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# The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour



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## Dear friends in Christ,

I have been a fan of Nadia Bolz-Weber for a few years. She is the founding pastor of a Lutheran church called House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado. Bolz-Weber is also the author of *Pastrix: the Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* and, most recently, *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. I enjoy listening to her interviews on *On Being* and NPR. She does not fit the mold of what you might think a clergy person should look like. She is tattooed, former standup comic who uses 'colorful' language and is open about how she often resists the God she feels called to serve. 'God keeps showing up in the least likely of people—a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop, and a gun-toting member of the NRA.' Those unlikely people are the basis for her latest book.

Bolz-Weber held a conference at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minnesota called *Why Christian?* The advertisement for the conference read: "Why, in the wake of centuries of corruption, hypocrisy, crusades and televangelists do we continue to follow Jesus? Whenever we encounter a book, a sermon, a ministry, or a community that reminds us of why we are Christians, we are grateful. We are desperate for real-life, flesh-and-blood stories of how the light continues to shine in the darkness and how the darkness has not, will not, cannot overcome it. We're not interested in 10-step plans for how to grow our churches or a symposium on community organizing. We just want to hear about the Gospel of Jesus and how it continues to disrupt, disorient, and bring life to a troubled world. We want to want to be Christians."

On November 15th I am going to use some of the questions that Bolz-Weber asked at the conference, along with some material that our diocese is using called *Open Spaces*, to facilitate a conversation with you all about *Our Saviour*. During coffee hour you will be asked to write down (on large pieces of paper that will be on the walls of the Parish Hall) responses to a variety of questions. Your comments will be used to define and articulate a new mission statement for the church. Having a clear mission statement helps clarify our purpose as a church and that in turn will help all the various ministries within the church clarify their unique mission and ministry. My goal is to have all the ministries write a new mission statement based on the overarching mission of *Our Saviour*.

I look forward to hearing stories and comments about how God has changed your life and how Our Saviour has played some part in your spiritual journey.

Faithfully,

Rev Deb



### **Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy**

On another note: I am going to be sworn in as a chaplain for the Sierra Law Enforcement on Nov 12th. There are 15 chaplains in the department whose primary mission is to respond to the needs of peace officers and additionally respond to crises in the community. I will attend a monthly session for 2 hours with the other chaplains and go on a ride along with officers once a month (if time allows). In addition I will be periodically be on call for emergencies. I think this will be a good way that I can get to know more people in our community and serve pastoral needs. of both peace officers and others in the community.

### **Construction in Church**



We are repairing the floor under the altar. The carpet has been removed from that area of the church. Please be patient and careful while the altar area undergoes construction. No bare feet at the altar!

### **Ministry with Veterans – an update**

Veterans don't need a special ministry, but they do need to be appreciated. Your own family history may include veterans of various wars or peace times. You may have grown up with stories they shared. However, many veterans choose not to share their stories. Veterans have many reasons for not talking about their military experiences. They may have endured traumas that are too painful to relive. They may have witnessed things, or allowed actions that violated their moral codes. They may have a variety of feelings about their service in the military. We can't presume that they all want to be thanked for it. I do believe that all veterans want to be acknowledged for the service and years they gave to their country. In the main, it was everything they had.

Vietnam War veterans are now in their sixties and seventies! The national attitude at the time was mostly against the war effort, and much of that anger got transferred to returning veterans. If you can remember that time, they can, too. They don't forget how they were vilified when they came home.

Our military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan are generating another cohort of traumatized veterans. PTSD is a frequent diagnosis. Some of these veterans may seek disability ratings from the VA, but many will follow the Vietnam veterans' pattern of hiding their psychological challenges so that they can be employed. For some of them, this is not an option. What can a faith community do? We can be welcoming and say hello, without asking a lot of questions.

For the past few years my personal ministry focus has been veterans, especially those with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). (By the way, there is discussion about whether this is a disorder or a normal response). Whatever the politically correct label, healing is essential for those struggling to achieve a new purpose in their lives.

Healing can come through a variety of avenues. Prayer and confession may work for some. Getting involved in a community outreach effort may offer meaningful connection for others. Simply sharing peer support among people who have walked along similar paths can be a transformative activity.

The Veterans Community Center that we started last June is an example of one approach to healing. We meet every Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building. We talk for the first hour. Sometimes it's just chatting, and sometimes the conversation gets deeper. The key is to build trust. For the second hour one of the group leads us in stretch yoga. We started with two to three fairly regular attendees, and now we have five to six. I am the only non-veteran and the host. If I cannot be present, one of the others hosts the session. So far, ten veterans have attended at least once. I also invite occasional guests to share specific information.

This is not the only way to do ministry with veterans. At Trinity Cathedral the Rev. Diana Turner leads a monthly group. Over 55 men and women have identified themselves as veterans, and Diana hopes to conduct a videography program to capture their stories as part of a national veterans history project.

David Zelinsky does amazing safety net work, largely with homeless and very troubled veterans. Rev. Deb is interested in building a tiny home community for homeless vets. Faith Church offers a Veterans Voices program to help veterans get their stories on paper. I also chair a small non-profit called Four Paws To Freedom which offers classes to teach veterans how to build a partnership with their service dog. Having a service dog to warn a person with PTSD of potential dangers can make the difference between locking oneself at home or becoming a productive member of a community.

The one thing that makes all ministry real is human connection. Remember that we are the only ones who can be Christ to each other.

Pastor Christine+

### **Special Veterans' Day Service at Our Saviour**

The regular monthly Wednesday evening healing service falls on November 11 - Veterans Day - this month. Pastor Christine will lead special prayers of thanksgiving for all who have served in times of war and times of peace, followed by Holy Communion. Veterans and non-veterans are welcome. The service will be from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

(A really BIG Veterans Day service will be held at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1 to 3:30 pm.)

### **Placerville Festival of Lights**



The Festival of Lights will take place on Friday, November 27th (the day after Thanksgiving), from 5:00PM to 8PM on Historic Main Street in Placerville. The old-fashioned festivities will close Historic Main Street and begin around 5:00PM at various locations up and down Main Street with holiday singers, dancers, music, Santa, and the tree-lighting at 6PM at the Courthouse.

Last year the church parking lot was filled with cars and there was a constant stream of foot traffic in front of our church, but our church was dark and all locked up. This year I would like to change that and have the doors open, people singing carols on the steps and maybe offering hot chocolate to passerbys. Who would like to help string Christmas lights on our staircase and be outside on Nov 27 singing Christmas carols and sharing the welcome of Christ to others this Christmas season? Call or email Rev Deb if you are in!

### **Stewardship & Pledge Campaign**

- November 8- Stewardship packets will be available in the church, sent out via e-mail and snail mailed to others.
  - The Rev. Kent McNair, founder and former rector of Faith Church in Cameron Park, will preach that day and be with us during coffee hour to talk about Stewardship.
- November 15th- Parishioners will speak about what Our Savior means to them. We will have the Open Space and Why Christian? conversation in Parish Hall during coffee hour.
- November 22- Pledge Ingathering

## Vestry Nominations

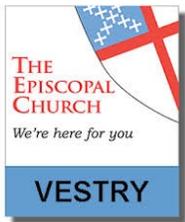
Vestry members oversee parish financial issues and approve the annual budget. They also serve as liaisons for communication between the Vestry and Ministry Teams.

Vestry members serve three year terms. Its members should represent the breadth and diversity of the parish membership. The slate of nominees should be drawn from a broad spectrum of parish life.

To be eligible to serve on the Vestry, a person shall be a communicant whose name is duly enrolled in the Register of the Parish, be sixteen years of age or older, regular in attendance at services and other church activities, and a steward of their time, talent and treasure for its support.

### **Vestry members are expected to:**

- 1) Be actively involved in the programs, activities, and spiritual life of the parish;
- 2) Regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, retreats, and conferences;
- 3) Model stewardship of time, talent and treasure.



4) Be willing to serve as a liaison to the Ministry Team

5) Work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to foster an environment of mutual trust and prayerful support.

6) Attend major gatherings of the congregation (e.g., Annual Meeting,) and as many other events (e.g., Lobsterpalooza, Adult Formation

opportunities, fundraising and community-building activities, etc.) as possible.

7) Serve the entire parish and not a constituency.

8) Be committed to careful listening and open and respectful dialogue, considering a wide range of points of view.

9) Take seriously personal growth in the faith through community or private study and practice

If you wish to nominate a candidate for the Vestry, please discuss it with him or her.

Convey the eligibility requirements and these expectations to each person you wish to nominate to ensure that each nominee is eligible and willing to serve.

There will be forthcoming information about the deadline for receiving nominations.

## **Delegates to Convention**

Lay delegates and alternate delegates are elected either at the congregation's annual meeting or by the vestry/mission committee. All congregations have at least one delegate, larger congregations have more. The lay delegates and alternates are certified as such to the Secretary of the Convention and then listed on the official voting and mailing lists.

A lay delegate should be someone who can represent the congregation and vote on its behalf on a variety of subjects. A member of the vestry or a retiring warden often makes a good delegate because of intimate knowledge of the workings of that congregation.

All congregational clergy also serve as delegates and should be considered as part of the congregation's delegation. Delegates represent their congregation at the annual Diocesan Convention and any specially convened conventions. Delegates advise their vestry/mission committee and congregation of issues pending before the region or the Diocese, seek their opinions, and report back to them when actions are taken.

All delegates and alternate delegates should reserve the date of the Diocesan Convention and be able to attend it.

If you wish to nominate someone to be a delegate, please discuss it with him or her and then notify fill out nomination form and give to Senior Warden, Jim Baker or drop off at church office.

There will be nomination forms for both vestry and delegates to convention soon.

## **Diocesan Convention**

Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred Fifth Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California has been called by the Bishop of Northern California for Friday, November 13th through Saturday, November 14, 2015 in Redding, California. Materials relating to Convention, such as an agenda, budget, resolutions, nominations, etc. will be distributed via the diocesan website and at the Deanery Convocations on October 24, 2015.

## **Deanery News**

September 24, 2015, the deanery clergy and members of the deanery planning team gathered to discern areas of common interest within the deanery. The following four areas were determined: Community Gardens (and produce), Veterans Ministry, Viability and Sustainability, and Children's Ministry. The deanery will organize itself into Circles of Practice around these ministries.

Other ministries that were discussed but did not have collective interest at this time: Outreach, Environment, Liturgical Lay Leaders, Christian Formation, Spirituality, Health and Wellness, Recovery

We decided that the majority of new ministry done at the deanery level would employ Circles of Practice as the organizing force. Circles of practice are groups who come together with common interests to build community and relationship within The Episcopal Church, Diocese, and/or Deanery. The stated purpose of coming together is clear and specific, how this purpose comes to life may be different for each ministry interest established. The scales may vary greatly in size. These ministry areas of interest may create events that are specific and discerned within the group, doable, and have a reasonable chance for success. The conveners will invite all the churches of the deanery to the initial meeting; however, it may be that only those with interest and congregational support enter into that specific circle. The circles will keep the deanery informed through the Facebook page: Capital Deanery of the Diocese of Northern California. As congregations change, they are welcome to enter into any of the circles already established under the guidelines that the circles establish as necessary to sustain the ministry.

## **Columbarium**

The word 'columbarium' comes from the Latin word 'columba' which means 'dovecote.' A dovecote is a compartmented house where doves, a symbol of God's Holy Spirit, comes to roost. In modern times a columbarium is a structure that is used for the internment of ashes after cremation. It is a place where one can remember their loved ones, can pray or meditate.

Our Saviour is blessed to have a columbarium that can be used for our loved ones. The Columbarium at Our Saviour is in the narthex of the church. The function of a narthex is to be an entry way for the church where people greet each other and are welcomed. Since our narthex is quite small it makes it a difficult to have a private moment of prayer or remembrance.

Because the new carpet is being installed, the Columbarium will be temporarily relocated next to the door at the back entrance of the church. The goal, is to have a suitable location which invites people to make use of it with meditation and prayer to the best of our ability. A Columbarium committee will be asking for your ideas about this in the near future.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 12:00 in St John's Room in Peirce Hall. We will not meet on November 25. We will study the book of Abraham. We welcome new members! Email LeAnn @[kbett@live.com](mailto:kbett@live.com) or call at 530-644-4789 if you have questions. Thanks, LeAnn

## Lobsterpalooza 2015

I will apologize in advance for the length of this letter but I think you will forgive me.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude to all the people that made Lobsterpalooza IV a very successful event. I want to thank all in the church that either attended, bought tickets or made a donation. I want to also thank everyone that offered a helping hand in making the event a success.

I want to start with Mike and Judy Muetz who procured the venue of the American Legion Hall for all 4 years. I wish to thank Terry Berkery for taking on the dessert table and providing homemade fruit and rum cakes for over 236 people both this year and last year. Also Mike Berkery for helping to distribute flyers to downtown stores by walking the streets of Placerville and getting our event publicized with many of the merchants and gathering raffle prizes along the way.

I wish to thank Jim Baker for being my "wingman" at all four events. Jim provided his truck, gas and taking off work to pick up lobsters at Sacramento Airport, deliver to the overnight storage and then pick up the next day. He then was there every year on Sunday, the day after the event, for the fun task of mopping down the entire floor of the hall, help clean bathrooms and take out the trash.

I wish to also thank Mona Baker and Ree Ann Wyly for handling the difficult job of running the raffle table for the past four years. I wish to thank Janice McDonald for helping procure prizes for both the Silent Auction and Raffle table both this year and last year.

I also would like to thank Vickie Christenson-McClain for maintaining the Lobsterpalooza website all four years and her help as co-chairperson for the first three years. Her hard work and cool head kept us from minor distractions and kept the ship heading in the right direction.

As I think of the past four years I was remembering our first year when Allen Wyly, Charles Griffin, Jim Baker, Perry McClain were our cooks helped by their staff of Ree Ann and Vickie, on their feet for 6-7 hours over boiling lobster. I don't think Allen has touched a shellfish since! Since then we have had caterers perform that task as volunteers starting with Sean Brennan the 2nd and 3rd year and this year with Nate Edge and Penny Sneed running the kitchen. I want to give a shout out to

my friend Patch who tirelessly helped us set up Friday, washed all dishes, pots and pans Saturday and helped clean up Saturday night without a break.

I would like to thank Karen Aquilar, Wendi and their helpers for decorating the hall all 4 years and adding that extra to making the event authentic in its feel. A special thanks goes out to Jana Newman and 3G Homeschool for helping to supply adult and teen volunteers for the event, Union Mine National Honor Society (thanks to Elise Piazza), Ponderosa Key Club, Boy Scout Mark Weinhardt, my friends Paul and Dana Weinhardt and their daughter Emily for helping to set up Friday Night, Paul to shuck corn on Saturday and again help with "breakdown" of tables Saturday night. Also Charles Griffin, Mike Berkery and Jim Baker for their expertise in corn shucking the day of the event. The event could not have happened without the help of all listed above.

My biggest thanks goes to my wife, Wendi, for all her support over the past 4 years by selling tickets, her perky voice on the phone speaking to people making it sound like a fun event, artwork for silent auction, being the greeting hostess the night of the event, drawing of the seating charts and picking up on everything I forgot to do. Putting up with Lobsterpalooza paraphernalia in all parts of the house and garage sometimes making it tough to park and having our home phone as the Lobsterpalooza hotline for three months a year. All being accomplished with a smile (most of the time).

Four years ago the Vestry set out to raise funds for the Capital Improvement Fund for the benefit of our beautiful old church. I am proud to say Lobsterpalooza raised over \$14,000 for that fund over those years. I have enjoyed being your chairman all four years but think it is time to step aside. I hope the next chairman has as much fun as I have had.

LONG LIVE THE PALOOZA!!

Sincerely,

Boyd Roberts

### **S.H.A.R.E.**

Thanks to all of you who donated food this month. Thanks also to all who bought tickets for the Flapjack breakfast. In September SHARE provided a three day supply of food for 346 families which included a total of 1327 individuals.

### **Parish Pantry**

In lieu of our annual Holly Faire, we are going to have a December Parish Pantry. We need donations of craft items suitable for gifting, jellies, jams, pickles, chutney, fudge, cookies, and hand made items. Our pantry will open December 5th and stay open for approximately two weeks.

Light refreshments will be served on Saturday the 5th. If you have questions, please call Karin or Brenda. More information will be in the November newsletter.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The flowers of Christmas can be given in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for God's blessing or someone in your life. They are \$10.00 each. Please make checks out to THE ALTAR GUILD along with your message before December 17th. Your donations help to make our church beautiful for our Christmas services. Thank you.

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

My fellow parishioners I am retiring as your reception chair, which I have been for over 20 years. I want to thank each of you for your help which ALWAYS made my job easier. The donations of food and unfailing help were outstanding. The Daughters of the King will continue to plan our receptions. Karin Aguilar will be the chair for 2016. Please continue your great help. As ever Brenda

### FORUM SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Presenter/ Memo
Oct 11	The Anglican Vision1 - England to Portage/ Beginnings of Anglicanism Chapter 1 & 2	Rev Deb
Oct 18	The Anglican Vision2- The Renewal of Anglicanism/ Mission and the Anglican Communion Chapter 3 & 4	Leta P
Oct 25	Blessing Animals	9:30 one service
Nov 8	Stewardship Sunday	The Rev. Kent McNair
Nov 15	Open Space Conversation	no forum
Nov 22	Anglican Vision 3- Anglican Believing/ Anglican worship Chapters 5 & 6	Leta P
Nov 29	Anglican Vision 4 - Identity & Diversity Chapter 7	Tom W
Dec 13	Anglican Vision 5 - Church and Sacrament Chapter 8	Tom W

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Daylight Saving 8am - Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Adult 10:15am - Nursery 10:20am - Sunday	2 7:15pm - NA	3 7:30am - Office 8:30am - Morning 6pm - Bunco @	4 11am - Women's	5 7:30am - Office 8:30am - Growing in 8:30am - Morning 10am - DOK	6 6:30pm - Welcome	7 10am - Altar Guild 10am - Pastoral
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### Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	T. Weikert	J. McDonald	L. Hill/C. Griffin
8	S. Bert	L. Weikert	S. Wagner/J. Schoener
15	L. Hill	T. Wilson	B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge
22	T. Weikert	L. Powell	J. George/L. George
29	D. Zelinsky	L. Perpall	E. Hawkins/S. Wagner

### Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
1	J. Baker/M. Muetz	B. Roberts/SS	D. Lightfoot/W. Roberts	R. Dorrans
8	J. Baker/M. Baker	L. Parks	E. Cannon/M. Miller	
15	L. Parks/Y. Giordano	C. McLaughlin	B. Roberts/J. Baker	R. Dorrans
22	S. Bert/L. Parks	T. Fritschi	D. Lightfoot/M. Muetz	
29	Y. Giordano/M. Muetz	S. Bert	L. Parks/R. Douglas	



### Birthdays

Laura Filsinger      November 5

### Anniversaries

Tom & Lee Weikert      November 11

Mike & Joanne McCormack November 25



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