Dear all,

Exciting news! We are going to re-open for in-person services on Easter Sunday, April 4! With the protocols that we established, the Regathering Team decided that we will be able to open safely under the constraints of the Orange Tier in El Dorado County. We can resume indoor worship at 25% capacity.

We will not have in person services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

**Maundy Thursday:** April 1 at 4pm. Please join online with others around the world at our National Cathedral. The link for that is: [https://cathedral.org/event/holy-eucharist-with-stripping-of-the-altar/](https://cathedral.org/event/holy-eucharist-with-stripping-of-the-altar/)

**Good Friday:** April 2nd, at noon. Please join in online at the church's Facebook page, Church of Our Saviour - Placerville to take part on the Good Friday liturgy. Our link is [https://www.facebook.com/OurSaviourPlacerville](https://www.facebook.com/OurSaviourPlacerville)

**Stations of the Cross:** Virginia Theological Seminary is offering a video version of The Way of the Cross and a reflection guide. Through scripture, art, and music, the video invites us to walk with Christians of every generation on a virtual pilgrimage, meditating on our Lord's passion and death. The video includes images of the Stations of the Cross by Margaret Adams Parker and music composed by Marty Wheeler Burnett. The Way of the Cross video is available free of charge; please share it widely with parishes, dioceses, ministry networks, and friends!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk)

**Easter Sunday, April 4th:** We will resume worship at 8:00 am and and 10:30 am. The 10:30 service will also be online. Remember to have bread and juice or wine on hand at home if you attend from home. Please let the church know if you plan on attending in person and, if so, which service: revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com

Blessings,

Rev Deb
Parish News and Events

Invite • Welcome • Connect is a ministry of transformation that equips and empowers individuals and congregations to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging. Rooted in the Gospel directive to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19), the vision of Invite • Welcome • Connect is to change the culture of The Episcopal Church to move from maintenance to mission.

The vestry is in the planning stages of this new project. What’s the purpose of the project? To do what Jesus has asked us to do. That is engaging our fellow man and spread the word of the Lord. (Mark 16:15). If this intrigues you and you’d like more information, contact: Cherie Raffety at 530-626-8020.

If you have an article you would like to include in the newsletter please send it to cornellkl@me.com. And be sure to check out our website calendar at www.oursaviourplacerville.org.

News from the Diocese

Around the Diocese - Russian River Deanery

Musicians, clergy, and lay ministers from seven congregations of the Russian River Deanery are uniting to celebrate a virtual Great Vigil of Easter, to take place live on Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m.

Participating churches are: St. Michael and All Angels, Fort Bragg; St. Paul’s, Healdsburg; The Chapel of St. George at The Bishop’s Ranch; Incarnation, Santa Rosa; St. Stephen’s, Sebastopol; St. Patrick’s, Kenwood; and St. John’s, Petaluma.

The diverse gifts of these communities will lend freshness and variety to this ancient liturgy, which begins in darkness with the lighting of a new fire, recounts powerful stories of God’s creating and liberating love.
for humankind, passes through the waters of our own baptismal renewal, and culminates in the joyful proclamation of Christ’s resurrection.

The Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa is hosting the Livestream of the service. If your church is not observing the Great Vigil on Easter Eve and you wish to join the Russian River Deanery for this special celebration, you are warmly invited to do so.

**Diocesan-wide Sacred Ground Circle**

New Sacred Ground Circle forming in May ~

Sacred Ground is a 10-part discussion about race, grounded in faith. Participants are invited to view selected videos and read books and articles about Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian/Pacific American histories and how they intersect with European-American accounts.

The materials also examine the church’s evolving teachings on race relations. Participants come together in small groups, aka dialogue circles, to reflect on what they have learned and how it fits with their own family stories, identities, and experiences.

Hosted online by social justice advocate Bob Wohlsen and Spiritual Director/educator Sharron Simpson, both of Santa Rosa, the circle will meet weekly from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays starting May 13.

If you are interested in joining, email Bob Wohlsen or Sharron Simpson.

**News from ECUSA**

From the ECUSA website:

**Responding to Racist Violence**

LEARN, PRAY, ACT: Resources for Addressing Racist Violence and Police Brutality ~

In this time of national upheaval, outrage, and fear, The Episcopal Church’s Department of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care and the Office of Government Relations have assembled resources to assist individuals, congregations and communities seeking to LEARN, PRAY and ACT.

Please use and share these resources, and send your own resources and stories to Reconciliation, Justice & Creation Care.

~ Responding to Racist Violence as the People of God ~
Consult our Select List of Anti-Racism/Dismantling Racism Training Programs, compiled by The Episcopal Church’s Racial Reconciliation and Justice Team and the Executive Council Committee on Anti-racism and Reconciliation (ECCAR).

Read Presiding Bishop Curry’s Word to the Church: When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here

Read this article “Episcopalians in Minnesota, Churchwide Call for Justice in Killing of Black Man in Police Custody” from The Episcopal News Service: Episcopal News Service article on the call for justice in Minnesota and churchwide.

**Episcopal Church Toolkit for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**

The ECUSA Office of Government Relations provides a page with comprehensive information about COVID-19. Some items in the page’s Table of Contents are:

- 10 Actions to Help Everyone Get Vaccinated
- Government COVID-19 and Vaccine Rollout Plan
- Vaccine Hesitancy
- State-by-State COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Information

And more, at this link: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/covid-vaccine-toolkit/.

**Vestry News**

Vestry Notes ~ March Meeting:

Treasurer Ed Mathews reports we are doing well financially. Several annual pledges have been paid in full. The forgiveness process for our 2020 PPP loan is progressing. We have received 2021 PPP funds, but have not tapped them yet.

The Regathering Committee is meeting to consider some improvement to air circulation in the Sanctuary and the Parish Hall. There are sufficient funds available in Restricted Funds to cover their recommendations. Their recommendations will be coming soSenior Warden, Becky Leighton, is interested in a prayer list to include people and projects in our parish. This would be for all parishioners and would be separate from the Daughters of the King Prayer list. (See her article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Vestry reviewed our current ministries. Cherie Raffety suggested exploring expanding the Foster Care Night Out to include grannies, aunts, uncles, single parents, etc. - those who care for children and who also need a night off, but are not foster parents. Becky Leighton asked about moving forward with The Lighted Candle group on offering use of our parking lot, water and electricity to make showers available.
The roll out of the Invite • Welcome • Connect program will begin soon. *(See elsewhere in this newsletter for details, and in the Friday calendar email inviting parish participation.)*

Special thanks went to Karen Cornell for her research on the colors for the newly restored sign in front of the church and to Lyman Dennis for his research on ways to improve air quality in the church.

**Prayers for Our Parish**

During a “House Blessing” visit, a parishioner asked if there was any prayer material available for how she could pray for Church of Our Saviour. Was there? We all very much appreciate the prayer ministry of the Daughters of the King, but that is confidential and part of a larger program for women in the church. What about the rest of us and the men?

Prayer can undergird all that we do as a church. Our love for one another grows as we pray for one another. There is an impact on our surrounding community as we pray, at the very least because we are more poised to help.

Vestry has decided that there will be a regular email sent out to everyone in the church asking prayer for the programs or direction of the church, for individuals or our community. Becky Leighton, Senior Warden, will compile the items for prayer. If you have something you would like prayer for, please contact her at leightonbecky@gmail.com.

We could start with this prayer for the Parish in the The Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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