

# St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church in Cupertino

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## *Warm greetings!*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

What a Lent, Holy Week and Easter it has been! We have taken time to see our faith differently, to explore our beliefs about salvation (atonement theology, the cross, death and resurrection), and how these are all expressed in our liturgies and music on Sundays and in Holy Week and Easter. As these explorations continue I invite you to look and listen to the words in the service sheets and the hymn/song books as we move through the great fifty days of the Easter season. Do they reflect a God who is ruler and triumphant victor of evil and death? Do they reflect the tender love and care of a compassionate God who understands the pain and joy of human life and suffers with God's people, accompanying us as companion in our experience? Is it a both/and or more? Is it a God of resurrection who loves us beyond all else? May our worship and liturgy reflect our belief in our God who loves us beyond the grave, beyond all that is.

During the Easter season we listen to the stories of the risen Jesus encountered in the not-so-everyday experience of the disciples of seeing Jesus differently - in everyday encounters like fishing and eating a meal or breaking bread, and trying to make sense of a Savior who had not abandoned them but was transforming them through his presence with them as the risen Lord. It took decades to write their experiences down, and we explore those Gospel stories of the risen Lord in the Gospel of Matthew.

Maybe that is why there are forty days in Lent, not counting Sundays, and fifty days in the Easter season. Maybe because it takes longer to experience and understand how the risen Jesus comes to us in our griefs, our sorrows and losses, in our fears and doubts, and invites us to see Jesus in the midst of all that troubles us - to come out of the tombs and shadows that keep us constrained, unable to reach for the fullness of abundant life for which we yearn and long - and trust that the risen Savior will help us transform our lives and our world, step by step, even if they are baby steps.

As our hearts mourn for the loss of Gail Sena, Shirley Burg, and Sally Hansen during Lent and Holy Week, we are reminded of the faith we shared, and our faith that they live on in spirit and are witnesses to God's love beyond the grave. We celebrate their amazing lives and their strong faith and trust, as they journeyed towards union with God. We give thanks for all those who cared for them so deeply in practical ways and gave their hearts to their care. We pray for their beloved families and friends, those left behind and grieving, and ask God to help us all to live in the power of resurrection faith in the midst of death, in the midst of our broken world.

I am excited to see our Mission Covenant continue to be put into action, as the new committee for 'Ages and Stages' begins their work, the 'Deepening our Welcome' committee continues and deepens their work, and we have some practical ways of embodying that work on our campus.

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# The View from the orchard

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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St. Jude's is a spiritual oasis where lives are transformed.

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See the article on page 6 about the vestry discussion and decision to explore fixing and upgrading the area where the Coulter pine fell down, to upgrading the playground area as part of the follow up of the original site plan for developing our campus, and using our grounds as a welcoming space for parishioners and for the surrounding community. There are also some new and not so new ideas being floated, including a couple of paths around the edge of the orchard that are part of the original site plan development, and a small, rustic, outdoor, interfaith chapel with just a roof and no walls in the orchard, that uses part of the Coulter pine as seats. There is also a very exploratory wondering about the possibility of making a shower out of one of our restrooms in the Fireside room, so that we would have more flexibility if we were to host the Rotating Shelter again, or offer this to guests in our safe parking program. Please note that this is in the exploratory phase, and we will evaluate and assess in multiple ways whether this is possible. This would be part of our Mission Covenant goal of sharing our abundance.

Turning our thoughts towards healing, Fr Michael Lapsley also returns in late May to help make resurrection real for us, in the inspiring work of the healing of memories, of people in the US and throughout the world. Most recently his book, *Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to Healer*, was translated into Arabic and launched in Lebanon and Jerusalem, and our own Liz Mulford happened to be present for her work with the Four Homes of Mercy! Michael will speak at St. Jude's on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – stay tuned for a new, updated video about the profound work of healing taking place throughout the world.

I am writing all this to you enroute to South Africa as I traveled just before Easter Sunday ended, in order to get to Cape Town in time to officiate at my niece's wedding on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and enjoy much treasured vacation time with family and friends. I am so grateful for the immense gifts of God, and celebrate this Easter season and our ongoing journey at St. Jude's. I will be back in the first week of May. Later in May I will go on my annual silent retreat in Philadelphia - all part of taking care of myself so that I can continue the ministry I share with you all, in gratitude and with love.

In resurrection faith and hope,  
*Wilma*



## *"How are you being Informed and Formed?"*



As I shared briefly in my Easter Vigil sermon, my favorite part of our Lenten series "Seeing...Differently" was the small group discussions around questions including the following "So What?" questions:

- (Creationtide) Depending upon how you see your relationship with creation – to rule over or to steward on behalf of – is the orchard to be chained off for our use only or to be shared with the larger community?
- (Creationtide) Thinking of where you lean in the spectrum of Divine sovereignty to free will, whose fault is it that our coulter pine tree fell, when it fell, where it fell, etc.? "Thank God" or ...?
- (Asian Liberation Theologies) How does where you sit on Sunday mornings or during coffee hour reflect your understanding of "salvation-in-community"?
- (Asian Liberation Theologies) How does your understanding of "the resurrection" shape your vision of what happened to those we have (recently) loved and lost through death?
- (Series-in-review) What would visitors say about us only based on their experience of our liturgy?
- (Series-in-review) How does our liturgy help you mature in your faith, acts of service, and relationships?

Going into this series, the clergy hoped to move beyond being only informational to also being formational (differences highlighted in the box below from the book, *Shaped by the Word*).

<i>Shaped by the Word</i> (M. Robert Mullholland Jr, 2000; p 51-53, 55-59)	
<b>Informational [teaching, learning]</b>	<b>Formational [teaching, learning]</b>
Focus on quantity of material covered	Focus on quality of time [with material]
Linear movement between content	Layered meaning and depth
Goal of mastering the text	Prayer to be shaped by the text
Analytical, critical, and judgmental	Humble, detached, receptive, loving approach
Problem-solving mentality	Open to mystery

We can amass all the information in the world, have the highest IQ, come up with all the “right” answers/solutions, yet still be far off from the people God envisions us to be. As we hear from Paul to the community in Corinth (1 Corin. 13.1-2), “If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” This series did an excellent job carving out space for new information *and* for new formation – formation of self, relationships, and a greater sense of belonging through sharing our stories.

Reflecting on newness in your life this Eastertide, how are you being formed anew vs. informed anew? What opportunities have you embraced at St. Jude’s to help form your relationships with God, authentic self, others, and sense of belonging? As able, I pray you will embrace future opportunities to move beyond amassing more information to experiencing more formation, with God’s help and the support of this faith community!

*Sarah+*

## *Important Parking Changes!*

*Our neighbors at New Life Church are engaging in ministries that require we no longer park in their lot. This change is not optional and is important to nurturing a respectful relationship with them. We realize the habit of parking in their lot is decades-old for some St. Jude’s families and also that our need for accessible parking is increasing.*

*Clergy, Staff, and vestry are supporting the following initiatives to better attend to our current needs:*

- ▶ *those who are physically able are asked to park farther away (or across the street off S. Stelling) and leave the spots closer to church open for those in need and for visitors;*
- ▶ *temporary “Special Assistance Parking” signs will be placed out for holidays and other special events for those who need to park closer to church; and*
- ▶ *more volunteers will be available for special events and holidays to assist those in need of extra help, including letting people know about the overflow parking across the street on S. Stelling.*

*We hope you will join us in embracing these initiatives as practical ways to “love our neighbors (Mark 12.30-31),” “Deepen our welcome and accessibility (MCG #5),” and “Support parishioners through all stages of their lives (MCG #3)”!*

*(Stelling Rd. is the road that is behind the sanctuary. Kirwin which is a block past the church going towards Saratoga is also open for parking and best accessible coming from Saratoga. Please help us out with this by carpooling when you can, especially to special events or holidays, and by using the off site parking on the streets.)*



Photo of the Watch of the Passion, the overnight vigil on Maundy Thursday into Good Friday morning – this year, organized by new parishioner LeMel Firestone, who brought her creativity and experience from coordinating the vigil at All Saints, Pasadena, to us at St Jude’s, Cupertino. Thank you LeMel and welcome to St Jude’s!

# Easter: Fifty Days of Fabulous!

If you have enjoyed an online reflection every day in Lent and want to continue, one of Wilma's favorite blogs is Fifty Days of Fabulous! [www.fiftydays.org](http://www.fiftydays.org) which offers wonderful reflections that help make Easter and resurrection real for us.

Two years ago we used the fifty days of the Easter season to inspire us to start bringing food for the food basket every week. Two years later the basket still comes up every week filled with food. If it is now your habit to buy something extra at the store and bring it on Sundays, you are engaging in resurrection for someone who is in need of food and has received it from our church. If you have become somewhat lax in remembering to buy and bring food each week, may these fifty days remind us once again of Christ's invitation to participate in resurrection life and make it real for others. Wherever there is the work of justice and peace, of kindness and compassion, there the resurrection is being lived out.

## Did you know?

► **NEW Good Samaritan information.** Louise Marriott and Susan Stanley have assumed coordination of the Good Sams from Jan Hill and Jean Lin. We thank Jan and Jean for their long effective leadership. We now request that you contact Louise, Susan or the office if you need meals or a ride. We also invite other parishioners to join in providing these services. Contact Louise (602) 316-2359 <[littlebreeze1234@gmail.com](mailto:littlebreeze1234@gmail.com)> or Susan (650) 960-1041 <[susan.forum@gmail.com](mailto:susan.forum@gmail.com)> to learn more about the ministry or to receive services.

► St. Judes received a check from Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC. The date the check was cut was 01/04. The security description was Retirement Distribution Check, Gross Distribution. The type is PDP. The company was contacted, but cannot release any information about an account holder. The check was mailed from PO Box 673002, Dallas TX. If you had this check sent to St. Judes, then please contact Margot Jacobsen (408) 738-3233, [margotj@att.net](mailto:margotj@att.net) or Emily Holton (408) 246-7440, [emholton@att.net](mailto:emholton@att.net) and let her know to whom and to which fund the check should be credited.

► **We face ongoing repairs** on the trinity fountain from sticks being stuck into the water spouts. Please watch your curious little ones. The wet stones also are slippery and present a falling hazard.

► **If you are not receiving the weekly email** (and want to), please email the office. The usual send date is Thursday. It contains the weekend news of St. Jude's.

► We have **equipped the Fireside room, East room and the Farmhouse office with their own easel and paper.** Please try to keep them in those spaces. The Parish Hall has easels and paper located in the chair closet.

► **Godly Play Updates:** This Spring the Pre-K-6 classes are learning new stories using new materials from the *Young Children and Worship* and *Following Jesus* series. Contact: Linda Morris.



**April 30: FOR YOUTH & ADULTS active in youth's lives -- Screenagers: Loving well in the digital age**  
**11:00 am to Noon** youth enjoy youth group, while adults watch *Screenagers* over a **potluck meal.**

**12:15 pm to 1:15 pm Intergenerational** break-out groups (choose one): Minding the Gaps in Worship and Ministry with Children and Youth — cultural, technology, special needs, etc. (Dave Rickert; Fireside Room); Online/Modern Addictions and Living Fully (Adam Todd and Dr. Windy McNerney; East Room); Online Relationships/Identity Formation for Youth (Rev. Daphne Vernon; Parish Hall).  
**1:15 pm to -1:30 pm** (Parish Hall) All group closure.  
Contact: Sarah+



**May 3:** Our next PACT LOC Meeting is Wednesday, May 3: 7:00 pm, in the Fireside Room. Please join us or contact Jani Wild for more information (408) 687-7280.

Our Safe Park pilot program is underway. We received our first guests on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will be hosting [until May 13<sup>th</sup>](#). Becky Smith has been working hard with the families who have move from St John Vianney safepark which has closed. Things seem to be working out well for our guests. Mair and Becky have been meeting with West Valley Community Services to strengthen our program and to continue collecting research during our pilot program. A big thank you to Becky, Andy, Mair, Ken and our volunteers for making our Safe Park a success.



## Morning Prayer

Join us for Weekday Morning Prayer: 9:15 am to 9:35 am, in the sanctuary near the apricot window. Try it out on a day of the week that suits you. The leadership is shared. There is an easy to follow template for leaders. For those who want to participate from home there is a morning prayer link on the website. You may pray as part of our online community at: [www.saintjudes.org/morning-prayer](http://www.saintjudes.org/morning-prayer)



## Tuesday Evening Taizé

Candlelight, contemplative, musical, meditative, the Taizé prayer services always provide a peaceful space in the midst of our busy lives. **Taizé prayer services take place on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm.** If you need to come late or leave early that is fine. It is an easy service to slip in and out of as needed, without being noticed or causing a disturbance. Even attending for five minutes will make a difference as you sing a song or say a prayer.

## Thursday Morning Groups

10:00 am to 11:00 am — Parent Support Group.

11:00 am to Noon — Religious Book Group.

**All are welcome, please meet in the Farmhouse Office. There is childcare.**

## Young Adults

May 1: Coffee Social at 8:00 pm

May 26: Monthly Game night 7:30 pm

To receive updated invitations to and more details about Young Adult gatherings, ask Laura Bryson ([laura.bryson88@gmail.com](mailto:laura.bryson88@gmail.com)) to add you to the email list and/or Facebook group.

## Youth Group

The **Youth Group** is active weekly! To receive invitations and details about Youth Group gatherings, contact Karen ([kdc.tubadva@gmail.com](mailto:kdc.tubadva@gmail.com)), Lauren ([lauren.minkel@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.minkel@gmail.com)), or Steve ([steven.corriveau@gmail.com](mailto:steven.corriveau@gmail.com)).

## Alzheimer's Support

**May 18:** offering support to those in caregiving positions. The meeting is the **third Thursday** of the month in the Fireside Room, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This is led by Charlie Niemeyer, former director of Live Oak Adult Day Services.



## Vacation Bible Camp July 24-28

Experience God through the eyes of a child this summer! Vacation Bible Camp is a joyful week where children have the freedom to sing and dance and connect with God in their souls.

We'd love to have more adults and teens to help guide our next generation of Christians in their journey of faith, through Bible Stories, Games, Science experiences, snack, and Art. Your own faith and may also receive a pick-me-up during this sacred week.

Please contact Beth Leonard [beth@slimy.com](mailto:beth@slimy.com) if you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible Camp. Please put "VBC" in the subject line.

To sign your children or grandchildren up for camp, register here: <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/SaintJudes> Camp is the last week of July, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$75/child, max \$150/family



## Camp Saint Andrews

**July 30 - August 5:** Parents and campers: it's time to register for Camp Saint Andrew's, the camp of the Diocese of El Camino Real. This year's camp will be hosted at Camp Oski in Pinecrest, California. For registration and more information can be found at: [www.campsaintandrews.com](http://www.campsaintandrews.com)

## *What's Going On With The (Missing) Tree?*

It's been two months since the wind and rain brought down our heritage Coulter Pine and we've all gotten used to seeing orange cones and fencing. But, what happens next and when will that be?

Multiple teams are working on the recovery from the fallen tree. Nick Harrah and Steve Swayze have been leading the charge to clean up the debris and utilize the wood chips left behind from the tree removal. We have saved some pieces of the tree for future uses around the property, including possibly studying the rings to learn about the tree's history! Bruce Horn, Nick, and Mary Hultquist have been working with our insurance carrier to assess the damage and repair costs and process a claim.

Beyond all these efforts, we are looking at ways to not just renovate but to transform the church school courtyard and playground areas! We are working with our site plan team and our landscape/construction partners to develop a plan that:

- supports our Mission Covenant
- improves the safety of the area for our children and our seniors
- relocates the playground area closer to the heart of the campus with new updated play equipment
- provides new gathering spaces for intergenerational fellowship
- and replaces the Coulter pine with a new large-box tree that will eventually provide shade in the courtyard.

More details will be forthcoming in May, including how you can help make this vision a reality!

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Stern ([jennifer.stern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.stern@sbcglobal.net)) or any vestry member.

## *Upcoming Community Forums*

**May 22:** Tom Sheehan presents Understanding the Resurrection in the 21st Century.

## *Special Opportunities to Volunteer*



**May 13: Habitat for Humanity Workday.** Now you can sign up yourself to help build the Vermont Veterans Shelter at this link <http://vhub.at/faith>. Habitat has gone to complete electronic sign up, no paper work at the site. When the 18 slots are filled, it will tell you when you try to sign up. You must be 16 or older. 1072 Vermont St, San Jose, CA 95126. Once you have signed up, please let Linda Morris know at [lindamorris24@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamorris24@yahoo.com).

**The St. Jude's Veterans group.** Currently there are several hundred veterans attending classes at De Anza with an unknown number who are homeless. We are considering ways to assist veterans enrolled at De Anza College. Areas of support that are being considered include tutoring and mentoring, providing resume development and assistance with job interviews. If you have experience in tutoring classes in math, science, history, English or other college-level courses and would like to offer your time and talent, please contact Mike Landis at [landismr@comcast.net](mailto:landismr@comcast.net)

**Volunteers are needed to help staff the Village House program,** which provides overnight and daytime shelter for 15 medically-fragile women. Daytime shifts are typically 2 hours and the daytime program is moving to St Francis in Willow Glen for the month of April. This is a fun and easy way to support the program at a time that works for your schedule! Overnight sign-ups are at <http://www.villagehousesccca.com/> or for daytime shifts at St Francis at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation/6775657374/1825881/false#!1825881/false/false>



**The Forward Day by Day Daily Devotional for the next quarter is available in the Farmhouse office by the mailboxes.**

## *Vestry Notes*

### **Raised beds in garden available for gardening!**

We have been given the go ahead for gardening this summer but we will need to continue to be conservative with our water usage. Although having much more rain this year, the water company is charging significantly more for the water itself. My hope is that we can grow vegetables for personal use, church use, and for community services as well. If you are interested in having a garden plot here at church, please contact Doug Bailey at (650) 242-6965 or [jdth-bail@aol.com](mailto:jdth-bail@aol.com).



## *Parish Camp September 1-4*

Now that Easter Sunday is in the rear view mirror, it's time to turn our attention to the annual parish campout. Mark your calendars for Parish Camp at Big Basin on Labor Day weekend!

In past years, we had the good fortune of reserving two group sites, but this year we were only able to reserve one site. This means that we are limited to the first 50 campers to sign up. Any signups beyond 50 will go onto a waiting list. The signup list will be available soon.

Parish Camp is an ideal time to relax with your fellow parishioners for hiking, playing board games, or a quiet talk...or curl up with a good book!

Contact Ned Snow for more information, [nedsnow1221@gmail.com](mailto:nedsnow1221@gmail.com)



## *Women's Weekend – May 5-7, 2017*

This year's Women's Weekend will be at Mount Hermon Conference Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains near Scott's Valley. This is a beautiful location in the woods and close to home. It will be easy walking between one sleeping area, our gathering space and the dining hall. The key to this weekend is to do as much or as little as you want – everything is optional! This is a wonderful way to get to know other St. Jude's women and to take a break for yourself. Contact Kathy Lynch at [lynches@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynches@sbcglobal.net) to sign up or if you have questions. For more information about Mount Hermon, see: [www.mounthermon.org](http://www.mounthermon.org).

The April 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night Vestry meeting started with a devotional reading led by Sarah on a spiritual understanding of ownership, based on a book called 'Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives' by Wayne Muller. In the devotion, we spent time interweaving our prayer life to the concept of ruling versus being stewards of what we have been given. We then entered into prayer for members not present and the work ahead of us.

We approved the meeting minutes from the March vestry meeting before engaging in the working agenda items. Jani provided us with an update to the Safe Park pilot program, acknowledging the fantastic efforts of the volunteers that have gotten the program up and running. We were very happy to know that there are two families actively being served and look forward to evaluating the program for next steps once the pilot phase concludes on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah and Carlos provided an update on a recent communication from our neighbor church (New Life) where concerns over our parishioners parking on their lot continues to exist. We discuss some immediate and some long term plans for addressing this concern and managing the relationships between us. Carlos plans to follow up with an in-person meeting with their pastor.

Transitioning to finances, Sherry provided us with a high level financial overview on where we stand through the first quarter of the year. The details of the finances were distributed to the vestry via email as follow-up to our meeting and discussion. She also updated us on the progress so far in transitioning to some of the new financial programs.

Finally, Jennifer came to present the progress to date on the exploratory phase of the site plan efforts specific to the Coulter pine tree area. We reviewed the specifics of the plan being explored, the initial cost estimates, current funds available, and the next potential steps for raising the remaining funds. She also previewed some additional projects including adding a couple of paths around the edge of the orchard and a small interfaith chapel and the possibility of making a shower out of one of our restrooms in the Fireside room. It was clear that all of the plans being proposed fit squarely into the goals of the Mission Covenant at multiple levels. The vestry approved a motion for Jennifer and her team to initiate communications and fund raising discussion with the parish with the goal of executing on these plans this year. We closed with prayer.

# *Eucharistic Visitor Training*

*June 10th*

*9:00 am to 12:00 pm*

Consider the ministry of the Eucharistic Visitor; Eucharistic Visitors are lay people who have been trained to give the Holy Eucharist to shut-ins and other people who are unable to attend Eucharist services.

To become a Eucharistic Visitor you must be approved for this ministry by your rector. You must also be licensed by the Bishop after completing additional training required for those who seek to become a Eucharistic Visitor:

Eucharistic Visitor training -- led by an experienced Eucharistic visitor, addresses the ministry of presence, effective listening, confidentiality, and administering the sacrament using *Service Under Special Circumstances*.

Safeguarding God's People is a required short course to be a EV-- it makes one aware of the possibility of sexual exploitation and how to prevent it.

The deadline for registration is June 2<sup>nd</sup> . For more information, contact the Rev. Bruce Bramlett at St. Jude's. Call (408) 252-4166 or [brucebramlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucebramlett@sbcglobal.net)

## *On the Town*

**May 4: 7:30 pm, Kevin Bryson** will have a rare solo performance at Cafe Pink House backed by a superb rhythm section featuring Mason Razavi on guitar, Dan Robbins on bass, and Jason Lewis on drums. The group will perform new original compositions as well as a variety of modern jazz favorites. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.cafepinkhouse.com](http://www.cafepinkhouse.com) or call (408) 647-2273

### **May 6: 4:00 pm, Cupertino Choraliers**

**Concert** here at St. Jude's. Come and hear this outreach choir which includes some of our parishioners; Laura Green, Barb Hamer, John Kemp, Bryan Lanser and Mason Razavi. See Barb or Laura for tickets, \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.



## *This month's contributors*

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### **Upcoming Dates**

May 1: Young Adult Coffee Social at 8:00 pm  
May 5-7: Women's Weekend  
May 21: Rogation Sunday  
June 4: Pentecost Sunday  
June 4: Jazz Vespers at 5:00 pm  
Sept. 1-4: Parish Camp



*Dear Friends,*

*It is with deep sadness that I share with you the news of the death of Bishop Michael Perham, Bishop retired of Gloucester, one of our partner dioceses. As I shared last fall, Michael was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor that was the eventual cause of his death. For those of us who knew Michael through the partnership, among other things, we were inspired by his exuberant faith in the resurrection. He was a man of great hope and joy and a good friend to El Camino Real. He will be missed but the gifts he gave to us will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.*

*You can read Michael's last letter [at this link](#); true to form, it speaks powerfully of what he deeply believed about the all-embracing reality of salvation. And, of course, a blessing.*

*May Michael know himself fully alive in the resurrection with all the saints, and may we know it too as we are inspired and uplifted by this faithful man. The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!*

*Easter blessings of grace and peace,  
+Mary*

## **Deadlines:**

**Weekly email communications: Wednesday at 9:00 am for the upcoming Sunday.**

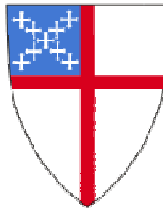
**Sunday Announcement sheet: Wednesday at 9:00 am for the upcoming Sunday.**

**Monthly View: Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am**

*Items that arrive after the deadlines will be deferred to the following week/month.*



# Diocesan Communications



**Easter messages.** See a video of/read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter message at <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/04/03/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-easter-message-2017/>. Read Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves' Easter Message "One Day at a Time" at <http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=99ebbf4cee8d012c9edafe60&id=e8d77325b5>.

**Discovery Day May 13**, hosted by our diocesan Commission on Ministry (COM) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas. This one-day Saturday workshop from 10 am to 3 pm helps individuals explore and respond to their particular calls to ministry and it offers the opportunity for those already engaged in active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry, or to explore new ways to respond to God's call. Information about Lay Ministry Licenses (in such areas as Worship Leader, Preacher, and Evangelist), Spiritual Gifts, Discernment, and Spiritual Direction are all part of this program. Previous participants in Discovery Day have described a process of discernment that has been rejuvenating, validating, and transformative. Coffee and gathering at 9:30 am. A \$10 donation at the door is requested to cover lunch and materials. Register by emailing [jrshreve@aol.com](mailto:jrshreve@aol.com) by May 9.

**ECR Spring Conference is May 20.** 9:30 am-3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Tom Brackett, Staff Officer for New Church Starts & Missional Initiatives. Watch for more details soon.

**Change Lives with Kairos Prison Ministry at Salinas Valley State Prison.** You're invited to participate in a Kairos prison ministry weekend at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad starting Thursday, June 1 through Sunday, June 4. Kairos is a successful prison ministry program that transforms the lives of inmates and the institution in which they reside. It is based strongly on the Cursillo model of ministry. For more information or to sign up to be a part of the team, please contact Gabe Paul at (408) 842-3344 or email him at [gabepauljr@gmail.com](mailto:gabepauljr@gmail.com).

**Next Day of Enrichment is June 3**, which will focus on Spiritual Pathways. A spiritual pathway has to do with the way we most naturally sense God's presence and experience spiritual growth. We will explore seven spiritual pathways, identify our own preferred spiritual pathway, and plan for ways to honor that pathway and get closer to God. Our individual uniqueness

means we will all experience God's presence and learn to relate to Him in different ways. For more information, contact Diocesan ECW President Diane Lovelace at 408-263-8945 or [DiLovelace@aol.com](mailto:DiLovelace@aol.com).

**Silent Buddhist-Christian Retreat in July.** Registration is now open for the annual Five-Day Silent Buddhist-Christian Retreat, a popular event for members of El Camino Real. Offered by the Pacific Center for Spiritual Formation, it will be held at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista from the afternoon of Sunday, July 23 through lunchtime on Friday July 28. Both Christian-Sourced and Buddhist practices are offered. The retreat provides an opportunity to integrate the practices from each tradition, perhaps recognizing the common path that Thomas Merton experienced when he explored Eastern meditation. Don't hesitate to request a scholarship if cost is a barrier. Get more information and download a registration form at <http://www.pacificcentersf.org/retreats-and-events#buddhist-and-christian-meditation>.

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