



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Our Mission

Christ Church Episcopal is a family called by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to grow spiritually, to share our life with others, and to make God's love known through word and deed.

Christ Church News

July 29, 2010

Prayer for Preparation and Support of the Upcoming Search Process

Lord our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be present with our Planning Group, our Vestry, and our Congregation in the search and selection of a rector for Christ Church. With Your sacred presence, give us the wisdom, discernment and judgment to make the proper call of a priest and pastor to serve the many needs of our congregation and to continue faithfully your ministry at Christ Church. Amen.

Please be involved in the search process by saying this prayer daily.

Appreciative Inquiry Process

Saturday, September 25th, 9:30am – 1:00pm &
Saturday, October 2nd, 9:30am – 1:00pm

[More Details to Follow](#)

The online survey called the Church Assessment Tool© will help gauge the strength, vitality and inclinations of Christ Church Episcopal. The information gained from the assessment will be valuable in helping us think strategically about our future. Beginning August 1st, contributing members of Christ Church will have the opportunity to go online and click on the responses to questions that collectively will provide us with important data. It is vital that those of you who were invited to take the survey respond. All responses are strictly confidential. If you do not have a computer, please request a hard copy of the survey to fill out and return to the church for entry. The hard copy will be available in the parish hall on Sunday, Aug. 1st. Please complete your online assessment by Aug. 21st. If you have questions, please contact Marsha Tarte at (702)219-3253 or any member of the Planning Group (Jim and Margaret Williams, Jane McKelvie, Al and Marion McFadden). Thank you.

This Week's Inspirational Thought

Seek in reading and you will find in meditation; knock in prayer and it will be opened to you in contemplation.
St. John of the Cross, 1591+

Click on this link for past issues - <http://www.christepiscopallv.org/enotes/lister.php>

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, July 24	5:00 pm	resumes in September
Sunday, July 25	7:45 am	55
	9:15 am	22
	10:45 am	102
	6:30 pm	115
Pledge Receipts		\$ 4,880.09
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 527.50

This Week at Christ Church

Thursday	7/29	6:00 pm	Parish Hall/GR	St. Joseph Fellowship & Potluck
Friday	7/30	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	7/31	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	8/1	<u>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</u>		
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
Monday	8/2	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	8/3	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	8/4	9:00 am	Guild Room	Clergy/Staff Meeting
		10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics' Anonymous

Service Schedule

Wednesday

12:05 - Holy Eucharist

Saturday

Our Saturday Evening Eucharist, Jazzus Ecclesiasticus, is off for the summer and will resume in September.

Sunday

7:45 am - Rite I Eucharist in the Church
 9:15 am - La Misa en Espanol (The Mass in Spanish) in the Church
 10:45 am - Rite II Eucharist in the Church
 6:30 pm - La Misa en Espanol (The Mass in Spanish) in the Church

Also, Christian Education for children, youth and adults is offered in Spanish twice on Sunday at Christ Church.

Christ Church Episcopal

Healing, Visioning & Rector Search, A Four-Act Process

Your Input Is Needed and Appreciated!

Dates to Remember – Please mark your calendars for these important events and check the Epilog and Christ Church Website (www.christepiscopallv.org) for further details/updates.

August 1st CAT survey begins

August 21st CAT survey ends

September 25, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall

Parish Gathering #1 for the Appreciative Inquiry Process, Food/beverages will be provided

October 2, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall

Parish Gathering #2 for the Appreciative Inquiry Process, Food/beverages will be provided

For more information please contact a Vestry member or one of the Planning Group members:

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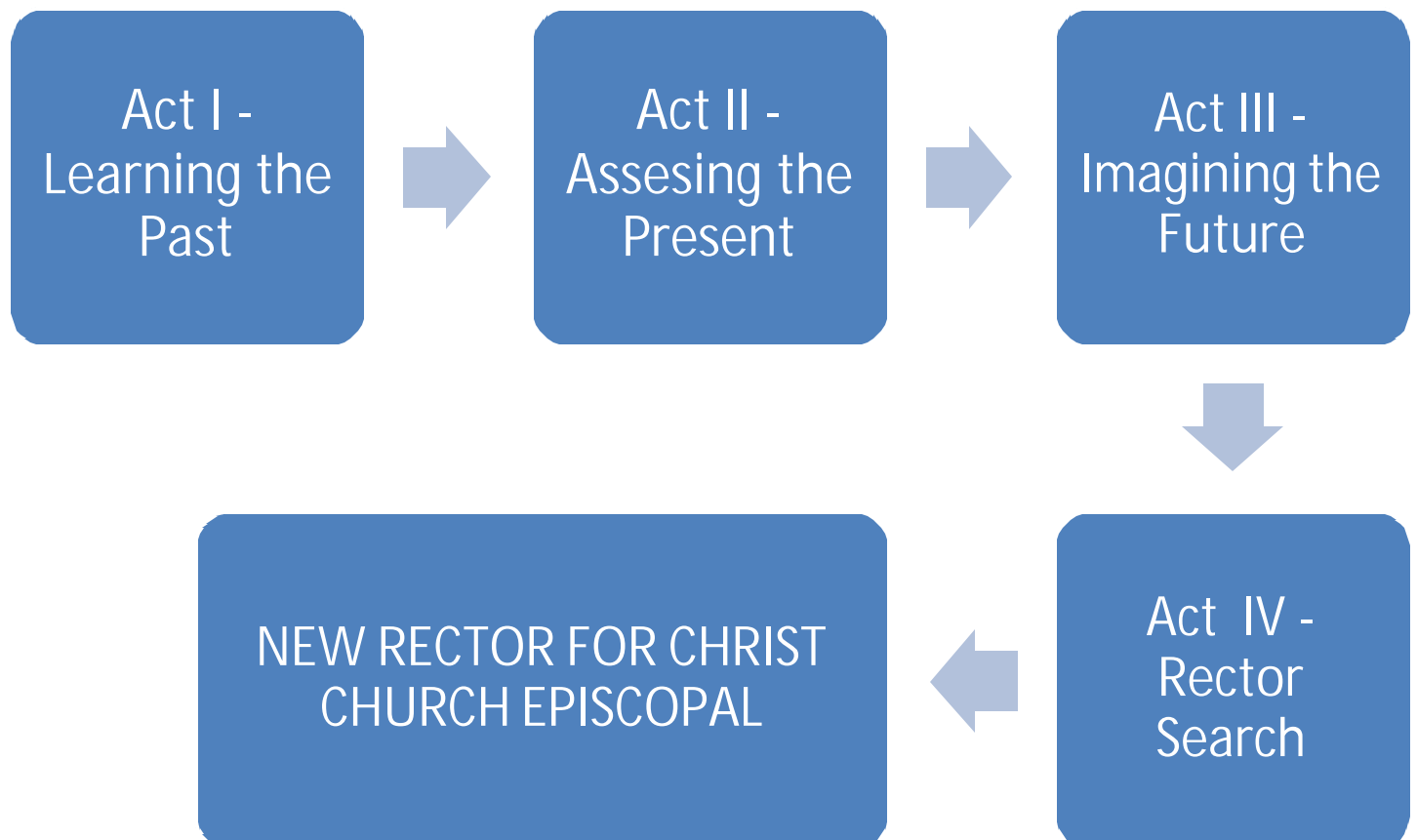
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CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

HEALING, VISIONING & RECTOR SEARCH – 2010



Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

(Genesis 1-11)

I do not take Genesis 1:11 literally. Rather it is the imaginative Semitic mind in descriptive story form that introduces us to the reality of human moral brokenness and our need for God, what we sometimes call Grace.

The two ate the fruit from the tree,
For the deceiver had claimed they'd be free.

But to their chagrin
Human sin did begin,
And we're unchained only by Thee

Special Needs of Christ Church

We really appreciate those of you who have "*kicked in*" a little extra to offset the summer utility bills. Your generosity has helped immensely. **We are still operating in the red for the year**, so if you are able..... Our latest electric bill for the church proper was \$2,850.69. This entire amount comes out of the general fund. The South Property was \$1,753.64 which in part is paid by the tenants. The checks to NV Energy for June totaled \$4,604.33, just \$200.00 less than our weekly offering.

Help Wanted: Saint Mary's Altar Guild needs volunteers

Please call Sharon Rogers @ 431-7026 (H) or 882-4285 (c)

You! Yes, you! You are needed to help the understaffed groups who alternate in the preparations for our expanded Sunday morning worship schedule of three services being offered in the main church at 7:45am, 9:15am and 10:45am. There is also a 6:30pm service which needs to be staffed.

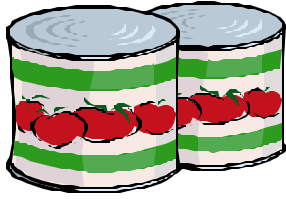
Padre Bernardo Iniesta has faithfully brought an amazing number of new members to worship here and it is certain the new members he has brought will eventually want to be full participants in service to their church - just as you do! But, for now - you saints are needed to spread the work load.

I hear you saying - but--- but--- I wouldn't know what to do. Never fear, a member of the altar guild is here! Just offer your services and let the training begin.

Servicing the altar, the silver, the candles, and the linens is another opportunity to show God the steps you are willing to take to be in his presence. It's a ministry equivalent to preaching, celebrating, singing, reading, ushering, teaching Sunday school, lighting the candles, carrying the cross, and has undreamed-of-rewards on the path of this life to the next. Like maybe getting a bigger pair wings because you deserve them!!!

We Need Your Ideas

We need your ideas for fund raising events. As you all know, the economy is not springing back as quickly as we would like. Because of this, pledges are down this year, and those who have pledged are not always able to meet their commitment. The same goes for the Alleluia Centennial Capital Campaign pledges which pays for the organ and the improvements made to our church. We have been talking to some other charitable organizations, who are also suffering in this economy, about using our beautiful facility and our wonderful new organ to "partner up" with us and sponsor fund raisers that would benefit both Christ Church and the partnering organization. If you are associated with other organizations, or if you know of a need, please let us know so we can try to arrange events with them.



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

The cupboards are bare and the money is gone!! If you can you please help us replenish the shelves please call Bonnie Polley at 250-9125.



Upcoming Events

On Thursday, July 29th, St. Joseph's Fellowship Gathering / Potluck at 6:00 pm. This month the theme is poetry. Please bring your favorite poetry to share with the group or just come and enjoy poetry loved by others. Also, please bring your joys and / or concerns you would like to offer up for prayer by this gathering of believers.

Sunday, Aug. 1 The online Church Assessment Tool© survey begins

Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 9:00am till 1:00pm CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL/MINISTERIO LATINO'S CHILDREN SUMMER CAMP/POTLUCK -All children, some from different churches (All Saints, St. Luke) will be gathering for a day of games, religious activities, skits, and food. Please come and enjoy the fun, invite your friends from your neighborhood, everyone is welcome. Parents are invited to stay for the fun and have lunch with us too. If you have any questions please call Graci Vargas at 735-7655, or Padre Bernardo at 575-0121.

On Saturday, Aug. 14th at 9:30 am ECW meeting in the Guild Room at 10:00 am DOK Meeting

On Sunday, August 15th, from 9 am – 1:00 pm, Blood Drive scheduled at the church, need volunteers.

Saturday, August 21st The online Church Assessment Tool© survey ends

Christian Formation Sunday, September 12th, after all services each church fellowship and ministry will have a table set-up in the courtyard to provide information and offer membership to those who may be interested. If you are the contact person for any of the groups, please call the Parish Office and speak to Graci Vargas, at 735-7655.

SAVE THE DATE -Lobster Fair October 16th

Christ Church Episcopal celebrates our 39th Lobster Fair on October 16, 2010. Purchase Live or Steamed Lobsters to take home and have a fabulous dinner party or family dinner. Enjoy shopping for jewelry, original art, used books, and crafts; plus a silent auction, bake sale, food nook and entertainment; plus face painting, fish pond, blood pressure, and flu shots; all presented in a small village atmosphere. Open 9am-3pm at 2000 S. Maryland Pkwy. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.



Kids Corner

POOL PARTY AT THE POLLEY'S AUGUST August 22, there will be a pool party at David, Bonnie, & Rufus' house. Parents can drop kids off at Bonnie's around 10:15, then go to church, and come back and join us for lunch. For those scheduled to acolyte at 10:45, Bill Rosado has very graciously said that he and Jim McCue could handle the 10:45 service that day so that Madison, Tabitha and Joey can come and play & swim....THANK YOU BILL AND JIM! We hope to see everyone there for the fun on August 22.

The Polley's address is: 1631 OTTAWA DR. L.V. NV. 89169

CONTACTS: BONNIE POLLEY : 250-9125

LINDA BARNES : 376-2038

GRACI VARGAS : 403-0742

LEAVE A MESSAGE

IF NEEDED AND ONE OF US WILL GET

WILL GET BACK TO YOU !

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

For anyone who is interested in taking Confirmation Classes please contact Graci Vargas, at 735-7655. Classes will be led by Deacon Bonnie Polley this fall. We will have detailed and final information as soon as the schedule is set.



CHRIST CHURCH'S YOUTH

The youth of Christ Church was treated to a fun day at Laser Quest. There was pizza and we played three games of Laser Tag. Laser tag is a fast pace game - a high tech combination of tag and hide and seek. It is played in a large multi-level arena with black lights, fog and loud music. The players have laser guns and sensory vests on, and tag the other players to score as many points as you can. Our next fun day will be on August 22, Sunday at 10:30 a "POOL PARTY AT POLLEY'S HOUSE" all youth are invited.

My Thoughts by Rusty Fortier, Church Historian / Archivist

TELLING THE TRUTH (THE GOSPEL AS TRAGEDY, COMEDY & FAIRY TALE) BY FREDERICK BUECHNER

I have often asked this question: "What is truth?" I am earnestly seeking an answer, but I seem always to be answered with silence. Buechner says, "We are all of us Pilate in our asking after truth, and when we come to church to ask it, the preacher would do well to answer us also with silence because the truth and the Gospel are one, and before the Gospel is a word, it too like truth is silence—not an ordinary silence, silence as nothing to hear, but silence that makes itself heard ..."

The wounds go so, so deep
 We must stop rehearsing our pains
 Stop focusing on the wrongs
 The wounds go so, so deep
 We must forgive! R.

The five lines above were written in retrospect to an evening of conversation brought about to get our "hurts" out of our hearts. We looked back over the history of Christ Church and verily placed ALL the "blame" upon our past Rectors for not being the men who could walk on water. I did not hear any mention as to the "part" we members have played in this ongoing saga for the 'right fit'! It made me feel ashamed and fearful that any of us could have contributed to this open hostility against every priest since 1958 whom we have called to lead us --- I WANTED TO SHOUT -STOP! I did nothing! Suddenly I was remembering an admonition to the effect that 'we are to LOVE our neighbor (in this case the Priest) and we are NOT to come to God's altar until we are in love and charity and intend to lead a new life.' 'We are to go to the one we feel has wronged us, and to settle our differences, and then we are worthy to receive.' We should have been seeking the truth - including what we did or did not do to help direct Christ Church to the honor it rightly deserves.

Shakespeare's play about the tragedy of life, "King Lear" has Edmond's character say:

"The weight of this sad time we must obey
 Speak what we feel, not what we ought to say."
 Will I ever learn the meaning of truth?

Surf on over to

CAMP HOPE

A day camp for K – 6th Grade

One week of Summer fun
August 2 – 6

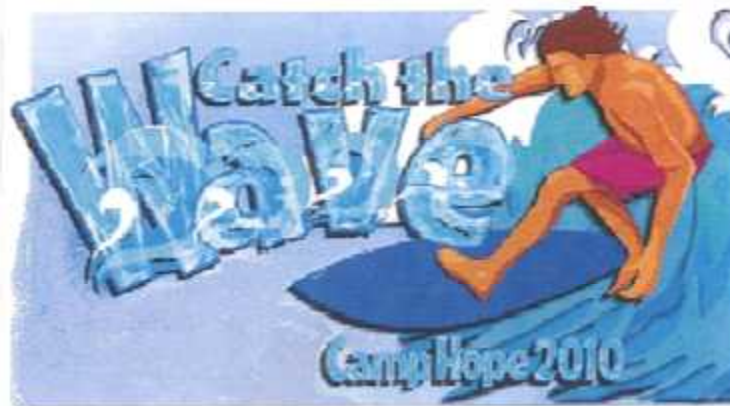
At

Reformation Lutheran Church

Corner of 6th and E. St. Louis Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89104

Call 732-2052 for more information!



August 2-6

Free Breakfast and Lunch

*The optional breakfast will be served before Camp at 9 am.
Lunch will be served around Noon, depending on the camp
schedule.*

The cost of the Camp is \$60 per week per child. There is a Sibling Discount if you are registering more than one child, you receive a \$5 sibling discount for each child.

There are numerous scholarships available, and no child will be turned away because of cost. But space is limited. Please register early! If cost is a factor, please talk to the registrar or Pastor Swanson. There is a \$10 per child Non-Refundable Deposit.