

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Newsletter

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Bishop's reception

On September 20 the congregation of Epiphany joined together to say Godspeed to Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Dick Schori. The evening began with the celebration of Holy Eucharist presided over by Bishop Katharine and then a wonderful pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. During dinner members of the congregation took the opportunity to publicly thank Bishop Katharine for her support of the development of Epiphany and to thank Dick for his participation as a member of the congregation and as our "internet guy". Word is that they will maintain a residence in Henderson and we will be blessed with one or both of them on occasion as their busy and demanding schedules allow.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group has been meeting for just over 8 weeks now. Eleven shawls have been blessed and have been passed on with love. Recipients range from Kensie Trompak's classmate that is fighting cancer to Fr. Mike and Deacon Sam during their recent hospital stays, and to elderly loved ones who live far away. The group is made up of skilled veterans with lots of knitting knowledge and some knitting "newbies". The learners started with some scarves and all have graduated to starting a full shawl. The group is archiving the names of the shawl recipients and they all continue in our prayers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please join them at 9:30 am every Wednesday at Epiphany.



Labyrinth visiting Epiphany

We are honored to have on loan for the month of October the Labyrinth canvas from Christ Church. The Labyrinth is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation - An opportunity for a peaceful respite, a way to center yourself and bring focus. You are invited to take a break from the chaos of the world and spend some time experiencing this ancient and sacred spiritual tool.

Walking the labyrinth clears the mind and gives insight into the spiritual journey. It urges action. It calms people in the throes of life transitions. It helps them see their lives in the context of a path – a pilgrimage. They realize that they are not human beings on a spiritual path, but spiritual beings on a human path. – Rev. Dr. Lauren Artess, Grace Cathedral San Francisco.

Come check it out.

"It is in giving that we receive" – The Prayer of St. Francis

From The Senior Warden

Epiphany has experienced more this year than most congregations experience in several years. First the move into our new facility followed a few weeks later by the official consecration by Bishop Katherine. Then the wonderful news that Bishop Katherine was elected by her peers to be the Presiding Bishop. Our congregation is growing fast and we have a wonderful group of youngsters in our Sunday School. On September 10th we began our second service at 8am on Sundays.

Now we need the help of ALL our congregation so that we can continue to maintain and grow...perhaps even to a third service in the future. It takes funds to operate and provide these services for our members and visitors. Our Stewardship Drive is coming up and I would ask that each of you look into your hearts and commit to a pledge. Each of you knows that it is necessary in our daily lives to have a budget in mind to pay the rent, buy food, pay salaries. In order to be able to budget, you need to have an estimated income to work from, and this income for Epiphany comes from the committed pledges we receive. It doesn't matter whether it is \$1.00 a week, or \$100 a month, we just need to have some figure to work from, not just a guess as to how much each week will bring. Please look into your hearts and when the pledge card comes, fill it out. – Bert

One person can't be good at everything, but everyone can be good at something... what is your something?

Ava St. John Baptized

On September 17 Ava St. John was welcomed into the household of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Ava is the daughter of Jeff and Shauna St. John and the little sister of Savannah. May God's blessings always be upon you Ava.



Home Meal Delivery

Sue Flynn organizes meals to be delivered to our congregation members when they find themselves challenged by physical ailments or recovering from childbirth. If you can contribute to this ministry please let Sue know. It means the world to the recipients (just ask Sue)

Newsy Bits

Fr. Mike home and recovering from heart surgery. He appreciates all your good wishes and prayers.

Joann Kennedy is awaiting a surgery date for her knee and appreciates any visitors and phone calls.

Deacon Sam and Edna Morford have returned from their summer in Nebraska. We are so happy to have Sam back celebrating at our altar & Edna's energy and bright smile. Welcome back.

The Van Houten's Classic 52 Stakebed Truck was out Wowing the crowd at the Henderson Super Run Car Show. She's a real beauty. Though she spent the first half of her life as a hard working farm truck now she's a beauty queen with paint so shiny you've got to don sunglasses to look at her. Refurbishing her was a labor of love for Bert and his kids.

If you can't make it to Washington DC

Mark your calendar. The investiture of 26th Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be webcast live November 4 beginning at 8am (Pacific Time) and continuing through the liturgy's conclusion, expected around 10:15 a.m. The webcast will have a direct link on the Episcopal Church homepage, <http://www.episcopalchurch.org> that will go live shortly before the liturgy begins.

Habitat for Humanity – Info Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 24 6:30 pm at First Christian Church
101 South Rancho, classroom #2 for more info call
384-1544

At Note from Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike penned this as he was awaiting his second surgery (to relieve fluid that had built up). Amazing that his thoughts turned to this as he waited.

Dear Friends,

Stewardship is the returning to God 100% of oneself, one's time and one's money. (a pretty scary thought) That's giving not only to the church; it's in our families, in our homes, and in our work, and in the world, all given and shared in partnership with God. The portion we share with God in church is only a symbol that draws us to be better people in all of our relationships.

Stewardship involves lifelong learning and a growing realization that we don't lose anything, but instead gain our real selves, real life and abundant life.

This has been my experience. I began as a mathematician living in my head. As I gave more and more of myself to god, little by little I learned to be more real and more competent in my relationships. Every piece of ourselves that we give seems a little risky whether it is in money, or more focused on our relationships at work or in the home.

Day by day I began to learn to live differently in relationship in community. Recently I've undergone open heart surgery for a valve replacement and 3 bypasses. Cards came from friends from across the years and miles to support me and my family. We do not lose anything by stewarding our lives for God. We gain everything.

As the time comes for you to consider pledging a percentage of your time, talent and money to the mission of Epiphany, do it prayerfully, thoughtfully, risking a little more for God in Christ. You will learn more of the faithfulness of God and of community. Our mission is to build a congregation in the south Las Vegas Valley, and we have made great strides. You can already see the community emerging .

Fr. Mike Annis

Member Directory is Completed

Did you get your Member Directory? Look for the Yellow Booklets on the info table in the Narthex. Phone numbers, addresses and email addresses are all listed.

Diocesan Convention

October 6-8 is the Diocesan Convention. This year it is in Fallon and is being hosted by Holy Trinity. Our representative are Bert Van Houten, Judy Koehn, Tom Wolch, Natalie Wolch (as a youth delegate) and Nancy Knox (as our alternate) So much has happened here in Nevada over the past year. There will certainly be much work to do.

Sustenance for the Soul

-Provisioning your Spiritual Crash Cart –



Women's Retreat

At

The Church of the Epiphany

Saturday, October 14, 2006

8:00 am Continental breakfast

9:00 am we get down to work and fun

4:00 pm conclude

Come for:

Relationship Building

Hands on Spirituality activities

Coping skills for Advent

Food, Fellowship and Fun

Dress for comfort and movement

Bring: Bible, journal, towel or yoga mat, needle nose pliers, sense of adventure

Suggested donation \$15. Includes Cont Bkfst and Lunch

Invite a friend

No Childcare will be provided

Questions contact Shawn Woolworth 204-8072 or smwlv59@yahoo.com

(turn in this registration to Shawn)

Name:

Phone:

Email address:

Any dietary restrictions:

Do you need a ride? Y N

Can you provide transportation? Y N

If yes where are you coming from? (cross streets):