.
- ◇ Though we aren't using very many volunteers on Sunday mornings just yet, the master calendar can be found [here](#)



Clementine is driving home one night when her car is hit by a bad hailstorm, leaving hundreds of dents. The next day she goes to a body shop for a repair estimate. The repairman winks at his buddy and tells Clementine that if she blows into the tailpipe really hard, the dents will just pop out. After she arrives home, she blows with all her might into the exhaust pipe. Her roommate asks what she's doing. Clementine explains the repairman's tip. "But it doesn't work," she says, pausing to catch her breath. "Duh!" replies her friend. "You have to roll up the windows first!"

A homeless beggar walked up to a well-dressed woman shopping in Beverly Hills and moaned, "I haven't eaten anything in four days." The woman looked at him, sighed and said, "I wish I had your will power."

Rector Coffee Connections, coming soon!

You're invited to meet Fr Nathan in a coffee connection group! Within the next week you will be receiving information for you to sign-up for a time to meet with Fr Nathan. Groups will be small, meeting both in person and over Zoom depending on individual preference, and will be spaced throughout the next month so that everyone has ample opportunity to attend!



WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



**ModestoFlex Rotary &
Wellspring Anglican Church
Blood Drive**

Wellspring Anglican Church
1548 Cummins Dr. Modesto

**Thursday, September 24
1pm-7pm**

Please schedule your appointment online at

Redcrossblood.org enter Sponsor Code: Modesto

NEW! All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies!

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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**HAPPENING
THIS SUNDAY...**

Just like the flyer for our blood drive says, **we are all in this together!** That includes lots of ministry opportunities both at Wellspring and in Modesto. **Our turn for serving at the Salvation Army shelter is coming up on the 13th of September and I am sure Sally Kennedy could use a few helping hands and cookie bakers!** Please contact Sally to say hi and see how you can help! She can be reached at home at 209.524.4588.