



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

August 5, 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. The survey has been available since Sunday, August 1st and so far 36 people have completed the on-line survey and one person has submitted a completed hard copy. I cannot stress how important it is for 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 for pickup in the courtyard after services on Sunday or in the church office Tuesday through Thursday.** Please complete your online survey by Aug. 21st. If you have questions, please contact Marsha Tarte at 219-3253 or any other member of the Planning Group Jim and Margaret Williams at 451-2595, Jane McKelvie at 897-2322, or Al and Marion McFadden at 242-6070. Thank you.

This Week's Inspirational Thought

There is no true solitude except interior solitude.

Thomas Merton 1968 +

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

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, July 31	5:00 pm	resumes in September
Sunday, Aug. 1	7:45 am	53
	9:15 am	25
	10:45 am	98
	6:30 pm	121
Pledge Receipts		\$ 8,274.32
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 1,308.50

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	8/6	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	8/7	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		9:00 am	Parish Hall/CY	Summer Camp for Kids
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	8/8	PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW		
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
Monday	8/9	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	8/10	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	8/11	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.

Congratulations to long time Christ Church member and Vestry member Paul Bell who was recently elected as president for the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors for the year 2011.

Christ Church Episcopal

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

Your Input Is Needed and Appreciated!

Christ Church Episcopal is at a "hinge" of its 103-year history in Las Vegas. We have embarked on a four-act process of healing and visioning that will culminate in the calling of a new rector. Many of you have already participated in this process, and we thank you for your input and hope you will continue to contribute. For those individuals who have yet to participate in this process or who are unsure they want to participate, we invite you speak with a Vestry member or one of the Planning Group individuals listed below. We hope you will attend the upcoming events and provide your input to this crucial process.

In order to reacquaint everyone with the process, a brief summary of the four acts and a process chart follows. Members of the Planning Group are available in person, or via telephone or e-mail, to answer your questions regarding this process, and members of the Vestry are also available. Anyone who wants to be directly involved is invited and encouraged to speak with a member of the Vestry or the Planning Group.

Act I – Learning the Past: Our Search Consultant, The Rev. L. Ann Hallisey, D. Min., has led the congregation in two sessions where we examined Christ Church's behavior patterns via the congregation's history. We shared stories and charted them out on a timeline and then created a synopsis of this information. This assisted the congregation in seeing patterns of leadership and change over time and how the congregation has responded to challenges and opportunities. The goal is to help the congregation identify leadership/behavior patterns so we can focus on those that work best for the parish and avoid/minimize those that are less effective.

Act II – Assessing the Present: The congregation will complete a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) (survey) so the vestry, parish, and new rector will have a clear view of Christ Church at this point in time. The survey's start-up date is currently scheduled for July 24, 2010.

Act III – Imagining the Future: This stage will incorporate the Appreciative Inquiry methodology. The methodology's major assumption is that there is something in every organization that works and that change can occur through analyzing what works and doing more of it. The congregation will gather in the Parish Hall on September 25, 2010 and October 2, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to share their stories/experiences of the high moments of where we have been to develop a series of statements that describe the congregation we want to become. Search Consultant Ann Hallisey will facilitate the sessions. Food and beverages will be provided at both Gatherings.

Act IV – Rector Search: The congregation's diligent work in Acts I-III will ultimately be realized in this final act. Search Consultant Ann Hallisey will work closely with the Vestry and Bishop Dan Edwards during this stage. Key components include selecting a Search Committee and training the members in creating a parish profile, interviewing candidates, and presenting a slate of candidates for the Vestry's evaluation/selection as the congregation's next rector. Anyone who is interested in being on the Search Committee is encouraged to speak with a Vestry member.

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

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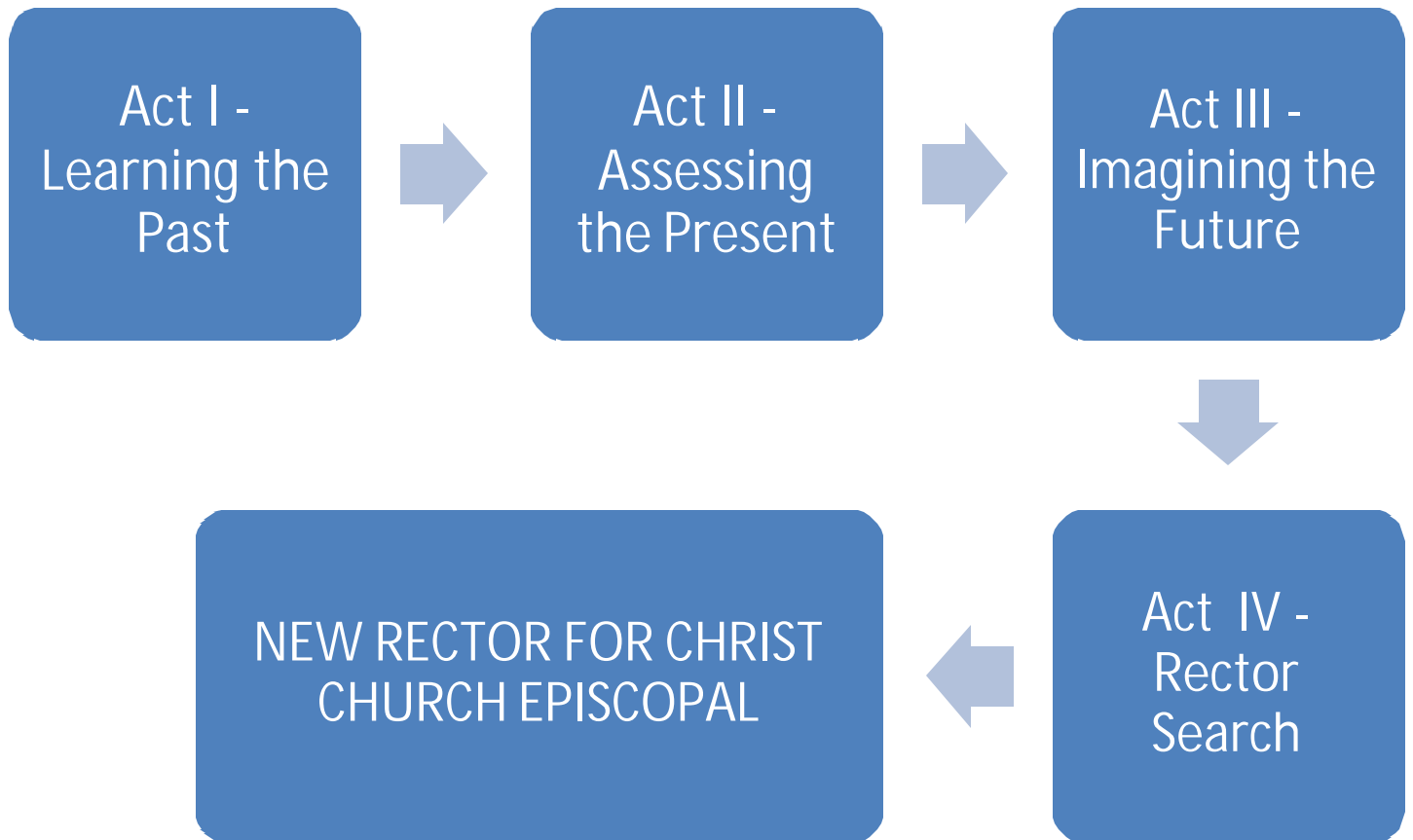
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CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL HEALING, VISIONING & RECTOR SEARCH – 2010



Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

Matthew 25:31-46: The Last Judgment

The final judgment describes our salvation:

Sheep and goats in divined separation.

We are called to serve all
in prison, hospice or mall.

To love peoples without any exception.

A note from Your Senior Warden

Following is an excerpt from a sermon given by Fr. Bob on Sunday June 27th, 2010 that I think is well worth revisiting:

"This morning I would like to think with you about Christian commitment. And my thesis is quite simple: "all faithful Christians are called by God, to exercise a full time ministry. No distinction between "clergy" and "lay"--none whatsoever. When I was rector of a church in the diocese of Spokane, I remember one Sunday, cutting out several hundred white cardboard collars (!) And at the sermon time I actually walked around the church and passed the collars out to all the people, to drive the point home! Bishop Dan Edwards and I were talking about this one time in clergy conference, and I remember him saying, "Bob, many Episcopalians are not aware that the confirmation service is the ordination of the laity!"

The trouble is.....we are human beings, and most of us place selfish conditions on our obedience to that call. Elisha, in the first lesson, is invited to take the place of the mighty prophet Elijah, but he says, "well, yes, but first let me kiss my father and mother.....then, come and follow you." commitment? Obedience? Yes, but on Elisha's terms.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls several individuals to be his disciples, with similar results. One of them responds "yes, Lord, but first let me go bury my father." Then another of them responds "OK I'll follow you, Lord, but first I've got to say farewell to those at my home." Commitment? Yes of course, but only after my personal scores have been settled.

Jesus is making it very clear that such "conditional commitment" is simply not good enough "let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." It's difficult for a preacher to be so blunt, but "conditional commitment" was and always will be sin.

And Paul tells us in Galatians, that sin is nothing less than slavery to self! He says, "Stand firm, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery! You were called to freedom!"

How to Get Involved

Here are some thoughtful suggestions gleaned from The Congregation Beth Chaim newsletter.

They come from the final "President's Newsletter" of Asher Levine who will be succeeded by Bernard Brill of San Ramon. Here are his suggestions for taking effective action as a member of a religious community.

- ✓ Do more than belong – participate.
- ✓ Do more than care – help.
- ✓ Do more than believe – practice.
- ✓ Do more than dream – work.
- ✓ Do more than give – serve
- ✓ Do more than be friendly – be a friend

Our Lord today is calling each of us as members of his body the church, to join him in his ministry of reconciliation....to build up Christ's body by whatever it is that we do.

But as I said, here's a problem!! I know in my own life, (and I'm pretty sure in most of yours,) we place conditions on our commitment ---"

This sermon really moved me and I thought this message very appropriate for this time of evaluation and redefining who we are and where we want to go from here as a parish.

Here is more wisdom from a modern day Jew in this text box.

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.

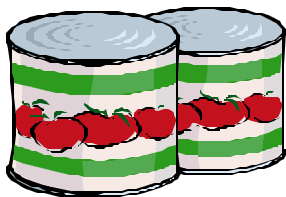
Padre Bernardo Iniesta has faithfully brought an amazing number of new members to worship here and it is certain the new members he has brought will eventually want to be full participants in service to their church - just as you do! But, for now - you saints are needed to spread the work load.

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.



Volunteer Help Needed

Epicenter is looking for a volunteer who is willing to spend two to three hours a week helping out with computer input. The hours are flexible, work at your own pace to get the job done. Please call Bonnie Polley if you are interested or have questions, 250-9125.

Upcoming Events

The online Church Assessment Tool© survey is ongoing through Aug. 21st

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 22nd, 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

LEAVE A MESSAGE

LINDA BARNES: 376-2038

IF NEEDED AND ONE OF US WILL GET

GRACI VARGAS: 403-0742

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.



Who are we, anyway—we Episcopalians? Ever had anyone ask you what the Episcopal Church was, what we were like? Ever had trouble answering? These days the old, glib answers (“we’re not like the Baptists because we can drink; and we’re not like the Catholics because we don’t have a Pope.”) just aren’t enough. Here are a handful (five) of things about our church that are, I believe, fairly easy to remember, and offer a true snapshot of who we are.

The Episcopal Church is:

- **A Biblical Church.** We have great reverence for the Bible; we take it very seriously (although not always literally), hear a lot of it every Sunday in our service, and hold nothing as essential to the faith that cannot be demonstrated from the Bible;
- **A Believing Church.** We hold to, and recite, the traditional, orthodox creeds of the historic Christian Church, the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds. Our faith is the faith of the undivided Christian Church from its very earliest days. We have added nothing and taken nothing away.
- **An Historical Church.** We take human history, and the history of the Christian Church very seriously, because we believe that God is present and active in history. Also, we cherish our own history, a history that grows in unbroken succession from the Apostles, as a way that God is present with us. The way we pray, the way we worship, the way we care for one another are all deeply indebted to the generations of Christians that have gone before us.
- **A Thinking Church.** We do not try to think for our members, but with our members. We welcome questions, ambiguity, and different understandings within our community. We are open to the insights of the social and natural sciences. We understand that the Christian life is a journey that we are on together, and that we will see the journey differently. We are committed to respecting and listening to each other as we share the journey God has given us.
- **A Worshiping Church.** Our faith and our unique perspective on our faith are shown most clearly in our worship—it is the epiphany of the Church. Our worship is sacramental, apostolic, and modern. It is here that we express ourselves at our deepest level; and it is here that we are most ourselves.

We have something that is very special and very precious to us, and we need to have clear and honest ways of talking about that, and sharing that.

There is at least one more very important thing we need to say about our Church to anyone who might ask about it. It’s what Philip said to Nathaniel, and it’s very simple: Come and See.

The Old Fort, in Las Vegas, will be home to the Helen J. Stewart Statue

Helen Stewart Statue to Become a Reality during Mesquite Club's Centennial Year

The Friends of the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort were awarded \$99,000 by the Las Vegas Centennial Commission for the statue of Helen Stewart to be erected at the Old Fort, near the grounds where the Stewart home once stood. Dr. Linda Miller who frequently plays Helen in a living history presentation explained as Helen before the Las Vegas Centennial Commission why she deserved a statue. Phyllis Weaver, as Delphine Squires, introduced "Helen".

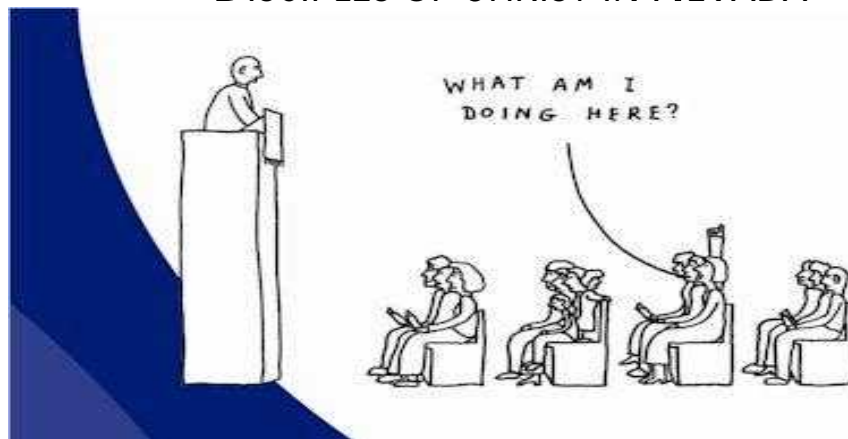
Two years ago the Friends of the Fort, Southern Nevada Women's History Project, and Mesquite Club members combined to have a fund raising wine and cheese party at the Old Fort to kick off the statue project. Benjamin Victor, the sculptor, was also there to unveil the sketch. The gala was attended by several Mesquite Club members. Helen was the third president of the Mesquite Club.

When the recession hit, fund raising efforts stalled. However Dr. Miller as "Helen" appeared around town at Christ Church, the League of Women Voters, Nevada Day presentations at the Atomic Testing Museum and the Old Fort as well as Pioneer Days at the Fort.

Joanne Vaughn, Mesquite Club member and Christ Church member alerted Dr. Miller to the possible funding. And the rest is history!

Benjamin Victor is also the sculptor for the Sarah Winnemucca statue in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. The statue will be completed next year during the centennial year of the Mesquite Club and dedicated during the "December to Remember" activities put on by the City of Las Vegas.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN NEVADA



WHAT IS GOD'S CALL TO US?

On the first Sunday of Advent the Frensdorff School will introduce a new discipleship series called *"Disciples of Christ in Nevada."* This ten-part seminar will discuss what *being* the church looks like, the Kingdom of God, love, *adikia* (*"unrighteousness"*), salvation, and how we are changed. The series concludes with segments on worship, interpreting the Bible and prayer.

St. Matthew's will host a sampling of this series, to include *"What is God's Call to Us?"* and *"The Church as Community."* They will be facilitated by Jim Beebe, an Episcopal priest and faculty member of the Frensdorff School.

PLACE: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

DATE: September 14th and 15th

TIME: 7—8:30 p.m.

COST: *FREE!*

Contact: Roseline Thoms (Email: roselinethoms@yahoo.com or 702-655-1192)

In accordance with Frensdorff School policy, these seminars are open to everyone! Episcopalians from the Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City are especially invited