



# 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

September 2, 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.**

### Desperate Need 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..... Donations have been down for August and, quite frankly, we did not bring in enough to meet our monthly obligations. We have managed to keep the lights on, but barely. Some have suggested not paying some of our obligations. This solution is not acceptable, ethical, and certainly not practical in the long run. Lawsuits cost much more to defend than paying our bills. We are also embarking on several fund raisers, some for specific purposes and some for the general fund. These take time to plan and organize. When you see these events come up, please participate with both your time and your treasure. If you can do neither, offer your prayers for their success.*

### The Numbers

Sunday, Aug. 22	7:45 am	62
	9:15 am	30
	10:45 am	103
	6:30 pm	163
Pledge Receipts		\$ 6,376.35
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 902.00

**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**

## This Week at Christ Church

Friday	9/3	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	9/4	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		1:30 pm	Main Church	Quincenera Kimberly Lopez
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	9/5	<b><u>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</u></b>		
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner
Monday	9/6	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day</b>		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	9/7	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	9/8	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

Fr. O'Neill's upcoming Sunday sermons titles are:

September 5<sup>th</sup> - "Our Spiritual Lives in Three Stages"

September 12<sup>th</sup> - "You Gotta Have Heart"

September 19<sup>th</sup> - "A Fast – Thinking Crook"

September 26<sup>th</sup> – "Two Men, Two Eternal Consequences"

## 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 29. 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

## 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.

## **September Songs**

Sponsored by the Women of the Church

It's Saturday afternoon and time for some great songs and friends.

We'll share some light snacks and drinks, our musicians will be playing some of our old favorites from the 40's, 50's and 60's and maybe some songs to sing along to.

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm. until 4:30 pm

September 18, 2010

Tickets are \$15.00 and proceeds will benefit "The Little Shop".

This really will be a good time to re-gather but only if you are there.

## **Upcoming Events**

- **1<sup>st</sup> in the Organ Concert Series**, September 10, 2010 at 7:30pm, Tickets \$15.00
- **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.
- **September Songs**, September 18, 2010 Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm. until 4:30 pm, Tickets \$15.00
- **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 15<sup>th</sup>

**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.

### Enhance Your Productivity Workshop

#### A better way >>

- >>>>to grow>>>> servant-leadership: a better way
- >>>>>to listen>>>> the art of listening
- >>>>>>to lead>>>> develop the leader within
- >>>>>to work>>>> the value of confrontation
- >>>to trust>>>> the wealth of trust

*Enhance your productivity, strengthen your working and personal relationships, build your communication skills, and foster your innate leadership: The Diocese of Nevada is sponsoring two days of discovery, providing a sampling of the Gabriel Center for Servant-Leadership’s fall series of innovative workshops*

**September 18,** 10am-2pm, Trinity Church, Reno  
**September 19,** 1pm - 5pm, Christ Church, Las Vegas  
Workshops are open to everyone.

Pre-register by contacting [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)



[gabrielcenter.org](http://gabrielcenter.org)  
678 213 2750

### Family Promise

Attention! The family promise families will be coming next, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can help us with a meal please call Deacon Bonnie at 250-9125. You will be blessed, I promise.

### 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.



### Youth Confirmation Class

Starting September 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Sunday through October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 [secretary@christepiscopally.org](mailto:secretary@christepiscopally.org) if you would like to attend.

### Hospital Bed

If you have need of a Hospital Bed, the Church has been offered one. Please let the office know immediately. Mark and a helper will deliver it to your home. These beds are very expensive and this would be your opportunity to have one free.

## 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 28<sup>th</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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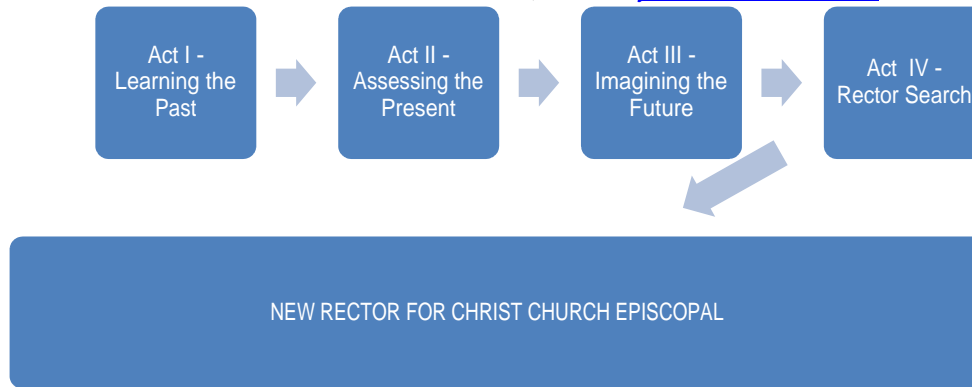
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## FOR THE BIRDS by Arnold Prater

(Copied from the Autumn A.D. 2010 of The Anglican Digest)

A group of birds decided to form a church.

So they called a meeting and the Duck stood up and said, "I think we should require baptism by immersion. It's the only way we can get their pocketbooks wet."

But the Rooster said, "No, we should baptize by sprinkling. . . many people dislike the embarrassment of getting wet all over."

So the argument was on.

But the Parrot said, "I don't think baptism is the important thing. . . what we need is a good program!"

All the birds cheered, for everyone knows that a church can't build a reputation for itself without a good rousing program.

Then the Mocking-bird said, "What about the choir? We must have a good choir. . . and don't forget the organ!"

"Oh," said the Thrush, "we don't want an organ, a piano is much better!"

But the Titmouse didn't want a musical instrument at all. And the sparrow said it would be just as well if they threw out music altogether.

The Goose stood up and said, "What we really need is a preacher who is good with young people. If we don't attract the young people, the other churches in town will gobble them up for sure!"

But the Starling thought it was more important that their preacher be a "good mixer."

And the Blue Jay figured if the preacher would lay off sin and stuff like that, almost anyone would do . . . as long as he was popular among the townsfolk.

But the real wrangle came over the budget. Some thought everyone should tithe. . . provided they could afford it. Others thought they should do away with collections . . . and just have faith.

So finally the Owl arose and smoothed his feathers.

Everyone grew quiet for they knew he had great wisdom.

"Brothers and sisters," he said, "all these things are secondary. I'll tell you what we need. What we need is sincerity!"

"Yes sir," repeated the Owl, quite pleased with himself. "Above everything, we must all be real sincere. . . even if we don't mean it!"

So they formed a church. . .

And it was for the birds.

I read the above "tongue-in-cheek" ideas of what makes a church, I couldn't help but think of Christ Church and the different opinions I have heard expressed as to what we need to do to move forward. Our illusions may crumble, but I believe the mellowing hand of time is on our side and we will rise from these ashes! God willing, we will wear our wounds like stars and be better for the trial and we will once more welcome the good days from the hand of God as a perfect gift. AMEN.

"Rusty" Fortier, Historian/Archivist

August 29, 2010