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## Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen and Mystic

Hildegard of Bingen, born in 1098, was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, and scientist. Her parents tenth child, she was tutored to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg. When Hildegard was 38, Jutta died, and Hildegard was appointed abbess. She later founded two independent convents at Bingen and Eibingen. From early childhood, Hildegard experienced dazzling spiritual visions. At 43, a voice commanded her to tell what she saw. So began her voluminous illustrated writings that are filled with feminine imagery for God and God's creative activity.

Hildegard was soon sought after for counsel among kings, queens, archbishops, and popes. She carried out preaching missions, practiced medicine focusing on women's needs, and was the author of many and various artistic creations. She died in 1179 at the age of 81, leaving behind a rich spiritual and artistic legacy.



*God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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# Calendar of Events

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Sep - May, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer)** offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sep 20, CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN** for Kindergarten - 5th Grade, 10:15 AM, All Saint's, Las Vegas

**Sep 26, TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR LAY LEADERS, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**, All Saints', Las Vegas (Bishop Dan); St. Paul's, Elko Rev. Karen Albrethsen); Trinity, Reno (Rev. Jim Beebe & Rev. Jim Edwards). Call Bishop Dan's office for additional information, or to register. Please Note: The Las Vegas training ONLY has changed its meeting time. The new time is 10:15 AM - 3:00 PM.

**Sep 26, CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP**, offered by **Contemplative Outreach Of Southern Nevada**, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, \$20., Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

**Sep 27, A SPECIAL MULTI-CULTURAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAN PRESIDING at the Ending of a Pastoral Care Relationship and Rector's Retirement Celebration**, 2:00 PM, All Saint's Las Vegas.

**Sep 27, GEOFFREY CASTLE - LIVE IN CONCERT, 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert; followed by dinner at Captain's Cove Restaurant featuring the SEATTLE JAZZ SOCIETY, 6:30 PM.** Tickets are \$50/per person. For reservations call: 702-982-1480

**Sep 30, A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, OR 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 W. Sahara, Ste D, Las Vegas. For information call 702-243-4040.

**Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko.** No Charge. For Additional Information

**Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin.** Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. For Reservations

**Oct 26, BISHOP DAN RECOMMENDS -- LITURGY AND EUCHARIST IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Oct. 26 - Dec. 30.** Offered by: Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership; Host: Church Divinity School of the Pacific; Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Dennis Tierney. [http://www.cdsp.edu/center\\_online.php](http://www.cdsp.edu/center_online.php) This online course offers 2 CEUs.

**YOUTH WEEKEND AT CAMP GALILEE DURING THE CONVENTION - Ages 7-18; all types of camping activities.** Fee for the weekend is \$100. Please contact [stuartcampbell66@gmail.com](mailto:stuartcampbell66@gmail.com) for information, or to register your children.

**Nov 1, CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM**, All Saint's, Las Vegas.

**Nov. 7, ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR, Sti. Christopher's, Boulder City, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Holiday items and baked goods. Proceeds will go to Emergency Aid of Boulder City, the local food bank. For information call Patty Jacobson at 702-293-7454.

**Nov 22, THE GRAND PRIZE, Raffle Drawing at St. Matthew's** - Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. 1st Prize - 4 tickets to Las Vegas's Lion King at Mandalay Bay; one-night stay at Mandalay Bay; and a \$200 gift certificate for dinner. One ticket; \$5; three tickets: \$12.00; five tickets: \$20.00. Please ask a Vestry Member for the tickets. Thank You for your support.

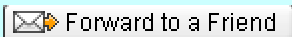
**Dec 20, CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:30 AM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Jan 10, EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

**Mar 28, CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas**

 Forward to a Friend

## HOLY CROSS DAY

September 14



"Bishop William Wiedrich tells a wonderful story of a conductor who, while directing a large group of percussionists, raised his arms and signaled a huge corps of timpanists to sound their instruments. The din lasted a moment, then he raised his hands again and waved them to silence. Addressing the percussionists, he reminded them of a principle they had obviously overlooked: 'The music', he said, 'is in the drum, not in the mallet. One does not beat the music into the drum; one coaxes the music out of the drum.' Then taking the mallet, he struck the drum and gently let the mallet rise off the skin, as if the mallet were pulling sound from the kettle. The resulting sound was musical, full and resonant.

The cross is like the music of the timpani; it is not something one puts on, but rather something that is coaxed out of us. The wearing of the cross is not an accessory to life, but rather it is the embrace of life itself. Indeed Christians do not wear the cross as an emblem of exclusivity or a talisman of spirituality; Christians bear the cross within, in the daily embrace of all that it means to be human. To be a Christian is not to take the cross upon oneself, but rather to have the fullness of life coaxed out of oneself. For life was not imposed upon Jesus. Life was not beaten into Jesus; nor is life beaten into us. The life is in him, and he is in us, even as the music is in the drum." Sam Portaro: *Brightest and Best: A Companion to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts*



## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

### Laughter is Healthy!!!

According to Gail Delaney in her article *Laughter, the Safe Medicine to Take*, laughter is good not only for the mind, but also for the body. Studies have shown that it improves the immune system and relieves the physical hazards of stress. To laugh often and heartily is therefore a very good way to fight off all kinds of illnesses. Get in touch with your inner child voice from time to time and activate your laughter button!

## NEWS BRIEFS

Yes, we now have our own Facebook page! [Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Facebook Page](#). Please visit our page, get acquainted with it, make comments, ask questions, visit Bishop Dan's blog, and more...

**A summary of General Convention actions is now available. [General Convention actions](#)**

**Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation** and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at [knutenote@cox.net](mailto:knutenote@cox.net) (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

**Diocesan Convention, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.** **Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin.** The entertainment for dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24 will be McAvoy Lane aka the Ghost of Mark Twain. More information about McAvoy is available at [www.ghostoftwain.com](http://www.ghostoftwain.com). When you book your room online there is NO FEE. Online Booking

**IF YOU HAVE A BANNER REPRESENTING YOUR PARISH, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING IT TO CONVENTION FOR DISPLAY (WITH A STAND, IF POSSIBLE).**



**A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention** in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. **The cost is \$125 per person; the reservation deadline is September 15.** For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email [stmatts@embarqmail.com](mailto:stmatts@embarqmail.com)

**Resolution Committee Formed** - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to [vriley@nevadajustice.org](mailto:vriley@nevadajustice.org), or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

**The Following Groups will meet during Convention** on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM:

Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels Health Care Ministry; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission; Green Team; Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries; Standing Committee; Commission on Ministry; Ministry Development Commission; Evangelism Team.

**Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.**

**eNewsletter Photo Contest !!** We are seeking a new eNewsletter Banner photograph that comes from Northern Nevada. The banner dimensions are 675 x 239. If you have a camera, please take a picture and send it to [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com) The contest winner will be rewarded a beautiful linen purificator for your church's sacristy. Contest ends Friday, Oct. 2.



**The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation:** A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/>

*Please submit your news briefs to Clelia at [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com)*

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