

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

A community of the Spirit of God, rooted in Holy Scripture, history, traditions, sacraments and worship; sharing the love of Christ through our service with others in our parish, neighborhoods and the world.

Dear all,

I am beginning to see signs of new life emerge. As a church community I think we have adapted very well to COVID with having to do so many things online. We are beginning to add other things that we were unable to do for the last two years. Our quarterly dinners are resuming, we will be holding a confirmation class, and begin planning our Forum in between services. I am optimistic about our future as a church. One of the things I would like to resume is a pastoral visitation team. Please let me know if you would like to visit some of our parishioners who have been in the hospital or are unable to come to the church in person. Isolation has been hard for many and people who are at home would love to have someone from our church visit.

We are also talking about resuming choir. I am thrilled that so many people are interested in that and will work with Betsy to get a new choir going again. Music is an important part of worship. I read a story about Mozart about the power of music on a website called Salt.org. "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was the son of a musician and composer and began performing as a young boy. After seeing him perform, Voltaire is said to have remarked that he had at last seen a miracle. Mozart died of a sudden, unidentified illness at the age of 35, with very little money to his name, and was buried in a mass, unmarked grave — having by then composed over 600 pieces of music."

When he was 13, he and his father visited the Sistine Chapel for a performance of Gregorio Allegri's nine-part choral composition, "Miserere." The piece had never been published, but after hearing it, the young Mozart was able to write it out from memory, with only a few minor errors.

The Swiss theologian Karl Barth once wrote that in Mozart, above all, we hear the music of creation, playful and buoyant, full of both light and shadow, both "Yes" and "No," but with the "Yes" nevertheless taking precedence. "It may be," Barth wrote, "that when the angels go about their task of praising God, they play only Bach. I am sure, however, that when they are together en famille, they play Mozart — and that then, too, our dear Lord listens with special pleasure."

Rev Deb

Parish News and Events

Invite • Welcome • Connect Update

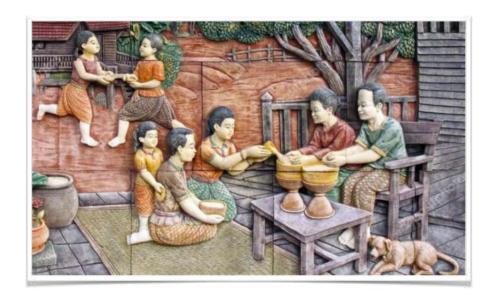
There was a "\$5.00 Taco Dinner" January 15th, 2022, and it was a delightfully festive event. Marcia Goodrich made the cake, (a great hit), and Boyd Roberts managed the money at the door as well as the raffle and the music. Michael Raffety did the bulk of the cooking. And Dona Adams created the flyer that really helped encourage people to come.

In addition to seeing our friends, we saw people we'd never seen before in the parish hall. Numerous people enjoyed the 4:00 p.m. start time and a few were waiting at the door for the dinner to start. (Maybe we'll develop an early bird special in the future so people don't have to drive home in the dark.)

Everyone who attended was very generous with their donations. Thank you all for helping to make the event a success.

Don't forget: Becky Leighton, who lived in Thailand for many years, is scheduled to do a Thai dinner in March.

Thai Dinner Scheduled for March 26th



Please join us on Saturday, March 26th, in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. for a Thai Dinner and to participate in a simple but meaningful Thai ceremony to mark the Thai New Year, which will be celebrated in Thailand from April 13 – 15 this year. It is a ceremony that every Thai participates in, whether they are Christian, Buddhist or Muslim. Since we gather as a church, we will follow what the Thai Christians do and say. We hope you can join us, and bring a friend!

Lenten Retreat Coming Up on March 5th













LENT RETREAT



The Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church will offer a Lenten Retreat
March 5, 2022 from 10 am to 1 pm
2979 Coloma Street, Placerville

Facilitated by the Rev Debra Sabino & The Rev Libby Vincent Snacks and drinks will be provided

To Register: email revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com and put Lenten retreat in the subject line

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Sacred Ground Experience Shared

Leslyn Shortes

I am asked to write a few words on my experience of the Sacred Ground course. First a confession; I had a bit of an attitude about taking the course: my education and profession are Social Work. I thought, "I know this stuff." I continued to be resistive the first few sessions. I knew my childhood neighborhood was "red lined," which meant only white folk like me could live there-I defended- "but as an adult I had achieved an intellectual openness to equality." It's kind-of-like putting God in a box... the box we construct is always too small. My understanding of race, and equal opportunity were too small. Comfortable, but small.



I found Sacred Ground to be a rich learning experience, once I allowed it to be. It is our human experience to cocoon in our opinions. Sacred Ground opens this up. It is also our human condition to want to sort people into hierarchies-interestingly with our selves first. Jesus teaches, "the first shall be last." He asks that we love each other as He loves us. I feel more prepared to do this after completing Sacred Ground.

I highly recommend taking the Sacred Ground course, but if you don't feel you can make that commitment, pick up a copy of our good Bishop Michael Curry's book; Love is the Way: Holding On to Hope in Troubling Times. It is a delightful read, full of stories of his life. In it he guides us in developing a "beloved community" which is the fruit of the Sacred Ground study.

Scheduling a Meeting, Conference, Training, Forum, Counseling Session or Event?

We are thrilled that things are beginning to happen again in person at Our Saviour. This means that we will inevitably have more than one person who wants a particular space at a given time. All scheduling must be done through our Office Administrator, Karen Cornell. Email her at oursaviouroffice@gmail.com or send a text to 530-417-2951 (be sure to identify yourself in the text). Karen will make sure your space is available and put your meeting on the website calendar. (You can check there for conflicts before scheduling), www.oursaviourplacerville.org

News from the Diocese

Ministries

In addition to the diocesan-level ministries listed here, our individual congregations are deeply committed to their communities. We are proud of our congregation-based ministries and believe them to be a testament to the desire present in all our congregations to serve others. Looking for a ministry not yet listed? Please contact us at <u>communications@norcalepiscopal.org</u>.

Worship Everything we do flows from our worship of God, in keeping with the best of our Anglican tradition.

Outreach In the love of Christ, we care constantly for the least, the last, and the lost in body, mind and spirit.

Formation We help people of all ages to grow into spiritual maturity, and to be fully equipped to live the Christian life.

Links to Diocesan Commissions and Committees

- Commission on Ministry
- Christian Formation Committee
- Episcopal Community Services
- Ministries of Health Committee
- Investment Fund Committee
- Disaster Preparedness
- Recovery Ministries
- Episcopal Foundation of Northern California

News from the Wider Church

The Episcopal Church

- Podcasts from The Episcopal Church
- Image Galleries

Episcopal News Service

• Churches step up homeless ministries during winter, with some offering buildings as shelter

- <u>Indigenous children who died at boarding school finally make it home as tribes repatriate</u> remains
- Presiding bishop speaks at annual MLK Day event in Atlanta

Episcopal Café

Speaking to the Soul:

- Florence Li Tim-Oi
- Spiritual Gifts

Vestry News

Summary of meeting held January 16:

The vestry meeting held on January 16, 2022, was attended by all the vestry members.

Ed reported that we ended the year with a loss of \$11,000.00 instead of the \$24,000.00 loss projected. A budget for the 2022 year was approved by the vestry and will be included in our annual meeting.

Rev. Deb also reported on the members willing to be on the new vestry.

Becky Leighton gave the Sr. Warden's report on building usage. She also praised Cherie and Mike Raffety for putting on a successful taco dinner fundraiser.

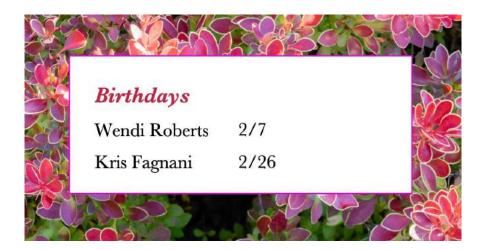
Lee Weikert gave the Jr. Warden's report. Lee updated us on the window repair progress. She went over the work being done on the Fixes and Flourishes list. The top priority are the leaks in our church building.

2021 FINANCES FOR DECEMBER					
Actual December Revenue	21,994.76				
Budgeted December Revenue	13,176.14				
Actual December Expenses	11,294.79				
Budgeted December Expenses	12,617.76				
December Net	10,699.97				
Total Revenue (Jan - December)	156,286.84				
Total Expenses (Jan - December)	163,383.43				
Year-To-Date Net (Jan - December)	<7,096.59>				

Ministry and Hospitality Schedules

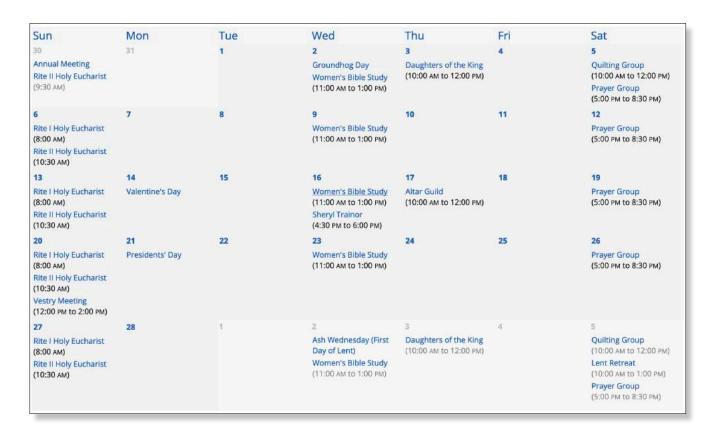
Date	Time	Readers	Ushers	EMS	Prayers of the People	Hospitality
	8:00 AM					
Feb 6		L. Perpall	TBD	S. Bert	K. Aguilar	B. Hill
Feb 13		B. Leighton	TBD	D. Zelinsky	T. Weikert	L. Weikert
Feb 20		S. Bert	TBD	D. Zelinsky	D. Adams	M. Goodrich
Feb 27		L. Weikert	TBD	T. Weikert	L. Weikert	K. Aguilar
	10:30					
Feb 6		T. Fritschi	D. Adams, M. Berkery	Y. Giordano	T. Naylor	L. Bettencourt S. Mathews
Feb 13		M. Berkery	M. Berkery, TBD	T. Berkery	Y. Giordano	K. Fritschi
Feb 20		Y. Giordano	M. Berkery, D. Lightfoot	Y. Giordano	D. Adams	T. Naylor
Feb 27		B. Roberts	M. Berkery, B. Roberts	T. Berkery	K. Fritschi	C. Raffety, M. Raffety

February Birthdays



February Calendar

This calendar view is current as of January 28. Please see the website Calendar for current scheduling: oursaviourplacerville.org



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 at www.oursaviourplacerville.org.

~ Our Values ~

Authentic

We are a community of the Spirit of God.

Rooted

We are rooted in Holy Scripture, history, traditions, sacraments and worship.

Christ-centered

We strive to encounter and emulate Jesus Christ.

Inviting

We seek out and invite all to this holy work.

Welcoming

We welcome all whom God has created, extending hospitality and compassion to them.

Relevant

We engage the world in which we live with the love of Christ.

Serving

We share the love of Christ through our service with others in our parish, neighborhoods and the world.

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