



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

April 1, 2010

This Week's Inspirational Thought

Religious and spiritual conversion – The deeply personal conviction that life has meaning despite all the absurdity that surrounds us, and that love will triumph despite all the evils which threaten us.

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, March 20	5:00 pm	12
Sunday, March 21	8:00 am	71
	10:30 am	119
	6:30 pm	71
Pledge Receipts		\$ 8,145
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 1,321
Attendance at Saturday, March 27	5:00 pm	15
Sunday, March 28	8:00 am	74
	10:30 am	156
	6:30 pm	69
Pledge Receipts		\$ 7,049
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 4,615

Service Schedule at Christ Church

Maundy Thursday	4/1	7:00 pm	Choral Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing Vigil immediately follows until 7:00 am Friday
Good Friday	4/2	7:00 am	Good Friday Service
		12:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday	4/3	8:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday	4/4	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist
Wednesday	4/7	11:00 am	Celebration of Life for James DesJardins Reception in the Parish Hall Follows

The 12:05pm Eucharist will not be celebrated today.

Saturday	4/10	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	4/11	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist

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There is great sadness in the household of Christ Church. James DesJardins, son of John and Winnie DesJardins, husband of Christine and Father of Jonathan and Qadir; died in a traffic accident this past weekend. A service celebrating his life will be held at 11am Wednesday April 7th 2010. I encourage all of you to come and celebrate with the family and offer the support of this household of Christ

This Week at Christ Church

Thursday	04/01	7:00 pm	Main Church	Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist / Foot Washing
	04/01	8:00 pm	Chapel	Vigil "The Watch"
Friday	04/02	7:00 am	Main Church	Good Friday Service
		12:00 pm	Main Church	Good Friday Service
		6:00 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	04/03	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
Sunday	04/04	5:00 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
		8:00 pm	Main Church	The Great Vigil of Easter
		12:30 am	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
		8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist Reception to Follow
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist Reception to Follow
		12:00 pm	Courtyard	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday	04/05	6:30 pm	Parish Hall	Latino Eucharist Reception to Follow
			CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (For day after EASTER DAY)	
Tuesday	04/06	7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
		9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
		9:00 am	Rector's Office	Clergy Meeting
Wednesday	04/07	9:30 am	Guild Room	Staff Meeting
		11:00 am	Main Church	Celebration of Life for James DesJardins
				Reception in the Parish Hall Follows
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt held at Christ Church on Easter Sunday, April 4th after the 10:30 service for all children. It will be held in the courtyard. Friends are welcome. Picture will be taken, but if you do take any pictures and would like to share them with us please contact Graci Vargas in the Parish Office. We will be putting the pictures up on one of the boards out in the courtyard. Hope to see you later.

SLEEP ONE NIGHT IN A BOX.....and CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE FOREVER!

Family Promise presents "The 3rd Annual Cardboard City" Saturday, April 24, 2010. Cardboard City is one night spent in a cardboard box and dining in a soup-line. This event helps bring public awareness of our local homeless and helps benefit Family Promise of Las Vegas. To register go to www.familypromisely.wordpress.com. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, Lied Memorial Clubhouse, 2850 S. Lindell Rd. There will be security for the event. It will be held in a gated area for your safety. All ages are invited. Please come and support this wonderful program.

Vestry News

From our Senior Warden

I had an epiphany the other day on another way to help lower our office costs. I was shredding my junk mail at home and lo and behold, there was a page of Office Max Coupons for 50% off Labels, 50% off Dividers, 50% off Binders, and \$3.00 off reams of paper. These are significant savings so I brought the coupons to the Church Office for their next trip to Office Max. If you have unexpired coupons like this that you are not going to use, please bring them to the office, or drop them in the collection plate on Sunday. Every little bit helps.

A situation arose this past weekend that you all need to be made aware of. Sometime between Thursday evening and Monday morning a person, or persons unknown, was in the church office and went through several desks. They found the deposits from Treasure House in a locked drawer and took a total of \$600.00 from the deposit bags. There is no good way to find out who was in the office or who took the money since there are so many people who have keys and the alarm code to the office. The safe was not used because many people have the combination. A police report has been filed.

We have taken the following actions. Mark Petrimoulx is changing the locks to all the outside doors to the office. We are implementing positive control over who gets keys. The inside door locks are also being changed. The building alarm codes are being changed and we will track who accesses and/or secures the office and the time of day. The combination to the safe has already been changed.

If any of you have keys and or access codes for the office, be aware they will no longer work. Please throw away any old keys. The sacristy and vesting room alarm codes are also being changed. Those needing access to the vesting room and/or sacristy will be notified of their new code. If you are entrusted with these keys or codes, please, never share them.

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The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on March 15, 2010. Because of the length, the meeting minutes are attached to this email.

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

Matthew 25:31-46 The Last Judgment

The final judgment describes our salvation;
Sheep and goats in divine separation.
We are called to serve all
In prison, hospice or mall.
To love peoples without any exception.

The Cupboards are Nearly Bare

We hesitate to beg, but volunteers at the Christ Church food pantry (Epicenter on the Parkway) are indeed begging you to consider our hungry neighbors every time you visit the grocery store. When we left the food pantry recently, there was lots of Ramen on the shelves, 1 can of green beans, 5 cans of corn, NO peanut butter, NO tuna, NO cereal, NO fruit, NO spaghetti or spaghetti sauce... You get the idea..

For those eager to help, there is also an opportunity to contribute money by cash or check (designated to the food pantry). Look for special envelopes coming soon in church pews. The church can buy miscellaneous boxes of food from Three Square Food Bank for the fabulous price of 9 cents per pound -- a great way to make your contribution go far.

There was good news last week too, though. As we were locking up the above-mentioned nearly empty food pantry, a car pulled in to the area. The driver said he was a distributor for Kellogg. The owner of one of the stores the distributor supplies was clearing quite a bit of product off his shelves and told the distributor he was going to throw it away. When the distributor suggested donating the food to a food pantry, the owner allowed as how he didn't have the time, so the distributor volunteered to do so. He brought us 12 large boxes full of crackers, cereal bars, cookies, etc. When asked how he knew about the Christ Church food pantry, he said:

Once, long ago, I was hungry, and you gave me food.

Wow.

Treasure House Request

Treasure House needs your discards. During your Spring Cleaning, please keep the Treasure House in mind. We need any items that you want to unload. Remember, the proceeds go to help with the outreach of Christ Church. Items can be left at the Church after services, or dropped off Tuesdays through Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 PM, at the shop....Thank you.

Stay Tuned!!!

We have a rare opportunity to hear the American Boychoir but we need your help!

The American Boychoir, founded in 1937, is from Princeton, New Jersey. The American Boychoir School is the only non-sectarian residential boys' choir school in the country and its members, boys in grades 5 through 8, come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum. The students represent twenty states in the U.S., as well as the countries of Colombia, South Korea, and Switzerland.

The Boychoir had a concert scheduled here in Las Vegas but their hosts cancelled the concert. Since their tour is already planned they will still be coming to Las Vegas. They have offered to sing for our Sunday service if we can arrange housing for them.

They will arrive on Friday, May 7, 2010. Our host families will pick them up late Friday afternoon at the church and take them home for dinner and the evening, returning the boys the next morning after breakfast to the church. We will provide a dinner for them Saturday evening at the church and then the hosts will take them home again Saturday night, returning them to the church for the May 9 Sunday service.

There are thirty boys, aged 10-14. They prefer that the boys stay in groups of two or more, and that they have separate beds to sleep in. If any of you can help out with housing the boys, please call the church office and leave your information.

Thank you so much!!

A Request from Bishop Dan

I'm writing to ask if Christ Church or any of its members could help with our camp for 40 at-risk kids. Louise Helton of Communities in Schools gave a presentation on this opportunity at the diocesan convention last year. We need a total of \$16,000 to fund the camp for 40 teenagers who are fighting against all odds to finish high school.

So far St. Paul's, Elko, and Grace in the Desert have each contributed \$800.00. Individual contributions bring our total up to \$4,170.00. If your congregation or individual members could sponsor a child (\$400) or two (\$800), it would be a big help and would certainly be greatly appreciated by the children, the Communities in Schools organization, and myself.

Checks may be sent to the diocesan office with "at-risk kids camp" noted on the memo line.

The address of the diocesan office is 9480 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 236, Henderson, Nevada, 89123.

MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI

A Concert for the Benefit of Episcopal

Relief & Development – Haiti Fund

Sunday April 11, 2010 – 4:00 PM

Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church

2004 Spring Gate Lane

Las Vegas, Nevada 89143

Music by

“THE BARE BONES BLUES BAND”

and other Local Artists

Special Guest Speaker: The Reverend Lauren Stanley

Appointed Missionary in Haiti

Assistant to Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti

Reception following the Concert in the Parish Hall

\$10.00 Donation suggested

For information call 775-253-5579



Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church Episcopal:

This glorious Easter Sunday, our "Garden in the Desert" will be in full bloom.

You are cordially invited to an open house, 2:00 to 5:00, Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010. If you can't come just now, drop by any time that's convenient. Out front, bright yellow pompons of Lady Banks Roses cover the entire front of our Casita (Guest House). In our Courtyard, we have such desert strangers as wisteria, jasmine, camellias, gardenias, hydrangeas, azaleas and bamboo. This photo was taken two years ago. Since then, the wisteria has continued to grow all over our courtyard. Out back, we have two large lilacs and a ginkgo biloba tree. The iris will be "in command" starting in about ten days from now.

Hope to see you this Sunday --- or whenever the spirit moves you, for the next four weeks or so.

Bob Connelly

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