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Growing with You in God's Love and Service

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Rule of Life

for St George's

Based on our spiritual values and practices, this is our commitment to each other.

We:

- *Nurture ourselves with the Bible and spiritual books*
- *Care deeply about each other, including in prayer.*
- *Fellowship together and have fun.*
- *Are grateful, glad and giving stewards of God's creation.*
- *Reach out to the world, living and spreading the Word.*

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Thoughts From Our PIC

This Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land...

Deborah and I are venturing forth on a road trip across the country! Starting in the second half of July through mid-August, we will drive with our two dogs Rachel and Dodger from California all the way to North Carolina and back (our cats will be with a house and pet sitter at home). After watching our grandsons Liam and Oliver for the week before we leave, we may need to get away! We'll visit with friends and family as we go, with stops in Orange County, Phoenix, Little Rock, Charlotte, Norfolk, Cleveland, Cedar Rapids, and Colorado Springs. We did a similar road trip four years ago, and it is a wonderful way to see our country. The variety of scenery and climate and people is amazing!

With the Fourth of July celebration at the start of the month, this will be a good time for us to reflect about our nation. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ and a citizen of the United States in 2014? With the fall elections coming up, there will be a lot of debate and arguments about the direction of our country. Sometimes, there will be Christians on opposite side of the important issues. Whose side is God on, anyway?

In spite of my own personal political convictions, I am sure that God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat! I am very certain that God is on the side of love and compassion. I am also convinced that God calls us to respectful dialogue about our nation, instead of argument that full of malice and hatred for others. Respectful communication is a spiritual discipline. It isn't easy or natural! The way of the world around us is to vilify opponents and have a "win at all costs" attitude. This definitely is not the way of Jesus. The path of Jesus is one of listening to others, being sensitive to differences, showing respect for people who disagree with us. I know that I can do this only through prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

As Deb and I drive across our country, I would like to be open to God's presence and God's will for our nation. I invite us all to the spiritual discipline and practice of respectful communication in the coming political season. May we be a witness to the love, understanding, and compassion of Jesus as we interact with others.

***In Jesus' love,
Father Ray***

Our Senior Warden

On June 11, 2014, your Vestry met with Rev. Kay Rohde, who works for the Office of the Bishop as Ministry Development Coordinator. This was part one of our annual retreat. The first thing we did was review our successes for the past year, and they impressive.

One of our outreaches is the Sherrill Scholarship, which is awarded to students who are graduating from high schools in the San Juan Unified School District. This year we awarded two, one for \$6,000, and the other for \$3,000. Our Community Garden outreach has become part of who we are, and the number of plots being used has increased each year. Of special note are two plots that have crops which we are growing for St. Matthew's food bank outreach. We are finishing the fencing for the garden. The garden will always be accessible to those who have plots, but will be less accessible to those without plots who seem to have no outward need, but harvest the crops of gardeners when no one is around and steal equipment. Our Roundtable, a committee that meets monthly, continues to suggest other means of outreach to the community, as well as ideas for funding them.

We have Fr. Ray for two Sundays each month, and familiar supply clergy for the other Sundays. We have many new faces, including several at our 10:30 service, which some of us feared was becoming stagnant. That service is now more lively and engaged. The 9:00 service is no longer an experiment, but very much part of who we are as a congregation. While some members of our congregation attend only one of the two services, many of us switch from one to the other. Several times a year we have a combined service and other activities which allow everyone to get together. There were many changes this past year, but all went smoothly. We had a transition in music leadership and new musician, again from CSUS (Sac State to us old-timers), which seems to be an excellent source of musicians. The office space was renovated, as was our website, and we have revamped our alarm system. Our investment in professional landscaping a few years ago, as well as our continued upgrades both inside and out, make us a place that is fresh and new, and shows the public that we are alive and well. All in all, we are more than surviving; we are thriving! Thanks be to God.

Becky Freie, Senior Warden



July 13th

At the Allmuth's
3920 Hillgrove Way
5 p.m.

Sign-up for food. Hamburgers & hot dogs, the fixin's. Iced tea will be provided.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR SWIM SUITS!**

WOMAN'S GUILD

Several ladies and Fr. Bob Gould enjoyed a very nice luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory in Roseville a few weeks ago. Thank you to Cathy Crosby for making the arrangements. We discussed having another luncheon later in the year so be thinking of possible dates and locations.

There will be no Guild meetings in July or August but rest assured there will be coffee, tea and juice drinks available to sip while socializing after Sunday services. We invite everyone to take a turn making sure the coffee pots are turned on and providing finger foods (sweet or savory) for those times. Coffee making instructions are posted in the kitchen. It is easy! The sign up list can be found on the board to the right of the kitchen window.

If anything should come up in the next few months that requires the assistance of the Women's Guild, we will use phones and email to alert all members as to what is needed.

I wish everyone a pleasant summer.

Carol Adkins, President



Young at Heart

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5—Bill Kaler
- 6—Andrew Jeske '07
- 7—Mae Pedersen
- 11—Richard Roy
- 12—Pauline Delander
- 12—Robert Olsen

(If your name was not included, please let Sandy know so she can add your name.)



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5—Robert & Wendy Danielson
- 7—Roger & Janet Jenkins
- 9—Darren & Rose Clark
- 25—Dave & Joy Allmuth ('54)
- 26—Fr. John & Anne Mangels
- 26—Jim & Genie Schavey

July/August

JULY 6th

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *Psalm 45:11-18*
Romans 7:15-25a *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

CELEBRANT: Fr. Ray Hess
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders
LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Joan Tennis
ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Cruz Siaz
USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JULY 13th

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 25:19-34 *Psalm 119: 105-112*
Romans 8: 1-11 *Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

CELEBRANT: Fr. Ray Hess
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Marilyn Ditzen
LECTORS: Becky Freie & Annelise Connell
ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allnuth & Vicki Karsten
USHER: Cathy Crosbie & friend

JULY 20th

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 28:10-19a *Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23*
Romans 8:12-25 *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

CELEBRANT: Gini Hummel
PREACHER: Mel Rose
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins
LECTORS: †Bob Gould & Carol Adkins
ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & JoAnn Cookman
USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

JULY 27th

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 29: 15-28 *Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b*
Romans 8: 26-39 *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

CELEBRANT: Susan Plucker
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Diana Perparos
LECTORS: Becky Freie & JoAnn Cookman
ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Cruz Siaz
USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

AUGUST 3rd

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 32:22-31 *Psalm 17:1-7, 16*
Romans 9:1-5 *Matthew 14:13-21*

CELEBRANT: Gini Hummel
PREACHER: Deacon Bob
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth
LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & †Bob Gould
ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & Vicki Karsten
USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

AUGUST 10th

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 *Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b*
Romans 10: 5-15 *Matthew 14:22-33*

CELEBRANT: Gini Hummel
PREACHER: Mel Rose
EUCARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins
LECTORS: Annelise Connell & Carol Adkins
ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Cruz Siaz
USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend



People



As we were concluding our trip, and responding to a few folks since we got home, when asked the question – what did you like most about your trip to Alaska I would have to answer the people.

Yes we saw some beautiful country, northern California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Yukon Territory and of course Alaska. We traveled though some very green areas, Alaska and BC getting the rain we aren't, but also traveled through some dessert areas of Alaska, in the central part of Alaska their rain fall is very minimal, so it is very dry, even if cold. After much driving and our second to last day in Alaska (not counting port calls on the ferry) finally saw a moose up close.

We visited some nice museums and park information centers, but all in all it was the folks we met along the way that made the trip fun.

The first fellow that struck our attention was the guy coming into the Chinese restaurant behind us in Prince George BC, who asks are you coming from or going to Alaska? We answered going, but how did he know? He explained that he'd seen our California License plate and no one comes to Prince George, rather they are traveling through and for Americans that means coming or going to Alaska. One of the last people we met along the way was a couple of ladies at an art sale being held at the Washington State Mt Saint Helen's park. Talking with them about our trip learned that one of the ladies had lived in Tok for 5 years, her and her husband managing a motel and restaurant there. Having forgotten to ask others, asked her if Alaska had an equivalent to Hawaii's "Aloha Time"? Aloha time means things happen or start when they start, scheduled times are just a reference point, for example the 5 o'clock news might start at 4:55 or 5:15, aloha time. In Alaska we seemed to get the same affect where things sort of start when they started, the lady didn't know a term, but reminded us of Alaska's motto – the last frontier. The idea is you do what you need to do, when you do it and whatever you are doing is what you need to be doing at that moment.

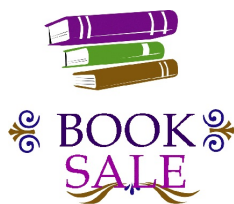
I kind of like not having to stay on a schedule for the past few weeks, with a few exceptions with the ferry, but even their arrival and departure times had some great variances. Now they never left before they were scheduled to, but arriving early or late happened and leaving late happened more frequently than the posted schedule.

Anyway, it was the people who will stick in my mind. Among those will be the congregation of Christ Church Anchorage Alaska. Anchorage was the only city we were in on a Sunday when we weren't also traveling to another location, so gave us the opportunity to attend services. We were identified as visitors, beginning in the parking lot – California plates and then with me wearing my clerical shirt. We got there what we thought was a few minutes early, but learned they operated on Alaska Aloha Time rules, so the Associate Priest Gail was working with the acolytes, then came and introduced herself. We'd already met a few of the congregation. There are four Episcopal Congregations in the Anchorage area, but from the websites saw that Christ Church was a Total Ministry Congregation and clearly it seemed like everyone was engaged in this small congregation. Their priest Katherine Hunt was there that day, celebrating, but the associate got to preach – Trinity Sunday. They also have a recently ordained deacon, Carrie Otkollik.

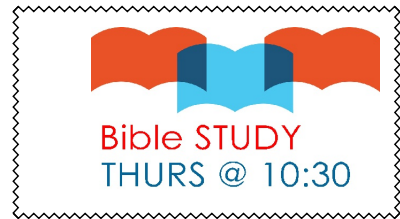
The service was Rite II, one of the things they do at the end of the service is to offer prayers for birthday, anniversaries, etc. and special intentions, just before the dismissal. They offered prayers for travel for Sandy and I and for another couple getting ready to go on vacation. Like all good Episcopal Churches they had a wonderful coffee hour.

Thinking about the folks at Christ Church, I was reminded of St George's and our welcoming of visitors. Now usually I'm running around before and between services, but I do notice that folks are talking with new comers and after the service I get reports from others with the level of detail that tells me the conversations were much more than welcome, here is a service bulletin, but a real conversation. Thank you for being a welcoming church to all who enter our doors.

Amen,
†**Deacon Bob**



The women's Guild is happy to provide the book corner for your enjoyment. We appreciate the books you all donate. However, I would like to remind you to bring non-fiction, historical or humorous books. Please NO self-help or study books.



Thanks for your attention to this matter.

CDs...\$1
BOOKS...\$1
PAPERBACKS...50¢

Happy reading!
Janet Jenkins



HOSPITALITY
Sunday

Hospitality Sunday will be the 1st Sunday of each month, special offering envelopes are included in the bulletin. These are used by the Women's Guild to provide weekly coffee hours, special receptions and other events for parish members. Please make checks payable to St. George's Church with a memo note in the left corner for HOSPITALITY



SUNDAY SERVICES
Family Service **9 a.m.**
Traditional Service **10:30 a.m.**

Articles are always welcome...**BUT KEEP it short!**
The best way to submit an article is via my new e-

BOUNTY BAG

We're collecting dry goods, canned goods, dried cereals, soaps, toothpaste tooth brushes or any non-perishables,

We collect Bags ANYTIME!!
NO TIME TO SHOP a check to St. Georges with memo to River city Food Bank (everything is welcome).