

# eNewsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

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## Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and

dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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## Calendar of Events

*If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia or [garritycpg@gmail.com](mailto:garritycpg@gmail.com). If you would like to see your event listed in the diocesan calendar, please email Barbara.*

### SAVE THE DATES

**Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL SERVICE, St. Pauls, Sparks 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM.**

**Feb. 17, IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY EUCHARIST, 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Church, Fallon.**

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

**Feb 19, STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be a special teaching stations with Father Jim Lyons presiding. Stations of the Cross are at **5:00 PM EACH FRIDAY** during Lent.

**Feb 19, FAMILY GAME NIGHT, 6:30 PM, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Education Center.**

**Feb 20, VESTRY TRAINING, 9:00 am - 12 Noon, Christ Church, Las Vegas. Everyone who is interested in**

the ministry of the Vestry in our parishes is welcome to attend.

**Feb 20, PRAYERS AND SQUARES, 9:00 AM, St. Paul's, Sparks.** Volunteers from all denominations gather together to cut and sew quilts and insert prayer threads to give someone who is suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For more information email [vsidener@uahoo.com](mailto:vsidener@uahoo.com)

**Feb 21, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR TEENS, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, downstairs at Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno.** This class is for teens in Grade 6-12. Dinner included. For questions, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

**Feb 21 (and every Sunday during Lent), LUNCHEON LENTEN SERIES WITH REV. CHIP, 12:15 - 1:30 pm, St Paul's, Sparks**

**Feb 24 (and every Wednesday during Lent) SOUP SUPPER AND LENTEN STUDY WITH FR. KIRK, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks,** Join us for a fun, relaxed look at our own personal beliefs in relation to other world religions.

**Feb 26 - 27, CATHOLICITY: ROMAN OR REFORMED:** a presentation on roles, authority, transitions and faith by The Rev, Joseph Duggan. Friday - 6:30-9:00 PM; Saturday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served, Epiphany Education Center. Donations accepted to cover costs. RSVP to [helen@mcpeak.org](mailto:helen@mcpeak.org)

**Feb 28, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have had this training 1:00 - 3:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks.** For Vestry, those who work with children, and parents of minors. For information call, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

**Feb 26-28, VOCARE (VO-CAR-EE), a event for young adults (18-30ish), run by young adults. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno.** We worship, sing, and tell our stories. We learn how to listen to God. More information can be found on the Diocesan website. Contact Maggie Davison, [mclairedavidson@gmail.com](mailto:mclairedavidson@gmail.com) (702-277-5257), or Elyse Monroy, [elysemonroy@gmail.com](mailto:elysemonroy@gmail.com) (775-762-1773) for more information and a registration packet.

**Mar 7, THE SECOND SEMESTER OF CHRISTIAN BASICS: AN OUTLINE OF THE FAITH begins at 1PM, St. Peter's Church, Carson City.** All are welcome to attend. The theme for this semester will be "The Community of Reconciliation" and will feature a study of the Church, Ministry and the Sacraments. Please contact the Frensdorff School at [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com) to register for the course and get this semester's book list.

**Mar 12, RENO BIGHORNS VS. UTAH FLASH SEMI-PRO BASKETBALL, 7:00 pm, St. Paul's, Sparks.** Tickets \$6.00, Faith and Family Night. Episcopal ticket sales organized by St. Paul's, Sparks. Open to all Episcopalians. For information call Linda Devon at 775-750-4029, or email [lsd4764@hotmail.com](mailto:lsd4764@hotmail.com)

**Mar 13, TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, 5:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks.** Cost is \$10 for the benefit of St. Paul's Food Pantry. Includes Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert, beverages, including homemade beer by Dan Bouzek.

**Mar 13, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have never had this training, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church Reno.** For questions, please contact Rev Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

**Mar 19 - 21 THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World. Presenter: Rev. Michael Dowd,** America's evolutionary evangelist. Dowd's inspiring message expands the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world. Cost for the Saturday workshop is \$100 for registrations received by Mar 10; \$115 for later registration. Continental Breakfast and lunch included. Introductory lecture on Friday evening; Rev. Dowd will preach on Sunday. The weekend is sponsored by St. Peter's, Carson City. For more information, or to register contact tov. Kim Morgan at [kamorgan@pyramid.net](mailto:kamorgan@pyramid.net). 775-883-1681.

**Mar 19-21, YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND, Camp Galilee** - An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp and provide volunteer work to prepare the camp for the summer camping

program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend, as well. Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell, and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register, call 775-749-5546.

**Mar 13, LENTEN QUIET DAY AT GRACE led by Rev. Mary Bredlau, 9:00 AM - 12 noon**, concluding with the Eucharist, and then a simple soup lunch in the parish hall. Please RSVP directly to Rev. Mary at [RevMaryB@cox.net](mailto:RevMaryB@cox.net) or 702-540-3012, by two days prior.

**Mar 22, WORDS OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND THE MUSIC OF BACH, 7:00 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, Las Vegas.** A multimedia musical dramatization presented by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Seven local organists will perform the music of Bach, three actors will tell the story, and 275 visual images will be projected on a large screen. A free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses.

**Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version**, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

**Mar 27, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have had this training. 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno.** For questions, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

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

**May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee.** The program will begin Friday, May 28 with dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.

**Apr 11, MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund. 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.** \$10 admission fee, reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

**Apr 25, MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund, 4:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks.** \$10 admission fee, reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

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Bishop Jean Zache Duracin and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori paid a poignant visit to Port-au-Prince Feb. 8 to survey with [Episcopal Diocese of Haiti](#) Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin the devastation wrought by the Jan. 12 magnitude 7.0 earthquake.

After climbing over the ruins of the diocese's Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral), the presiding bishop turned to Duracin and said "You should skip Lent this year; you have already had your Good Friday."

"Yes, we can all sing Alleluias together," Duracin replied, according to the Rev. Lauren Stanley, who accompanied Jefferts Schori on her five-hour visit.

Pointing to some of the cathedral's 13 bells that were visible among the ruins and that appeared to be salvageable, Jefferts Schori said "they will ring again" and that the cathedral "will rise again," according to Stanley.

While at the cathedral, Jefferts Schori and Duracin said prayers at what the Haitian bishop is calling the diocese's "open-air cathedral," which consists of some plastic sheeting stretched over a frame of two-by-fours that shelters some pews rescued from the cathedral ruins.

The two bishops each prayed aloud with those who happened to be at the site. Some of the older women members of the cathedral were combing the ruins for pieces of the building's world-famous murals depicting biblical stories in Haitian motifs. The gathered congregation also sang "How Great Thou Art" in French, Stanley said.

During the visit, Stanley said, Duracin asked her to "tell the world that physically the church is broken, but the church is still there in faith. Our faith is still strong."

She said the bishop asked for the support of Episcopalians everywhere to help Haitians rebuild the structures of the church because that work "will have a positive impact on our faith. It will bring us courage, confidence and a good future."

[Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori's comments on her visit to Haiti](#)

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## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

### Tips on Fasting



How long shall I fast?

If you choose a food fast, you might decide to fast for 24 hours, beginning the fast after dinner on one day and ending the fast with dinner on the next day. If you do this, you will want to drink plenty of water (and you might consider including other beverages like juice or milk in order to get some nourishment during this time period).

Please realize there is nothing more "spiritual" about embarking upon a more severe fast than a less severe one - the point is not to torture yourself, but rather to abstain from something that might normally "fill" you or satisfy you instead of God's presence.

Fast with someone else.

Consider pairing up with a support/accountability partner - someone who will pray with you on that day, and who will fast alongside you. This may help you to increase your diligence in praying and fasting.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**A very special thanks to Debby and Jen Martin**, the photography team for the Organ Dedication ceremonies at Chirst Church, Las Vegas. Kathi Coleman and the rest of the Organ Committee cannot thank you enough for your time and expertise.

**Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM** on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God." Holy Trinity, Fallon

**An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.**

**Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.**

**Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holcaust Studies", Grace in the Desert**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening duing Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group** the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

**St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group**, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

**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 253-250-953, or 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

**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/> You may contact them at: [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

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