

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE news & update

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: Sandy Patterson
Coffee Hour: Kathy Kennedy
Usher: Ross Soubirous
Altar Guild: Lena Perkins
Acolyte: Louise Delafield
The Lesson: Angela Hey
The Epistle: Paul Lovoi
Intercessions: Lenore Lovoi

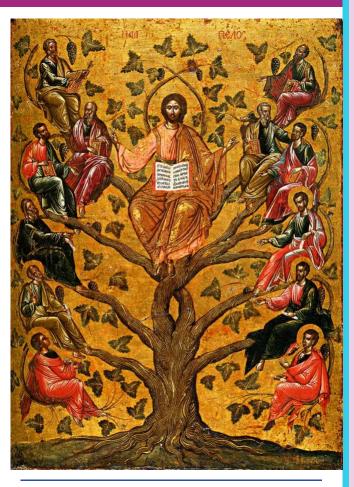
HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28 10 a.m. Service Nursery Sunday School

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Susie Lattin, Scott Feamster, Jack Lucas, Daniel Hill, Hazel Lynn



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For pastoral care we invite you to reach out to The Reverend Claire Dietrich Ranna

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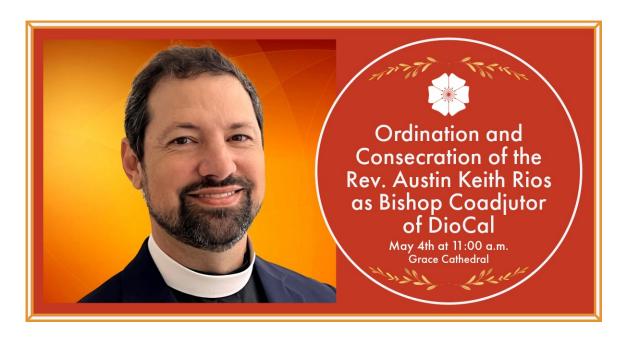
CHRIST CHURCH PRAYS

Please join as a community in lifting up the following people to God in prayer:

Remembrance -- Judy Falconer, Tony Sowers, Doris Stratton, Anne-Marie Thornton

Healing -- Catherine Aragon, Carl Cheney, George Mallinckrodt, Betsy Alexander, Robert Redfern-West, Hugh Sawyer, Peggy Dubes

BISHOP'S OFFICE UPDATES



Registration is now open for the May 4 ordination and consecration service

Register now to save your seat!

The Rev. Austin Keith Rios will be ordained and consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of California at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4 at Grace Cathedral.

Please share this invitation (English, Español) with anyone who may want to attend in person or via live stream.

Please remind in-person attendees to register via this link: https://diocalbishopsearch.org/registration/.

CELEBRATION OF RUTH ANN BBQ

A BIG thank you to all who contributed to making Ruth Ann's celebration BBQ a big success! Thank you to all who attended to show Ruth Ann how much we appreciate and love her.

















CARILLON SPRING AUCTION



Dear Christ Church Community,

Carillon Spring Auction: Galactic Gala is just around the corner. Please join us to a faraway galaxy for an evening of glitter and glam and a sparkling good time! Come as your favorite Star Wars character or just as yourself on Saturday, May 4th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We would love you to purchase a ticket but you are more than welcome to come if you don't. Let's celebrate together with a night of fun, food, friends, silent auction, raffles, and

dancing the night away in support of our favorite preschool.

Tickets are available ONLINE NOW - please click <u>HERE</u> to purchase tickets and/or donate!

We are So excited to see you all and support our amazing preschool!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who have pledged or contributed to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. These funds are the lifeblood of our parish and are vital to our existence We greatly appreciate everyone's collective generosity! To date, we have raised \$280,000 from 42 donors. Our goal (and our need) is \$375K from 70 donors so we

still have a ways to go!

Please consider how you can support Christ Church in 2024 and let us know viathis form or by email or by returning your pledge card.

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please join us on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for our church spring cleanup day.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS



Gathering Socks & Underwear for Redwood Family House - During April we are collecting **NEW** socks and underwear for the 10 families staying at Life Moves Redwood Family Shelter in Redwood City. There are 12 girls (ages 3 months to 16) and 19 boys (ages 2 to 16). For the two baby girls and four young boys that are not yet potty trained, diapers and wipes are needed. New or gently used children's clothes, especially spring/summer clothes, are very welcome. There are also 15 adults staying at the shelter who would be very happy to receive new socks and underwear too (M-XL), but they are rarely donated and urgently needed. See the Signup Genius with a list of items with sex/sizes

noted. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AE2DA13-48920849-undies. After you signup, bring needed items to the marked box in the Christ Church breezeway by no later than Sunday May 5th. (extended one week). What do we still need: Adult women's undies sizes medium (1) and large (5), girls undies extra small (1), boys undies: small (2), medium (3) and large (1), boys diapers sizes 4 (2) and 5 (1). We also need any gently used children's spring/summer clothing your children have outgrown or any pots and pans. Our first van load was delivered April 18th and we will deliver items to the shelter as they come in, so the sooner we receive them the better. Questions, contact Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com or call/text her at 650-291-9678. Redwood Family House is one of four family shelters in San Mateo County operated by Life Moves. It provides interim housing in a small apartment with a kitchen and provides the support services to get otherwise homeless families back on their feet and into permanent housing. Redwood Family House has a 100% success rate in achieving that goal.

SpiritCare Visit: On Sunday April 21st we celebrated Earth Day with seniors at **Silver Oaks** while also singing our praise to God. Thanks to Nora Bevan, Angela Hey (pianist), Pam Kaufman, Kathy Kennedy (presenter) and the Christ Church kids who decorated Earth Day cookies for the seniors. They loved them! We talked about the history of Earth Day (which began on April 22, 1970)and our responsibility to be good stewards to the Earth. The Tom Lehrer song Pollution was featured as a sing-along. SpiritCare provides spiritual and emotional support for "forgotten" elderly and disabled residents at over 60 care centers in the Bay Area. Christ Church has partnered in this important ministry with Silver Oaks Memory Care in Menlo Park which houses 46 seniors. Contact Angela Hey at amhey@heymash.com or 650-796-2377 to volunteer on **Sunday May 19th, 1:30**. Readers, singers and senior hand-holders are needed.

Beginning **Sunday May 19th, 4PM** we will also visit the 300 residents of **The Sequoias** in Portola Valley. Many of our parishioners live there and their on-site Vespers program is kaput. In May we will visit in Haddon Hall with seniors in independent and assisted living. We also hope to add a regular visit to the memory care unit this summer. The May program will focus on gardens, including biblical gardens like the Garden of Eden, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb. Thank you Barbara Creed, Angela Hey, Pam Kaufman and Kathy Kennedy for helping put this program together. To volunteer, contact Pam Kaufmann at **pamkaufmann@gmail.com**

Dinner for 84 at Coast House: On Saturday March 30th Outreach volunteers made a scrumptious dinner for the residents of Coast House. Dinner included a choice of Ham with scalloped potatoes or Roast Beef with gravy and mashed potatoes. Sides included mixed vegetables and Cole slaw with apples. Everyone enjoyed an Easter cookie. Thank you Miki Anderson, Linda Millard, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke for making it possible. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435 or cwrucke@mindspring.com to volunteer in mid May. Bakers, sous chefs and container fillers are needed. Coast House is one of the newest of the Life Moves shelters and houses 84 adults, couples, plus a few families (with 12 kids) in a converted Coast side motel. It is the only interim shelter (with support services) for those experiencing homelessness on the San Mateo Coast; help is provided regardless of immigration status.

Seeking Hotel-sized Toiletries: Are you on vacation or going on one soon? If you picked up any travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap or lotion during your last hotel stay, you can donate them. Bring them to the box in the breezeway. And if you have a toothbrush or toothpaste your dentist gave you on your last visit that you have no use for, they could use that too. Children's toiletries will be delivered to Redwood Family House in Redwood City. In April toiletries will be delivered to the Hoptel, a Life Moves short term shelter in East Palo Alto for low income veterans visiting the Veterans Hospital in Menlo Park for care.

Women's Spirituality meets on Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:30 remotely, on Zoom. Contact Mary Jennings at emjennings@aol.com for more information. Beginning Wednesday April 17th we will be reading Troubling the Water: the Urgent Work of Radical Belonging by Ben McBride. Activist Ben McBride first waded in when he moved into the Oakland Kill Zone with his young family. The book takes you from the uprising in Ferguson to the moral impoverishment of the white evangelical church. The book combines provocation with good humor. It is the story of the transformation process described by Richard Rohr played out in a

remarkable individual's life in today's violent and unjust world. It also relates directly to the work of the Vital and Thriving program and Bishop Curry's call to create Beloved Community. Intrigued? Join us. Weekly readings are assigned, then the group discusses them during the meeting.

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