



# THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

## Christ Church News

December 4, 2009

### This Week's Inspirational Thought

There is no true solitude except interior solitude.

Thomas Merton 1968 +

PRAYER FOR OUR HEALING AT CHRIST CHURCH  
 Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come into our lives and into our community of faith at Christ Church with your loving, healing, transforming touch that we may be at one with you and with each other. Amen.

### THE NUMBERS

Attendance at Saturday, Nov. 21, 5:00 pm	15
Attendance at Sunday, Nov. 22, 8:00 am	80
Attendance at Sunday, Nov. 22, 10:30 am	133
Pledge Receipts	\$ 7,959.95
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 9,155.00

Attendance at Thanksgiving, Nov. 26	25
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Attendance at Saturday, Nov. 28, 5:00 pm	17
Attendance at Sunday, Nov. 29, 8:00 am	55
Attendance at Sunday, Nov. 29, 10:30 am	156
Pledge Receipts	\$ 6,991.81
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 302.00

**Total Receipts Required to meet Monthly Operating Expenses \$60,000**

## This Week at Christ Church

Friday	12/4	7:00 pm	Board Room	Friends & Family of Incarcerated Persons
Saturday	12/5	9:00 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		9 am-12 pm	Guild Room	Anti-Racism Class
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12/6	6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
		8:00 am	Parish Hall	Gift Shop Open
		8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation: "Salvation History"
		10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
Monday	12/7	12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
		Tuesday	12/8	9:00 am
Wednesday	12/9	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice

### Calendar of Events for Advent 2009

Thursday	12/24	6:00 pm	Main Church	First Mass of Christmas
		10:00 pm	Main Church	Music/Mass of Christ at Midnight
Friday	12/25	10:00 am	Main Church	Mass of Christmas Morn

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Kid's CornerCookie Decorating Party

SATURDAY DEC. 5, 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM AT THE GRAHAM'S HOUSE

7121 Doe Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117, 870-5466.

There will be cookies to decorate and snacks, but the parents (or an adult) must stay with the children.

Electric Light Parade in Boulder City

December 5, 2009, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Boulder City Nevada

St. Christopher's will be walking in the parade they said we could join them if anyone would like, it cost no money but they would like if anyone goes to please bring a box or two of candy canes to be handed out. The Annual Santa's Electric Night Parade begins on Saturday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. beginning at Colorado and Nevada Way (names of the streets in Boulder City).

Christmas Party for the Youth

DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE!

A party in the courtyard for all youth and youthful hearts, there will be games, prizes and food. Please ask your friends and family to join us for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

God Smiles.

As we head towards the end of our Stewardship Drive for 2010, search your heart for the many ways in which God smiles upon us. Please take time to pray, to meditate and to respond to the request for your pledges of treasure, time and talent.

Urgent Need

Hi Bonnie,

I'm in a dire situation. One of my host families [for The Program for Academic Exchange (PAX)] threw in the towel, leaving my 17-year-old German boy without a home. His math teacher has taken him in temporarily, but I need to find a new host, preferably in the Palo Verde zone. Could you please post the attached announcement in your newsletter? If it generated just one response, one might just be enough!

Students have full medical insurance. Contact Margaret Hoppe at [glanz3@aol.com](mailto:glanz3@aol.com) or (702) 203-5255.

Thanks a million,

Margaret

Deacon Bonnie Polley Speaks at CDSP

Our own Rev. Bonnie Polley was guest preacher at the Episcopal Seminary of the West on Community Night, Dec. 3, 2009, as guest of The Rev. Nancy G. Eswein; Director of Field Education at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP). Bonnie gave a seminar to second year students on her ministry as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. The students learned from Bonnie's experience as the Chaplain of the Clark County Detention Center bringing God's presence to inmates for 28 years. Junior Warden of Christ Church, Carol Mittwede, joined her for this wonderful experience.

Wednesday Bible Study

"The Wednesday Morning Bible Study" lead by Fr. Bob McNaull will be studying the Book of Philippians during the four weeks of Advent. All materials will be provided. This Bible Study is held each Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 am in Sunday School room #3.

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.

Christ Church Service Schedule

Saturday	12/5	5:00 pm
Sunday	12/6	8:00 am
		10:30 am
Wednesday	12/9	12:05 pm
Saturday	12/12	5:00 pm
Sunday	12/13	8:00 am
		10:30 am
Wednesday	12/16	12:05 pm
Saturday	12/19	5:00 pm
Sunday	12/20	8:00 am
		10:30 am
Wednesday	12/23	12:05 pm
Thursday	12/24	6:00 pm
		10:30 pm
Friday	12/25	10:30 am
Saturday	12/26	Evening Prayers 5 pm
Sunday	12/27	10:30 am
Wednesday	12/30	12:05 pm

Sermon Date /Title

Dec. 6, Advent: "Great Expectations"  
 Dec. 13: "Jesus' coming – Did he do it all wrong?"  
 Dec. 20: "Jesus, the Human Side of God"  
 Dec. 24: "Two Births"  
 Dec. 27 and Jan 3: To be decided  
 Jan. 10: "Shepherds or Magi?" (Propers)  
 Jan. 17: Cana – "A Two Storey Story"  
 Jan. 24: "Anointed and Gifted People"  
 Jan. 31: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"  
 Annual Meeting

Bread for the World

Have Faith: End Hunger

Edited letter from David Beckman  
President, Bread for the World

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved Senate bill 1524, the Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act of 2009. Fourteen senators supported it and three did not.

This is a significant first step in reforming U.S. foreign assistance and a major milestone for our 2009 Offering of Letters. The changes that will result from S.1524 will be of immense help to the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In the House, our cosponsors for H.R. 2139, the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009, continue to increase. We now have 121 cosponsors for the House bill.

Growing support for these two bills in Congress was instrumental in moving President Barack Obama's order for a presidential study directive to begin the process of developing a national strategy for our foreign aid. The bills also helped push the State Department to begin the first-ever Quadrennial Development and Diplomacy Review that is bringing together an all-of-government approach to assess our foreign assistance delivery systems.

Without your letters, we would have never been able to win these significant milestones in our campaign to reform the way we deliver U.S. aid to the world's hungry and poor people. I give thanks to God for faithful supporters like you.

Grace and peace.

Submitted by Midgene Spatz

## Stay Tuned!!!

The organ installation is complete. The tonal finishers have been voicing (tuning) the organ since Monday. Steve and Gene will be here for approximately two weeks. They will return after Christmas to do the fine tuning. Our dream is coming true!

Following are some free concerts open to the public:

UNLV Brass Band & Tuba / Euphonium Ensemble  
Thursday, December 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. (Tonight)  
Doc Rando Recital Hall, Beam Music Center, UNLV

AGO Members' Advent-Christmas Recital  
Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
Doc Rando Recital Hall, Beam Music Center, UNLV  
Featuring the American Guild of Organists members playing the 53-rank von Beckerath tracker organ. Our own Alice Hohenthauer and Dr. Paul Hesselink will be featured.

Doug Wilson's Annual Christmas Organ Concert  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Community Lutheran Church  
3720 E. Tropicana Avenue  
Doug Wilson is the organist at Community Lutheran and also the accompanist of the Las Vegas Master Singers.

Las Vegas Master Singers Chorale Christmas Concert "Rejoice! A Holiday Celebration"  
Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
Christ Church Episcopal  
Featuring the smaller group of the Master Singers singing music of the season. CCE choir members that sing with the Chorale are Lenny Hebert, Pat Newell, Dorothy Hubbard, and Kathi Colman.

## The Best Gift of All

Many the blessings, many the gifts,  
Many the joys of Christmas night,  
But the best gift of all sleeps in a manger stall; God sent His son on earth to dwell, God with us, Emmanuel.

The night sky gave a brand new star  
To light the way from near and far.  
The ox and ass their manger gave  
To the infant, born to save.

Mary and Joseph gave assent,  
Humbly welcoming His advent;  
That fulfilled it well might be  
The child be born of Jesse's tree.

The angels sang the joyous story  
Of God's everliving glory:  
The coming of peace to all on earth,  
The Son of God's miraculous birth.

Humble shepherds from the hill  
Piped their carol of good will,  
A merry measure lightly trod,  
To welcome the newborn Lamb of God.

Eastern sages, wise men three,  
Brought their gifts on bended knee:  
Gold, and myrrh and frankincense  
For the infant King of Innocence.

But of all the gifts of angel or king,  
Of man or beast, all welcoming,  
None can compare with the best gift of all:  
That God so loved the world that He gave His son  
To be humbly born in that manger stall, That we with God might be as one.

Many the blessings, many the gifts,  
Many the joys of Christmas night;  
But the best gift of all  
Sleeps in manger stall:  
God sent His son on earth to dwell,  
God with us, Emmanuel.