



# 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 12, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 1:00pm &  
Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and **as of Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 60 people have completed the on-line survey and 9 people have 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. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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>

Attendance at Saturday, July 31  
 Sunday, Aug. 1

5:00 pm resumes in September  
 7:45 am 49  
 9:15 am 94  
 10:45 am 94  
 6:30 pm 158

Pledge Receipts \$ 4,650.32  
 Alleluia Campaign Receipts \$ 1,026.50

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	8/13	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	8/14	8:00 am	Parish Hall	Men's Fellowship
		8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Guild Room	ECW
		10:00 am	Guild Room/Chapel	Daughters of the King
		1:30 pm	Main Church	Quinceanera – Kathia Lizet
		2:30 pm	Main Church	Quinceanera – Marilyn Juarez
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	8/15	<b>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</b>		
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
Monday	8/16	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public</b>		
		<b>6 PM VESTRY MEETING CANCELLED FOR AUGUST</b>		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	8/17	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	8/18	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!

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](http://www.christepiscopallv.org)) for further details/updates.

August 1<sup>st</sup> CAT survey begins - August 21<sup>st</sup> 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

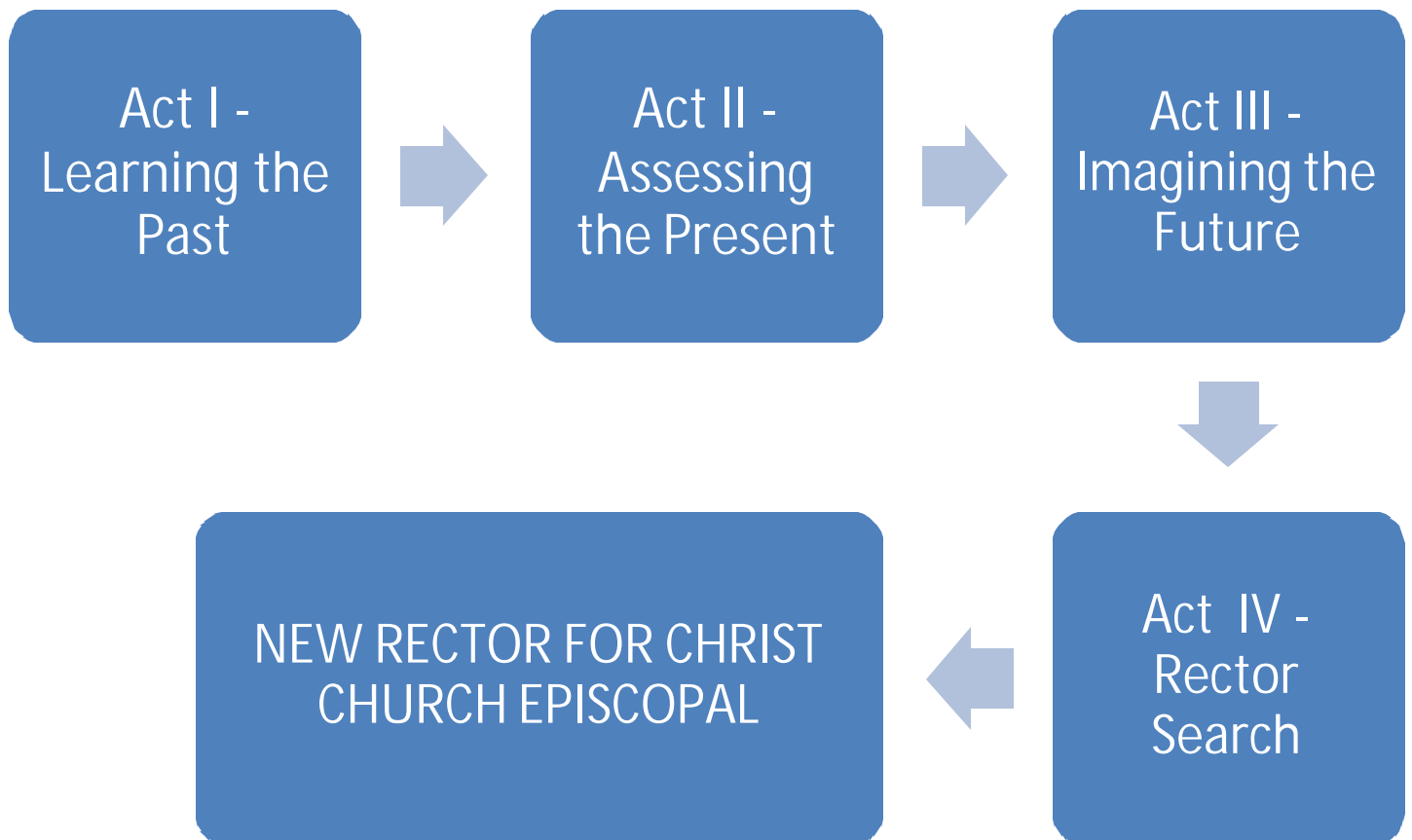
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall

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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## 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.

## 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.

## A Note From Parishioner Jim McCue

WHERE CHRIST CHURCH IS GOING IN SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR.

*Surely the people knew that the will of God would not lead them where the Grace and Power of God could not keep them.*

WHERE CHRIST CHURCH HAS BEEN THE LAST YEAR AN A HALF.

*Unless we receive His Word in our hearts and give thanks to God for His Blessings we begin to take the Lord's Blessings for Granted.*

This was taken from Deacon DeLaney Armstead's Bible Class, Saturday August 7, 2010, submitted by Jim McCue.

### 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

## 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 \$2935.93. This entire amount comes out of the general fund. The South Property was \$2298.68 which in part is paid by the tenants. The checks to NV Energy for July totaled \$5234.61, that is \$584.29 more than our last weekly offering.

## Help Wanted: Saint Mary's Altar Guild needs volunteers Electric Epilog

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.

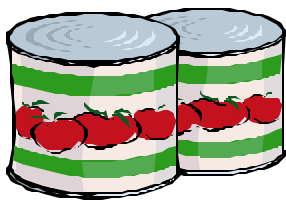
Padre Bernardo Iniesta has faithfully brought an amazing number of new members to worship here and it is certain the new members he has brought will eventually want to be full participants in service to their church - just as you do! But, for now - you saints are needed to spread the work load.

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.



### 39<sup>th</sup> Lobster Fair October 16th

Christ Church Episcopal celebrates our 39<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Upcoming Events

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

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

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> The online Church Assessment Tool© survey ends

On Sunday, August 22nd, from 9 am – 1:00 pm, Blood Drive scheduled at the church, need volunteers.

Christian Formation Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Kids Corner

POOL PARTY AT THE POLLEY'S AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

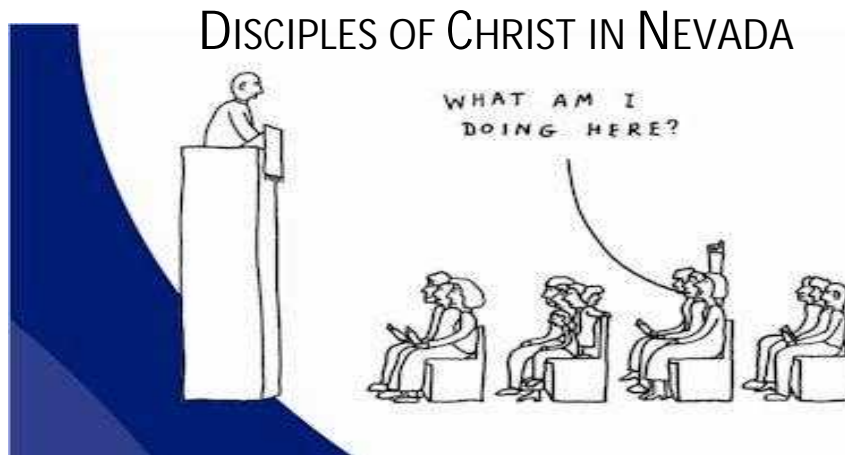
LEAVE A MESSAGE

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.



## 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](mailto: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*