Dear all,

It feels like things are slowly beginning to come back alive in so many ways. We are making plans to resume forums, the choir, fellowship events, confirmation classes and retreats. And yet, we are entering the season of Lent, a time of stripping away and slowing down. Lent starts with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at noon. We will explore our own invitation to what Lent asks of us at the Lenten Retreat on March 5th. I am including some information about Lent that I came across on the Church of England website.

“Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church’s fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. Gloria in excelsis is not used. The Fourth Sunday of Lent was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ’s suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday. There are many devotional exercises which may be used in Lent and Holy Week outside the set liturgy.”

We will have two different Lenten Devotionals available. One is put out by Living Compass and the other was put together by Lee Weikert and is made up of reflections from members and friends of our congregation.

Blessings on your journey,

Rev Deb

Parish News and Events

Art Sale with Silent Auction Fund Raiser in the Parish Hall

A variety of art in different media will be available for purchase. All items will have a minimum bid of $25 with an opportunity for a silent auction bid over that price. All proceeds will go to the church. We are asking for donations of art works: paintings, sculptures, photography, pottery, fabric arts, and jewelry. You can donate now and Kathy Fritschi will add the donations to the show. Please bring items to the church or contact her for pick up. Kathy can be reached at 530-651-4056. Thank you!

This event will end on April 8. Stop by before it ends and take a look. There’s so much to see!

Forums

Our forums have resumed. We will be using material from the Presiding Bishop called The Way of Love. It is an intentional commitment to a set of practices based on the teachings of Jesus.

The Way of Love forums will be held in Peirce Hall from 9:15 - 10:00 on Sundays:

March 6 - Rev Deb
March 13 - Pastor Christine
March 20 - Tom
March 27 - Rev Deb
April 3 - Rev Deb
Confirmation Classes to Begin

Baptized persons are “confirmed” in the Christian faith with the laying on of hands by the bishop. Please email oursaviouroffice@gmail.com or call the church office (530-622-2441) and let us know if you are interested in a six-week confirmation class and what times/dates would work best for you.

Pastoral Visitation Team

Pastoral Care is an important part of a church community. It brings a sense of connection and belonging to those who are unable to come to church in person. I would like to develop a Pastoral Visitation Team of people who would be interested in visiting with those in our church who are unable to come to church. Please let me know if you are interested in this ministry. You can email me at revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com or call the church office (530-622-2441) and leave a message if we are not there.

Lenten Retreat ~ March 5th

Church of Our Saviour will offer a Lenten Retreat on March 5th, downstairs in Peirce Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev Debra & the Rev Libby Vincent.

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

Regeneration to Renewal: Lenten Reflections 2022

Our 2022 edition of Lenten reflections written by the extended church family of Our Saviour, members, clergy, former members, guest clergy, and others, is now available. Be sure to pick up a copy at church or contact Lee Weikert at 530-644-0382 to have one mailed or delivered to you. If you have a family member or a friend who would enjoy a copy, please take one to them.
Fixes and Flourishes Committee UPDATE

Things slowed down over the holidays but we are back in gear. The big project this year will be stopping the leaks into the lower spaces of the church. The kitchen roof will have to be replaced which in and of itself is easily done. The challenging part will be dealing with the platform at the side door to the church. Under today’s building codes, that platform would not be allowed. We ask your prayers that the city committee that reviews permits especially for historic buildings will allow us to replace the underneath supports at like-for-like. We are looking at something over $5,000 for the roof and possibly an equal amount or more for the platform. We will make other small improvements to keep the water away from pooling on the roof and entering into the Parish Hall closets.

Ongoing projects in Peirce Hall are the library windows and replacement window coverings for the top floor. The new arched window to replace the cracked window should be installed by the time you read this! We have considered many alternatives to reducing the amount of light that comes into the library. Professionally installed solar film appears to be the cheapest alternative and although it isn’t permanent, it will have a 12 year warranty. The committee will be considering this possibility at their March meeting. The dry wall and window sill work has not been scheduled yet although we signed the contract in early December.

Please thank Mike and Terry Berkery for their work on the play structure and their behind the scenes work and Steve Boilard for all his help with jobs too numerous to list.

If you see things that need attention, please contact Lee Weikert when you see her, call her at 530-644-0382, or send an email to eklktcwe@earthlink.net.

Thai Dinner Scheduled for March 26th

Please join us on Saturday, March 26th, in the Parish 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!

Stations of the Cross ~ April 2nd

Our journey through Lent helps us to understand the suffering and pain of Jesus leading up to the miracle of his Resurrection. One way to experience this journey is to walk a path that follows Jesus from his condemnation to his death on the cross and on to the tomb. There are 14 stops along this journey, “stations”, similar to the ones in our church. Tom and Lee Weikert have a set of plaques depicting the events along a path that zigzags up the hill behind their home. We stop at each station as we walk along for a reading and prayer at each tree where a plaque is hung. Our path is a moderate climb, eased by the zigzag pattern. Sturdy shoes are a must as it may be muddy. If it is raining we will move indoors. This event is suitable for all ages and there will be special booklets for children. We will have refreshments following our walk. Please join us on Saturday, April 2, at 10:00 am to walk the Stations of the Cross. If you have any questions, please call Tom and Lee at 644-0382. The address is 4110 Sierra Springs Drive, Pollock Pines and is between 5 Spot and Johnny Tuck roads.

Sacred Ground Experience ~ Thoughts
Stephen Shortes

For another study I am in I am reading Surprised by Joy by C S Lewis. In it he says of his childhood that reading Yankee at the Court of King Arthur was his only experience and understanding of the Arthurian stories.

We know the story was a creation of Mark Twain, but it makes the point that what we know is from what we have heard, read, and stories we have been told of history. Even history we have experienced ourselves is myopic as we only can experience the things immediate to us and personally are unaware of the larger picture. From the time we learn something onward we have the choice to accept what we know now forever or we continue to learn through new knowledge input. It is our personal choice to continue to learn and grow in knowledge and understanding or not.

As we know all history is and was written by people with a point of view or of the limited understanding of facts available to them at the time. We know now that the world is not flat and the earth rotates around the sun not the other way around. We should also be aware that new learning and information has been found on old subjects like chemicals that are now known to be a hazard to us or that Mounds found in the St. Lewis area were not built by aliens but by indigenous people.

My point is we must keep learning all our lives to be aware of the realities of the world of information. We must personally be responsible to check what we hear said to be personally responsible for its truth and our acceptance of it before we act on it or pass it on. As frustrating as it may seem the world of
information we live in and the histories we are told are changing with new awareneses or the realities and of more accurate information

Reality is never as simple as the stories told about it and some of it is complete fiction created for the benefit of a few and usually for the benefit of the story’s creator.

As it is said the Truth will set you Free. We were created to be free so we were given the ability to learn. Let us honor our creator and learn always so we may always be free.

Stephen

Mark Your Calendars

Church of Our Saviour is having an Easter Egg hunt. It’s the perfect time to invite the kids, the grand kids, the god children and the next door neighbor’s kids to visit the church. The egg hunt will start at 11:40 am or just after the 10:30 am service. There will be plastic eggs, prizes, candy for all and our regular coffee hour for adults.

And if any of the children would like to explore the Godly Play Sunday School, they are welcome to attend. Sunday school starts at 9:30 am.

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.

Recycling

Bring your CRV bottle and can recyclables to church. Place them in the bins in the Robing Room (that area outside the Parish Hall bathroom). Boyd Roberts will collect them and the funds from the returns go to the church.
**Diocesan Happenings**

**WordFest!**

*Saturday, April 23 | 9am - 2:30pm ~ On Zoom*

Wordfest is a day of study, learning and reflection to encourage and empower Lay Leaders in our parishes (Lay Preachers, Lay Readers, Bible study leaders, etc.) to gain a better understanding of the lectionary readings and the connection between them.

WordFest! is comprised of two sessions, entirely on Zoom. More info will follow with the zoom link.

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**Bishop Megan Visits Holy Trinity, Willows**

On Sunday, February 13, Bishop Megan traveled to Holy Trinity Church in Willows for her first official visit. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Dan Boeger, Deacon.

In addition to preaching and celebrating the Eucharist, the Bishop confirmed Banks Cole as a member of the Church, and celebrated the 100th birthday of parishioner, Marge Weems.

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**Subscribe to Racial Reconciliation**

February was Black History Month, but the Church’s work to repair the breach caused by racism goes on year-round. Why not add these Episcopal newsletters to your inbox so you can stay informed and engaged too?

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Building a Church Preparedness Team

Mark G. Dibelka
Missioner for Disaster Resilience
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

No matter where we are, there is always the potential for the unexpected. It is simple routine that lulls us into not being ready when the bad thing happens.

When we think of disaster, we like to think big, but remember a heart attack during worship can be a bigger disaster for a congregation than an earthquake in the middle of the week. Now is the time to start building a preparedness team in your congregation. To start this process, consider the following:

- Think through what disasters and emergencies are most likely to affect your church. For instance, it’s more likely that a fire will occur than a zombie apocalypse!
- Having several different voices in the room is helpful during the planning stage. Members with special needs may have a unique perspective to offer the group.
- Having strong support from congregational leadership is important in obtaining support from the rest of the congregation. The Rector or Senior Warden can be very helpful in framing the disaster preparedness as ministry (which it truly is).
- Contact the Bishop’s Missioner for Disaster Resilience and ask for assistance with the process, or to facilitate the discussion within your congregation.

Please, take this time, when you think it may be “quiet” to look at your church and how it ministers to its members and the community when bad things are happening. Help your congregation to be that light to the world that the darkness cannot overcome.

Diocesan 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 communications@norcalepiscopal.org.
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

From United Thank Offering:
- 40 Days of Gratitude Lenten Journal
- Lenten Gratitude Materials for Children

Episcopal News Service

- Presiding bishop, interfaith leaders pray for peace as Russia steps up its advance on Ukraine
- Episcopal leaders condemn Texas governor’s labeling of transgender medical treatments as child abuse
- Episcopal Church awards 2022-2023 Young Adult and Campus Ministry grants
Episcopal Café

From Speaking to the Soul:
• How to pray for peace from a world in pieces

From The Magazine:
• “Don’t Look Up”: Laughing Till It Hurts (spoilers here if you haven’t seen the movie)

This Year’s Vestry Retreat

Our Vestry members.

A bit of the brainstorming during their retreat.
Financial info from January to the date this newsletter was finalized.

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### March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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- Marcia Goodrich  3/11
- Chris Piazza     3/22
- Sheila Wagner    3/23
- Emma Piazza      3/25
- Boyd Roberts     3/31

#### Anniversaries
- Rich and LeAnn Bettencourt  3/24/70
- Sandy Bert          3/25/78
March Calendar

This calendar view is current as of February 25. Please see the website Calendar for current scheduling: oursaviourplacerville.org

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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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TIME DATE MATERIAL. PLEASE EXPEDITE