



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 19, 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.

[A BIG \(UNANSWERED\) QUESTION by Marsha Tarte](#)

This little article is about the CAT (Church Assessment Tool©).

For several weeks now, articles in The Epilog have highlighted the CAT, a survey which is designed to help Christ Church move into the future, with the goal of selecting a new rector. At last count, 87 members – that's right, only 87 out of an approximate possible 265 people – have taken the 20 minutes it takes to respond to the survey. For those of you among the 87, thank you, thank you.

Why are so many of us choosing not to participate?? That is the unanswered question.

I'm pretty sure most of us have the same dreams for Christ Church. After the last several years of instability/difficulty/however you choose to describe it, we are looking for a sense of stability with a new rector. A successful process leading to formation of a search committee and the ultimate selection of a rector doesn't just happen by osmosis.

Those of us sitting in the pews are there for a reason. Despite recent instability, we keep coming back. That's strength, that's positive, and that's something we need to build upon. Please take the time to help our church on our forward path by taking the CAT survey. **[Because the response rate is lower than anticipated the end date for the survey has been extended through August 28, 2010.](#)** If you are one of the approximate 175 people who have not responded please set aside about 20 minutes in the next week to answer the questions in this very important survey. All responses are strictly confidential.

If you have any questions about the CAT survey ,about how to take it, or just any other thing on your mind, please contact me at 219-3253 or any 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.

Marsha Tarte, Chair of Christ Church Planning Group.

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[Appreciative Inquiry Process](#)
Saturday, September 25th, 9:30am – 1:00pm &
Saturday, October 2nd, 9:30am – 1:00pm
[More Details to Follow](#)

Short Spiritual Sayings for this Sunday, August 22, 2010

"It is Christ who lives in us" Galatians 2:20

"Who so you say I am?" Luke 9:20

"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" Psalm 42:2

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, Aug. 14	5:00 pm	resumes in September
Sunday, Aug. 15	7:45 am	49
	9:15 am	18
	10:45 am	107
	6:30 pm	148
Pledge Receipts		\$ 5,807.33
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 720.15

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	8/20	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	8/21	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		3:00 pm	Main Church	Blessing of Marriage
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	8/22	<u>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</u>		
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
Monday	8/23	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	8/24	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	8/25	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
Thursday	8/26	6:00 p,	Parish Hall/GR	St. Joseph Fellowship

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) 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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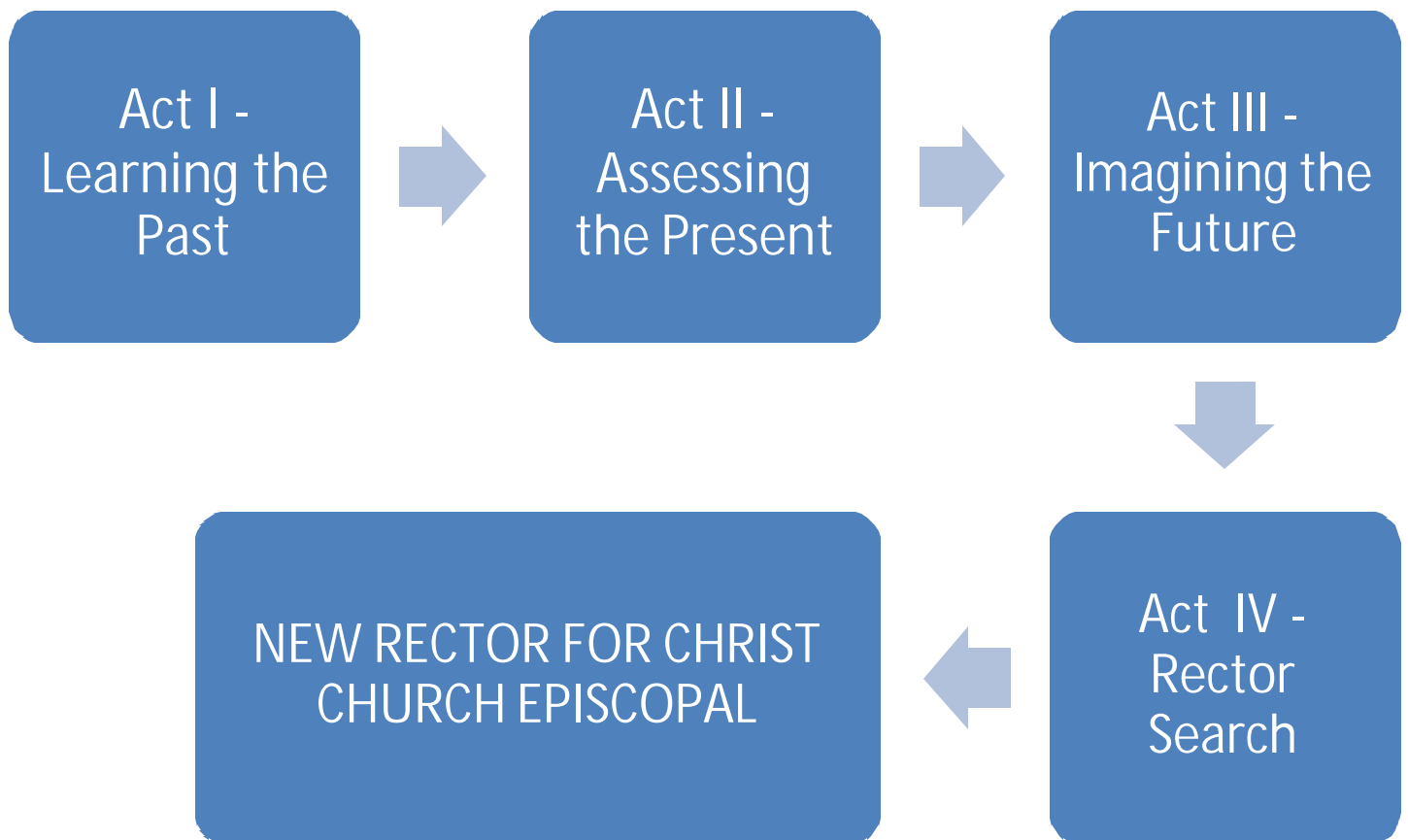
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CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL HEALING, VISIONING & RECTOR SEARCH – 2010



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. The first of these ideas is the [Concert Series](#), details on the next page. Please get behind this and publicize it.

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.



Upcoming Events

The online Church Assessment Tool© survey has been extended and is ongoing through Aug. 28 On Sunday, August 22nd, from 9 am – 1:00 pm, Blood Drive scheduled at the church, need volunteers. 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.

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.

Sign Up for Fr. Vince's Fall Adult Christian Formation Class

If you would like to sign up for Fr. Vince's FALL ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Guild Room please do so this Sunday, August 22. There will be an insert in this Sunday's Church Program just fill out your name and drop it in the Offering Plate. Classes will begin on September 12, and will be held each Sunday until November 14. Booklets will be handed out for each person that has signed up. There will only be enough booklets printed for those who sign up so please make sure you sign up for your copy. Please see course outline below.

"OUR LIFE IN JESUS THE CHRIST"

CHRISTIANITY IS AN ADULT RELIGION, SEPT. 12
 THE THREE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH, SEPT. 19
 TO BE HUMAN - CREATED GOOD BUT INJURED, SEPT. 26
 THE GOD - HUMAN RELATIONSHIP, OCT. 3
 MEETING GOD IN THE ORDINARY, OCT. 10
 SIGNS OF A LIVING FAITH, OCT. 17
 EQUIPPED FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY, OCT. 24
 THE NEW FACE OF GOD, OCT. 31
 SHARING ONE'S JOURNEY, NOV. 7
 ETERNAL LIFE WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOW? NOV. 14

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

BACK TO YOU!

Youth Confirmation Class

Starting September 19th and continuing each Sunday through October 17th there will be a youth confirmation class provided from 9:15 – 10:15 am. On November 27, Nevada Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards will administer the sacrament of confirmation at the 10:45 am service for the youth who complete this course. Please contact Graci Vargas at 735-7655 or by e-mail at secretary@christepiscopallv.org if you would like to attend.

Concert Series

Christ Church Episcopal kicks off our first annual Concert Series **SAVE THE DATE!**

DATE: **September 10, 2010**

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Christ Church Episcopal

2000 South Maryland Parkway

Las Vegas, NV 89104

Christ Church Episcopal will present James Welch in concert on our new 54-rank Schantz Pipe Organ as the first organist on our new Concert Series. Dr. Welch's program "Around the World--in Under 80 Minutes" will include short selections from thirteen different countries. Tickets will be \$15.00 and may be purchased in advance. Remaining tickets will be available at the door on a first come first serve basis. There is also an opportunity to underwrite or help sponsor this concert. Please see Kathi Colman if you are interested. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the concert. Please plan to join us!

Our second program on the Concert Series on **Friday, November 5, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.** will feature Mr. Ty Woodward, our Schantz Organ Rep. In 2011 the Concert Series will present an organ recital featuring local organist Jane Dye, and completing the first season will be a program of works for organ and strings, featuring the Nevada School of the Arts String Ensemble and Dr. Paul Hesselink. As these concerts are still in preliminary development the dates will be announced at a later time.

James Welch is University Organist of Santa Clara University. He also serves as organist of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto. He received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from Stanford University, with further studies in France and Austria. He has concretized internationally, with performances in such prestigious venues as Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Leipzig Gewandhaus, National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. He has also performed and taught in Beijing, Taipei, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Jerusalem. A particular interest of his is Latin American organ music. He received a Fulbright award to perform and conduct research in Brazil; since then he has performed in Mexico and edited three volumes of organ music by Mexican composers. He has performed at conventions of the American Guild of Organists and at the International Congress of Organists; his articles have appeared in *The American Organist* and *The Diapason*, and he has released numerous CDs, recorded on a variety of organs.