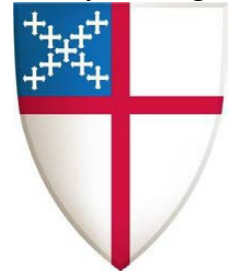


Our Vision: As a welcoming congregation, we share the transformational grace of God through worship and spiritual growth; we glorify God by building up each other and community through love, care, and outreach.

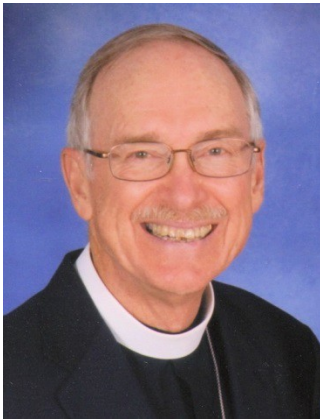


SHARING GRACE

November 2017

A Christian Newsletter of Community Caring of Grace Episcopal

FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR



Dear Friends-in-Christ,

Here we are with just a month left in the church year. November worship begins with All Saints Sunday on the 5th. We're smack in the middle of our stewardship campaign which will conclude with a Gathering in on Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday, the 26th.

As you have been readings in our bulletins, the Vestry wants to have us plan for a full-time Priest-in-Charge. The draft narrative budget has been presented to the Vestry, so we know about how much it will cost. Now the rest is up to all of us to fund the budget.

An interesting wrinkle in the Diocesan calculations for the range of compensation for clergy and the number of Delegates to Convention is the number of pledges we have. That's not the entire factor, but it's a significant factor.

This year our pledges and other anticipated income will dictate the ability of the Vestry and Diocese to attract a new clergy leader for our church.

November brings a series of special services - All Saints, Instructed Eucharist, Thanksgiving and Christ-the-King when Jim Jerrell and I celebrate our birthdays. I love all these services. Our Second Sunday Offering will be for the Travis AFB Friends and Family Fund as we did last year. This is a Travis administered fund for those in the Air Force family who do not qualify for the normal Air Force Aid assistance. We'll also do our collection of jackets and coats for the students of Fairview Elementary.

In addition to our Stewardship Campaign, we need to begin thinking seriously about the January election of three Vestry Members and Convention Delegates. Carol Allen, James Fulmer and Gregg Wickham will be rotating off the Vestry. The new Vestry three will participate in the search process, and the three Delegates will attend two Conventions - one regular Convention and a second Special Convention to elect our next Bishop.

If you have access to the internet, here is a video where the Bishop announces his intention to retire:

<https://vimeo.com/233037836>

You will see the time line, in the next few pages. Also, if you would like to participate in the search committee for a new Bishop, I am attaching the information on how to volunteer.

Carren Sheldon+ has been named the Interim Rector at All Saints, Redding. Our dear friend and parishioner, The Rev Dr. Les Westling served All Saints when he left the Navy Chaplaincy and designed the current church building. It is beautiful!

Blessings,

Perry+



FROM GEM

- Church yard weed cutting, and bush trimming will be accomplished every four months by GEM. The yard work will be done after the November 4th GEM Fellowship Breakfast.
- On Saturday October 14, 2017 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM Grace Episcopal Church sponsored free Flu Shots and Dental information. Solano County Health and Social Services assisted the church with the event. Community turn-out to the event was low, however, the church will continue to sponsor the event.
- Final GEM outreach for Year 2017, the Congregation coat drive for Fairview Elementary School students and Holiday giving to area non-profits will be discussed at the November 2nd Fellowship Breakfast.
- The crab feed date, for Year 2018, will be set and required preparations and assistance will be discussed at the November and December GEM Fellowship Breakfast Meetings.
- **Next meeting: The next GEM Fellowship Breakfast meeting will be Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at Huckleberry's Restaurant, 7:30AM meeting start time.**



FROM ECW:

The ECW meeting was held Oct. 3, 2017 at 11:30 am in room 6. Marajeane S. called the meeting to order and our opening prayer and blessing of our food was said by Pat B.

We all enjoyed the refreshments furnished by Pat M. and Marajeane S. Thank you, ladies. Delicious. Pat M. then read a meditation from "Jesus Always".

Old Business: Anna K. and Marajeane S. will continue to follow on the remodeling of the ladies' restroom.

New Business: It was suggested we have a fundraiser at Tahoe Joe's Steak House. Pat B. and Marajeane will check on dates and tickets.

The mystery drawing was won by Pat B. Congrats

Our next meeting will be Tues. Nov 7, 2017 in room 6 at 11:30am. All women of Grace Episcopal Church are members. Refreshments will be served. Come join the fun and service.

love and belief

Safety Corner November

Fall and Winter Safety Checklist for Your Home.

The weather is colder and the days are shorter now is the time to give your home a health check.

Home Health Checklist:

- House Number – Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street. It should be displayed on your house and on the curb in front of your house.
- Change the battery on all smoke and CO Detectors.
- November 5, 2017 Daylight Savings Time Ends; set your clocks back one hour.
- Stronger Door Locks – A deadbolt lock will work on your front door, garage door, side door and back door. Consult your home improvement store for special safety locks for sliding doors.
- Front Door Peep Hole – Allows you to view anyone approaching your front door and let you determine if you should open the door or not.
- Call out your furnace repair specialist to check your home heating system, before using it.
- Outdoor Lights – Avoid leaving the outside of your house in darkness after sunset. Replace outdoor light bulbs as soon as they burn out. Make sure all your light bulbs are the correct wattage and size for the socket they are in.
- Windows – Check the locks and screens to make sure they are in proper working order.

Ron Cupid

Coming Events



November 3rd-4th – Friday, Saturday – Diocesan Convention
November 4th – Saturday – GEM Meeting – 7:30am – Huckleberry’s in Fairfield
November 7th – Tuesday – ECW Meeting – 11:30am – Room 6
November 23rd - Thursday – Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles Karnopp 11/10	Kashy Hull 12/02
Lynne Secrist 11/11	Pat Minkel 12/09
Nancy Klopstock 11/12	Noella Bond 12/10
Ken Snyder 11/13	Phyllis Riley 12/10
Shauna Chastain 11/22	Nora Del Ross 12/11
Jack Weir 11/24	Gregg Wickham 12/18
Judy Smith 11/25	Jack Flynn 12/22
Jim Jerrell & Perry Polk+ 11/26	
Stephen Harris 11/30	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Operating:

<u>September 2017 Income</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>
\$	
<u>September 2017 Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>
\$	
<u>Net Income/Loss</u>	<u>Net Income/Loss</u>



Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

Timeline and procedures regarding the process for electing the 8th bishop of the Diocese

Important Dates

October 14 – November 12, 2017	Open call for nominations to serve on the Search Committee
November 4, 2017	The Rt. Rev. Barry L Beisner addresses Diocesan Convention, announces his intention to retire and call for the election of a new diocesan bishop. A resulting resolution affirms the Bishop's address.
Late November, 2017	The Standing Committee names the Search Committee
December 2, 2017	Mandatory retreat for the Search Committee, St. John's, Roseville
Spring 2018	Search Committee posts Diocesan Profile
Summer 2018	Transition Committee is named
Late fall 2018	Search Committee announces slate of candidates
January 2019	Walkabouts of the Diocese
February 9, 2019	Special Electing Convention, location TBA
June 29, 2019	The Rt. Rev. Barry L Beisner retires
June 29, 2019	Consecration of 8th Bishop of The Diocese of Northern California, location TBA

Search Committee

The Standing Committee will name the Search Committee late November, 2017.

Bishop search committees generally have 12-18 people.

The ideal search committee is made of "citizens of the diocese" who have the essential skills needed to carry out these assigned duties and responsibilities:

- Gather information from around our diocese as to the qualities we seek in our next bishop
- Develop a diocesan profile for potential candidates to consider as they discern whether to place their names in nomination
- Screen and interview potential nominees through a series of stages
- Recommend final nominees for the approval by the Standing Committee

The ideal search committee is made of persons who are competent in one or more of the following skill sets:

- Ability to listen and elicit information from others; organizing such learnings
- Ability to write a profile that accurately describes the diocese and articulates a call for the next bishop
- Ability to develop screening tools such as written essay questions, questions for Skype interviews, questions and discussion topics for a discernment retreat, and instruments for evaluating information provided
- Event planning and management skills for planning a discernment retreat
- Ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Education and communication skills
- Experience with current technology, social media, video recording skills, etc.
- Robust and well-established prayer life
- Knowledge of diocesan policies, procedures, and the functioning of a Bishop in a diocese

The Search Committee will have a **mandatory** one day retreat on December 2, 2017 with consultant at St. John's, Roseville.

If you wish to be considered for the Search Committee, nomination forms are available at Deanery Convocations on October 14th, 2017 and on the Diocesan Website. Forms are due no later than November 12, 2017 to **The Rev. Cookie Clark, Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, 350 University Avenue, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95825-6517, or cookie.clark@sbcglobal.net**

Transitions Committee

The Standing Committee will name the Transitions Committee in summer 2018.

Bishop transitions committees generally have 10-15 people.

The Transitions Committee:

- Conducts walkabouts of the Diocese
- Educates the Diocese
- Supports the electing convention
- Supports those planning the consecration
- Provides pastoral support to the Diocese and to candidates not elected
- Arranges for a smooth transition for the bishop-elect into the Diocese

The Standing Committee will announce a procedure for accepting self-nominations for the Transitions Committee in the summer of 2018

Special Electing Convention

Convention delegates and alternates elected at 2018 parish annual meetings **will serve as the delegates and alternates for Diocesan Convention and the Electing Convention on February 9, 2019.**

Important: All delegates and alternates are required by Canon to be certified at least 90 days before a convention (You don't want to be the church that can't vote for the next bishop!)

Other information

The Standing Committee will name both the Search Committee and Transitions Committee and govern the process. The Standing Committee takes on a similar role to the vestry in a rector search process.

The Standing Committee has ecclesiastical authority/responsibility in the absence of a bishop.

The Office of the Bishop will not be involved in the search process for a new bishop, except minimally for necessary administrative tasks to assist and support the Search, Transitions, and Standing Committees' work.

The creation of the Diocesan Profile will solicit input from the entire Diocese. The 2018 Congregational Leadership Conferences (CLC) may be used by the Search Committee to gather information for the Profile. Dates and locations: 2/10/18 Incarnation, Santa Rosa, 2/24 St. Albans, Arcata, 3/10 St. John's, Roseville.

Stay tuned through the Diocesan website for forthcoming information and updates:

<http://www.norcalepiscopal.org>



Episcopal Diocese of Northern California Search Committee Application

The Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner has indicated his intention to retire and call for the election of a new diocesan bishop. Under the oversight of the Standing Committee of the diocese, the Search Committee will be charged with a minimum of the following responsibilities:

- gathering information from around our diocese as to the qualities we seek in our next bishop
- develop a diocesan profile for potential candidates to consider as they discern whether to place their names in nomination
- screen and interview potential nominees through a series of stages
- recommend final nominees for the approval by the Standing Committee

It is anticipated that the work of the committee will begin shortly after this year's diocesan convention and continue until a final slate is named in the late fall of 2018.

Please note: Attendance at a day-long retreat to be held at St. John's (Roseville) on December 2, 2017 is a mandatory requirement for serving on the Search Committee.

In deciding who to appoint to the Search Committee, the Standing Committee will be looking for persons who are able to demonstrate competency in one or more of the following skill sets:

- Ability to listen and elicit information from others; organizing such learnings
- Ability to write a profile that accurately describes the diocese and articulates a call for the next bishop
- Ability to develop screening tools such as written essay questions, questions for Skype interviews, questions and discussion topics for a discernment retreat, and instruments for evaluating information provided
- Event planning and management skills for planning a discernment retreat
- Ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Education and communication skills
- Experience with current technology, social media, video recording skills, etc.
- Robust and well-established prayer life
- Knowledge of diocesan policies, procedures, and the functioning of a Bishop in a diocese

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Search Committee, please fill out the information on the reverse side and forward it by **November 12, 2017** to **The Rev. Cookie Clark, Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, 350 University Avenue, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95825-6517** or cookie.clark@sbcglobal.net

**Application for Search Committee
(Due no later than November 12, 2017)**

Name _____ Please mark one: ___ Clergy ___ Lay

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ City of Congregation: _____

I understand that my appointment to the Search Committee will be contingent upon my ability to physically attend a day-long retreat in its entirety at St. John's (Roseville) on December 2, 2017.

Signature: _____

Please provide information with regard to your past service within the diocese, your congregation or The Episcopal Church (attach additional pages as necessary).

Please describe for us why you would like to serve on the Search Committee, and the gifts, skills, and abilities you would bring to this work (please limit your response to 500 words (attach additional pages as necessary)).

Monday, October 30, 2017

We're here to help, with suggestions for a Halloween costume if you haven't yet figured that out. Dress up like Martin Luther. Bet you hadn't thought of that one.

Tomorrow, October 31, is the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther took a hammer to cathedral door, posting 95 Theses that within two weeks had gone viral, 16th century style. The anniversary is widely hailed as the beginning of the Reformation, though like all historical movements, a convergence of forces, political, social, scientific, theological had been at work for a while.

To help you live into the role of Martin Luther, a few Monday morning thoughts on some key contributions (and varied quotable quotes in the left-hand column), offered in the conviction that as individuals and as a church we always need renewal, refinement, repentance, revival, restoration and, yes, reformation.

Luther was about grace. Early in life, he tried hard to be a religious A+ student, to get it all right all the time, in that unattractive way that religious people focus on being holier than thou. It did not make him happy. As he read Paul's letter to the Romans, he realized that he would be justified not by how many hours in prayer he spent, or how exhaustively he confessed every sin. He embraced grace, as he recognized what Rob Bell has said: There is nothing we can do to make God love us less. Grace his fears relieved. He talked about justification by faith. The word justification really means being set in right relationship, with God.

He was about scripture, known for his phrase sola scriptura. Scripture, the ancient text, the old, old story of Jesus and his love would be his guide. The church had lost that compass and he sought to return to that source, which is often the way renewal happens. He was no biblical literalist, not a fundamentalist. For instance, he was not sold on every book of the Bible (He called the Letter of James an epistle of straw.) And he saw God's word coming to us in many ways.

He was saint and sinner at once. When he staked everything on grace, it allowed him to move beyond pursuit of perfection. Luther amply demonstrated ways he fell short of the glory of God (one way of describing sin) with his anti-semitic writing, which were extensive and which contributed to the vile and violent history of war against the Jews in western culture. (Read Jim Carroll's book, Constantine's Sword, for a powerful and disturbing portrait of what the church must confess.) Part of what he shows is that, in a way that can deeply challenge faith, religious people, even religious heroes often betray their loving Lord in the ways they treat each other, specifically in the area of social justice. We see that in the persistent racism in our own nation, where Sunday morning at 11am is still the most segregated hour of the week. That's not a news flash, but it should keep us humble and ready for repentance and reformation, and open to reconciliation.

He prayed a lot. Apparently, the guy prayed about 3 hours a day. Someone asked how he had time for that, when he had this job to do, i.e., reforming Europe. Was that the best use of his time? He responded that he was too busy not to pray that much. As we contend with decline in

many of our churches, we could do worse than follow his example, and take it to the Lord in prayer.

Take this week to give thanks for the ministry of Martin Luther, saint and sinner. Honor his day by beginning some process of renewal and reformation in your own life.

-Jay Sidebotham

Quotable quotes from Martin Luther:

The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly.

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

One learns more of Christ in being married and rearing children than in several lifetimes spent in study in a monastery.

The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.

I lost touch with Christ the Savior and Comforter, and made of him the jailer and hangman of my poor soul.

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

The dog is the most faithful of animals and would be much esteemed were it not so common. Our Lord God has made His greatest gifts the commonest.

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November 2017 Sunday Altar Schedule

Position	November 5 All Saints	November 12 Pentecost 23	November 19 Pentecost 24 Instructed Eucharist	November 23 Thanksgiving	November 26 Christ the King
	8 AM	8 AM	8AM		8AM
EM	Charles Karnopp	Jim Klopstock	Gretchen Smith		James Fulmer
Acolyte					
Lector	Ellie Kulseng	Gary McEachnie	Heidi Lindsay		Shane Tyler
Usher/Greeter	Shane Tyler	Carol Allen	Ron Cupid		Gary McEachnie
	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM
EM	Carolyn Sheldon	Janet Heise	Matt Thomas		Scotty Hodges
Acolyte		Marissa Grimes	Wyatt Thomas		
Lector	Phyllis Riley	Joe Harper	Lynn Thomas		Tara Sutherland
Usher/Greeter	Peter Minkel	Nora Del Ross	Tom & Mary Ann McKinney		
Altar Guild	Oct 28 – Nov 10 Carol Allen	Nov 11-Nov 24 Sue Pokorny			Nov 25-Dec 8 Anne Prather
		Scotty Hodges			

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Rector	The Rev. Perry W. Polk
Associate	The Rev. David Cavanagh
Organist	Lynne Secrist
Senior Warden -	Gregg Wickham
Junior Warden -	Shane Tyler
Treasurer-	Gretchen Smith
Vestry—	Carol Allen, Linda Chandler, James Fulmer, Janet Heise, Scotty Hodges, Jim Klopstock, and Lynn Thomas.
Staff: Office Mgr./Bookkeeper:	Kim Worthen

Our Mission:

Welcome • Transform
Build Up • Reach Out • Glorify God

PLEASE NOTE :

Sharing Grace Articles are due by the **20TH OF EACH MONTH**. Please email submissions to gracechurchff@sbcglobal.net as the office staff is consolidating information for the rector.



Box Tops for education is an easy way to provide funds for Fairview Elementary School. Each box top is worth \$.10 and they do add up. This is unrestricted money for the school so it can be spent as needed. ECW is reviving this program. You can find the box for your box tops in the narthex.