



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

April 2, 2009

Palm Sunday

This Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. The palms will be blessed at the 8:00 am service and distributed after the blessing. At the 10:30 am service the palms, having already been blessed, will be distributed at you enter the church.

The **Maundy Thursday** service at 7:00 pm is a major feast in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Christ's great gift of the Holy Eucharist which He instituted at the last Supper in anticipation of his death and Resurrection. We celebrate this feast with scripture and our Christ Church choir presenting 7 anthems in Thanksgiving of Christ's gift of himself in the Holy Eucharist.

THE NUMBERS

Attendance at Saturday Mar 28	5:00 pm	23
Attendance at Sunday March 29	8:00 am	55
Attendance at Sunday March 29	10:30 am	149
Pledge Receipts		\$5653
Receipts required to meet current expenses		\$15,000
Alleluia Campaign Receipts*		\$1884

***With construction beginning soon, if anyone can pay their Alleluia Campaign pledge ahead it will certainly help.**

This week at Christ Church

Friday	4/3	7:00 pm	Board Room	Friends & Family of Incarcerated Persons
Saturday	4/4	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
	4/4	5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Mass
Sunday	4/4	6:00 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
	4/5	8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday
	4/5	10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday
Monday	4/5	12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
	4/6	12:00 pm	Warden Office	Warden Meeting
	4/6	7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	4/6	7:00 pm	Board Room	St. Luke the Physician
	4/7	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	4/7	9:00 am	Guild Room	Church Staff Meeting
	4/8	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
	4/8	11:30 am	Main Church	Stations of the Cross
	4/8	12:05 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
	4/8	4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
	4/8	7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice

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A Letter from the Senior Warden

It has been a difficult yet rewarding last three months for the staff of Christ Church and I think you all, the family of Christ Church should be kept abreast of all that has happened and is planned.

Perhaps the largest challenge the office staff faced was losing a son, a father, and major surgery. Bonnie Todd our parish receptionist lost her son Nathan. Annie Seay, our bookkeeper and parish administrator lost her father, Don and our Director of Maintenance, Mark Petrimoulx had triple by-pass surgery. Each of these challenges would have been difficult all by themselves much less to come within less than 3 months of each other. Add to that the challenges that face this church and this first part of 2009 has been difficult. Your parish staff along with some pretty amazing volunteers, have worked hard together to ensure the administrative and maintenance work of the church continued.

Now it's your turn.

The Stewardship pledges for 2009 are significantly lower than last year. The economy has hurt all of you and certainly the church as well. Many of you have been reluctant to pledge, electing to continue giving without pledging. Your Vestry understands. The Alleluia Capital Campaign finds itself in similar circumstances as the operating budget, no doubt due to the same economic hardships. The financial challenges of this church are large and without everyone participating we face some extremely difficult times ahead. That is the bad news.

The good news is that there can be brighter times ahead if we can weather this financial storm. At the March Vestry meeting your Vestry voted to continue with the loft and organ installation. Once completed we feel that this church will attract new members and visitors who will choose to stay and worship beside us. I have begun taking steps to ready the church not only for the new organ but for the many programs and visitors that it will bring. Hopefully by Easter and if not by Hard Hat Sunday (April 19th) you will see a revitalized Greeter program, new signage to help visitors find their way, New Welcome packets, and a new Welcome Center at the entrance to the church. On Hard Hat Sunday we will welcome our Interim Rector Fr. Vince O'Neill and his wife Maria to our family and enjoy some great fellowship, the first this year, with a Luau feast in honor of the Hawaiian community the O'Neill's previously lived and worked. With some real help from all of you this church can emerge from the challenges it faces with a renewed spirit and energy but I will need all your help.

What can you do?

Beginning with this Epilog and posted in the courtyard will be two lists: a Needs List and Volunteer List. Each will describe the various needs and help we need to accomplish our goals. If you want Christ Church to succeed your name needs to be on one list or the other. In addition if you can increase your Stewardship pledge even \$1.00 it would help and finally, if you could pay all your Alleluia pledge for this year now or very soon it would be a huge help.

As I have said, this has been a tough but rewarding year. I see a bright future with your help.

Stephen Wilkinson

Community Outreach

- It's spring cleaning time again and the Treasure House needs your gently used clothing, kitchen supplies and anything else in working order. Donations are normally accepted on the third Sunday of every month however donations are also accepted during normal business hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- A "Senior Health Seminar" will be held Saturday April 4th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the UNLV Paradise Campus Auditorium Room 133. (SE corner of Tropicana and Swenson across from Thomas and Mack Center). Learn how to protect your own health. Free blood pressure checks from 8:00 am to 9:30 am.
- AFAN is getting ready for the AIDS WALK LAS VEGAS 2009. Help us in the fight against HIV/AIDS here in southern Nevada. Join thousands of people on April 19, 2009 as we take to the streets to support those living with this disease. Together we can make a difference.
AFAN is Nevada's oldest and largest AIDS service organization. Providing more than 24 years of service to our community
For more information please visit www.afanlv.org.
- Congregation Ner Tamid, 55 N. Valle Verde Drive in Henderson has invited members of Christ Church to be their guests as they celebrate Passover with an inter-faith family Seder. It will be held beginning at 6:00 pm Saturday April 4th at their Temple. Please call Beth Bowman at 702-239-4998x205 for reservations.
- The International Order of St. Luke the Physician will hold an informational meeting on April 6th at 7:00 pm in the Christ Church Board Room. Persons interested in this very important healing ministry are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

- A reading from "Benjamin's Box" will be done this Sunday April 4th at 9:30 am in the Church Courtyard.
- Baptisms will be conducted during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 pm. Anyone wishing to be baptized at that time should contact the church office at 735-7655.
- Bishop Dan Edwards will hold a special Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday morning April 9th at 11 am. The purpose is to bless the chrism for use in parishes the rest of the year. We plan to have coffee and a light snack afterwards..
- Previously announced, Hard Hat Sunday will be Sunday April 19. **There will be only one service that day at 9:00 am.** After the service and "Ground Breaking Ceremony," we will have a Hawaiian luau to welcome Fr. and Mrs. O'Neill.
- Offertory envelopes for May through the end of the year will be available in the courtyard. By not using the Postal Service the church saves nearly \$1200.00.
- ECW needs your help! Easter is just a few days away and we will once again be welcoming friends and family from near and far. The ECW ladies will be decorating the refreshment tables in the parish hall, but this year with a considerable handicap. The kitchen will not be useable, so all of your kind donations of breads, fruits and juices must be ready to serve. If you haven't received a phone call asking for food stuffs please consider this message your personal request. Breakfast breads or muffins will need to be ready (cut-up) to serve, fruit will have to be cut up and in/on disposable serving dishes and juices must be ready to pour. As in years past with your help the tables will be filled with great foods and everyone can enjoy our hospitality. If you have questions or would like to help please give me a call, Kathy Kesner 431-3374. Thank you in advance.

Vestry Briefs

The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on March 16, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm with Fr. O’Neill offering the opening prayer. At this meeting all decisions were made either by consensus or unanimous votes. Actions included the following:

Budget Ratification

Treasurer, John Maloney presented the 2009 Budget and reviewed each budget line with the vestry. Ann Seay, Parish Administrator, provided historical data where necessary. The 2009 bare bone budget comes in at \$575,218. The projected shortfall for 2009 is \$107,419.

Stewardship

To date, we have a pledged amount of \$277,000. Pledges continue to come in.

Construction update

The vestry accepted the Schantz redesign of the loft. The original design did not accommodate the needs of the choir. The redesign will also allow either the organ Trumpet-en-Chamade, to be added and/or the Tuba. It was unanimous that we go forth with the loft construction.

The kitchen is clean. Kudos’ were given to Travis Smith on the completion of his Eagle Scout Project.

Hard Hat Sunday

Hard Hat Sunday is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 19, 2009. At that time we will welcome and celebrate the blessings we have received from accepting Fr. O’Neill as our interim rector, and the presence his wife Maria.

Huntridge Teen Clinic

Huntridge Teen Clinic has requested office space for potential expansion. The space will be used for the UNLV School of Dentistry off-site office. The vestry embraced the exploratory stage of the project. Christ Church is the founder of the Huntridge Teen Clinic.

People of Christ Church in the News

- Mark Reinert, a member of our parish family will speak of his experiences on the streets of Las Vegas and his call from God at Summerlin Presbyterian Church on April 26th at 10:30 am.

Service Schedule at Christ Church

April

Saturday 4/4	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday 4/5	8:00 am
	10:30 am
Wednesday 4/8 Stations	11:30 am
	12:05 pm
Maundy Thursday 4/9	11:00 am
Maundy Thursday 4/9	7:00 pm
Good Friday 4/10	7:00 am
Good Friday 4/10	12:00 pm
Holy Saturday 4/11	10:00 am
Easter Vigil 4/11	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday 4/12	8:00 am
	10:30 am
Wednesday 4/15	12:05 pm
Saturday 4/18	5:00 pm
Sunday 4/19 Hard Hat	9:00 am
Wednesday 4/22	12:05 pm
Saturday 4/25	5:00 pm
Sunday 4/26	8:00 am
	10:30 am
Wednesday 4/29	12:05 pm

Parish Needs List

<u>NEED</u>	<u>COST</u>
Sign over Courtyard Entrance	Unknown
Handicapped Signs	\$ 50.00
Restroom Signs	\$100.00
Welcome Sign over	
Parking lot entrance	\$150.00

Parish Volunteer List

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Workers to help gather food from the Postal Workers Annual Food Drive (May 9th)
- Help to drape the Cross for Maundy Thursday

General Convention 2009

The 76th General convention July 18 – 17, 2009 in Anaheim, California

Travel Tips

By JoAnn Roberts Armstead

Deputy

The time is moving fast. We have fewer than 100 days before the 2009 General Convention in Anaheim.

There are four major airports in the area: Los Angeles International (LAX), John Wayne Orange County (SNA), Long Beach (LGB) and Ontario International (ONT). The closest and most convenient airport is John Wayne. The designated travel agent for the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society (National Church Center at 815) is A & L Travel. They have arranged discounted rates with United, American and Northwest airlines for General Convention. The discounts range from 5 percent to 15 percent. To take advantage of the discounts, call A & L Travel at 1-866-683-8248 or call the airlines directly. There may be a small fee if you call the travel company. To get the discount, make sure to mention you are booking for General Convention.

If you call the airlines directly you need the following file numbers to receive the discount:

- Northwest #NM2EX.
- American #A4979AJ.
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- Continental Z code ZFMK agreement BSSOJR

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