



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

July 22, 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.

This Week's Inspirational Thought

Broken and healed, fallen and raised – this is how we become Christian.

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, July 17	5:00 pm	resumes in September	
Sunday, July 18	7:45 am		53
	9:15 am		12
	10:45 am		85
	6:30 pm		148
Pledge Receipts			\$ 4,815.06
Alleluia Campaign Receipts			\$ 1,016.00

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

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

"Shema" – Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The "Shema" is Israel's creed.

Love alone does our spirit feed.

If we give God our whole

In mind, heart, and soul,

He will meet every deep-seeded need.

Click on this link for past issues - <http://www.christepiscopallv.org/enotes/lister.php>

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	7/23	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	7/24	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	7/25	<u>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</u>		
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
Monday	7/26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	7/27	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	7/28	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	7/29	6:00 pm	Parish Hall/GR	St. Joseph Fellowship & Potluck

Funeral Services for Ruth Annette Mills will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 24, 2010 at All Saints' Episcopal Church on 4201 West Washington Avenue, Las Vegas Nevada. A reception will be held after the funeral in the parish hall. Those who can easily walk the distance are asked to park across the street at Gibson Middle School (3900 W Washington Ave., Las Vegas) which is providing overflow parking. A short obituary will appear in the newspaper with a much longer one on the website of Davis Funeral Home/Mortuary. Viewing will be from 3 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 23 at Davis Funeral home on 2127 West Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada. Thank you all for your compassion and understanding through this difficult time. God Bless, Julie Mills and Family

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.

Vestry Briefs

The vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on June 21, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with Fr. O'Neill offering a prayer of recovery for Deacon DeLaney Armstead, Fr. Bob McNaul, David Polley, and sympathy for Kathi Coleman on the loss of her brother-in-law. Cards by Maria were signed by the vestry and sent to DeLaney, Bob, David and Kathi.

Fall Christian Formation Class

The Christian Formation class will commence on September 12, 2010, Formation Sunday, and conclude on November 14, 2010. A new booklet, *Our Life in Christ and Community* will be printed and available on September 1, 2010.

Confirmation and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Dan Edwards will visit Christ Church on November 21, 2010.

Summer Camp

Fr. Bernardo reported on the activities that will happen at summer camp on August 7, 2010. The camp is open to all children around the diocese.

Christ Church Inventory

Betty Foss, Carol Mittwede, Sharon Rogers, Mark Pertimoulx and staff are in the midst of doing a needed inventory. A value will be assigned to some of the items. Sharon became involved in the inventory in her search for white kneelers. The white kneelers are missing along with an Advent holder and stand. At the conclusion of the inventory, there will be a directory instructing people where to place items after their use.

Treasurer's Report

Spencer Adams reported that we continue to get utility donations and we are very thankful. However, it was pointed out that the next power bill will be tremendous. The janitorial and church supplies are up again this month. The entire report is available in the office for review.

Finance

Pete Falger and Spencer Adams informed the vestry that The Christ Church Gift Shop has moved to a Quick Book Account. The original bank account was closed showing a positive balance. An audit is not needed.

Christ Church Copiers

Steve Wilkinson and the Sr. Warden provided a copier update. In an on-going effort to resolve the financial issues surrounding the copy machines we have made offers that were rejected by the leasing company. According to the leasing company "nothing is negotiable". David Polley is the attorney and has advised the Vestry to cease trying to negotiate. During this time period, Christ Church received a letter from a collection agency and the leasing company contacted Bishop Dan Edwards. The company will not pick up the machines.

Buildings and Grounds

Paul Bell is having dialogue with *Seniors in Action* regarding the renting of Suite #3. Currently the group has no funds but is working with *Helping Hands*. Suite #9 is still available for rental.

The Food Pantry

Deacon Bonnie reported that this month several checks for the Food Pantry arrived in the mail. The vestry discussed ways of making the food basket in the back of the church more visible and symbolic. The basket is heavy so a more symbolic move would be to bring several food pantry items to the Altar.

Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT)

In our search for a rector, the Congregational Assessment Tool will be on line July 25, 2010. Paper copies will also be provided to the congregation. Marsha Tarte is taking the lead in coordinating the CAT.

Epilog Articles

The Sr. Warden encouraged the vestry to write articles for the Electric Epilog. The articles are not confined to any particular topic. Topics can range from, what Christ Church means to me to in appreciation.

The Sprinkler System

We do not have a final building permit until a sprinkler system, or an alternative system, is installed. With vestry approval, Spencer Adams has contacted Schirmer Engineering to work with Christ Church to provide alternative fire protection service. Our church was built in 1962 and does not have an automatic sprinkler system and the church must be brought up to code. An alternate design is feasible.

Blood Drive

This will be our second blood drive. The date is August 15, 2010.

Concerts for Fund Raising

Dennis is looking into this aspect of fund raising. There are organizations such as Huntridge Teen Clinic and Community in Service who have benefactors who would be very interested in organ concerts.

Handbook of Personnel Policies

Sheryl Bell is taking the lead in updating Christ Church personnel policies. A draft of the handbook was distributed to vestry members for review.

Special Needs 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..... Our latest electric bill for the church proper was \$2,850.69. This entire amount comes out of the general fund. The South Property was \$1,753.64 which in part is paid by the tenants. The checks to NV Energy for June totaled \$4,604.33, just \$200.00 less than our weekly offering.

Our two recent unbudgeted expenditures of \$385.00 for the Altar Guild for candle repairs and supplies and \$989.00 for a replacement telephone system board were covered by 3 generous donations.

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.

Hope Link's event is August 21st; our donations must be at Hope Link by August 17th (Marsha will take care of that). Approximately 1,000 children will be assisted. Central Christian Church supplies backpacks stuffed with school supplies. Churches in the community will be providing the clothing. Please help if at all possible.

Upcoming Events

- **On Thursday, July 29th**, St. Joseph's Fellowship Gathering / Potluck at 6:00 pm. This month the theme is poetry. Please bring your favorite poetry to share with the group or just come and enjoy poetry loved by others. Also, please bring your joys and / or concerns you would like to offer up for prayer by this gathering of believers.
- **Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 9:00am till 1:00pm** CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL/MINISTERIO LATINO'S CHILDREN SUMMER CAMP/POTLUCK -All children, some from different churches (All Saints, St. Luke) will be gathering for a day of games, religious activities, skits, and food. Please come and enjoy the fun, invite your friends from your neighborhood, everyone is welcome. Parents are invited to stay for the fun and have lunch with us too. If you have any questions please call Graci Vargas at 735-7655, or Padre Bernardo at 575-0121.
- **On Sunday, August 15th, from 9 am – 1:00 pm**, Blood Drive scheduled at the church, need volunteers.
- **Christian Formation Sunday, September 12th, after the 10:45 service** 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.

SAVE THE DATE -Lobster Fair October 16th

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.



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 102-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.

July 24, 2010

Congregational Assessment Tool

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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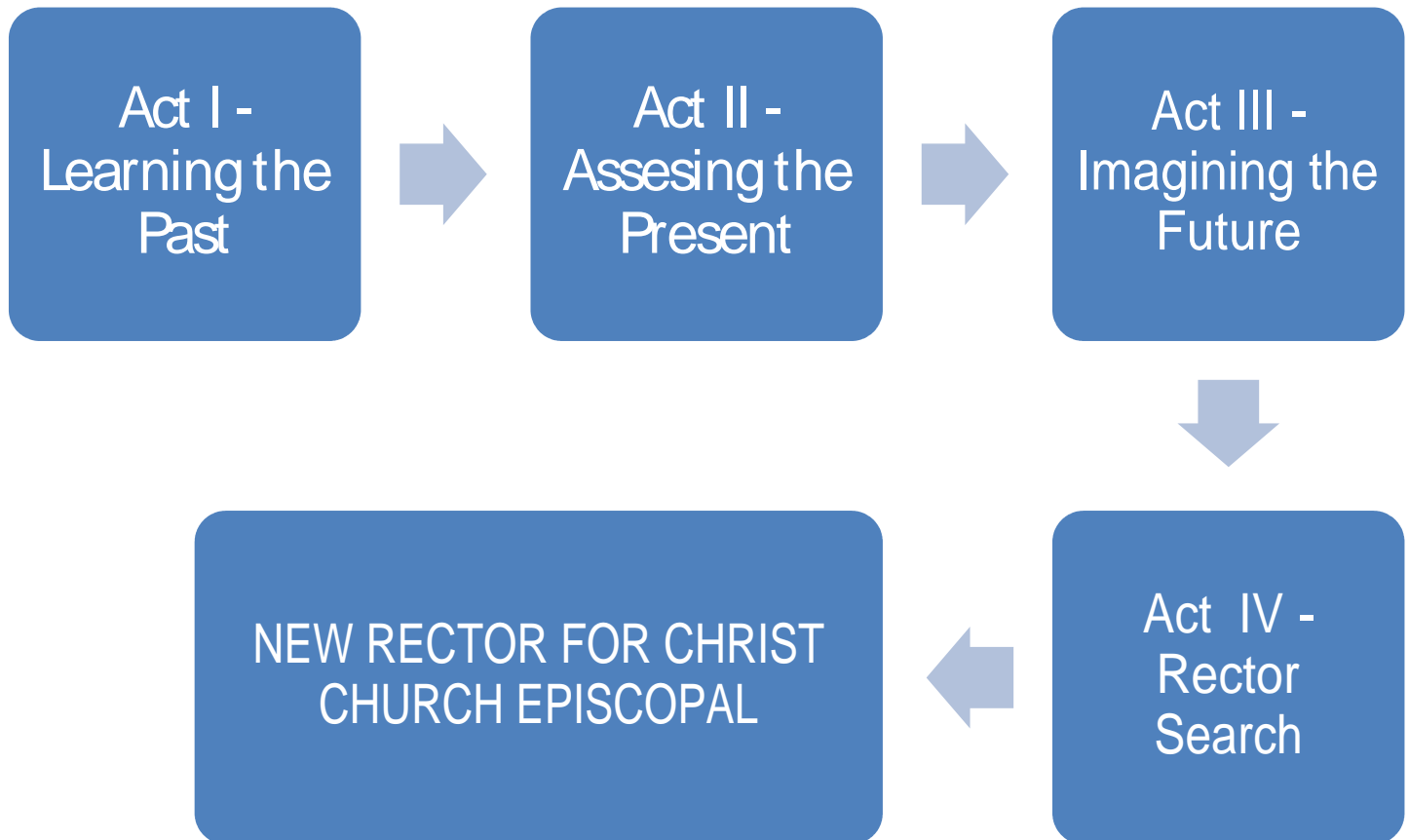
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CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL HEALING, VISIONING & RECTOR SEARCH – 2010



Because you asked!

- Q. **What is the Church Assessment Tool©?**
 A. *The Church Assessment Tool© is an 85 question, online assessment of a congregation that is completed by members of a church. We affectionately call it a CAT-SCAN. It generates a report called Vital Signs©.*
- Q. **What is the purpose of the Church Assessment Tool©?**
 A. *Using the Church Assessment Tool© is like taking your church to a doctor, a travel agent, and a tailor. It gives leaders a read-out on the health of the church, a sense of where members think the church should head in the future, and a description of the church as a unique body of people.*
- Q. **How do church leaders use the Church Assessment Tool©?**
 A. *Churches find the information provided by the Church Assessment Tool© to be helpful whenever important decisions need to be made. This includes strategic planning, preparing for a pastoral search, deciding about yoking or merging churches, planning for a stewardship or capital campaign, and helping a new pastor understand where to start. Churches also use the Church Assessment Tool© to measure progress or just to get a check-up on how the church is doing.*

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MEMBER INFORMATION

Please update your personal member information for the Parish Office's computer. We have had members who have called the office to say that their names were not read during the birthday and anniversary announcements. The reason for this omission is because not everyone has given us this information. Please take the time and fill out the questions below and e-mail, or drop them off at the Parish Office. This way we can update your information in our computer system.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER INFORMATION FOR CHRIST CHURCH	
FULL NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____
	(STREET, APT #, CITY, STATE, ZIP)
E-MAIL	_____
PHONES (HOME)	_____ (WORK) _____ (CELL) _____
BIRTHDAY :(DATE)	_____
MARITAL STATUS:	_____ MARRIAGE :(DATE) _____
FAMILY MEMBERS NAMES:	_____
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Surf on over to

CAMP HOPE

A day camp for K – 6th Grade

One week of Summer fun
August 2 – 6

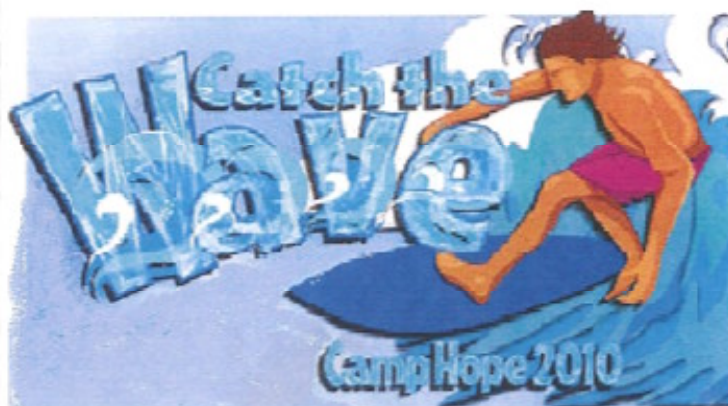
At

Reformation Lutheran Church

Corner of 6th and E. St. Louis Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89104

Call 732-2052 for more information!



August 2-6

Free Breakfast and Lunch

*The optional breakfast will be served before Camp at 9 am.
Lunch will be served around Noon, depending on the camp
schedule.*

The cost of the Camp is \$60 per week per child. There is a **Sibling Discount** if you are registering more than one child, you receive a \$5 sibling discount for each child.

There are numerous scholarships available, and no child will be turned away because of cost. But space is limited. Please register early! If cost is a factor, please talk to the registrar or Pastor Swanson. There is a \$10 per child Non-Refundable Deposit.