

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Hour: Jim Szewczak
Usher: Betsy Alexander
Altar Guild: Marcy Sohn
Acolyte: Louise Delafield
The Lesson: Danny Alegria
The Epistle: Sarah Halsey
Intercessions: Vinie Miller

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14
10 a.m. Service
Nursery
Sunday School



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CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Ellie Gardner, Wesley Holthaus, Anne
Dauer, Josie Miller, Katie Miller

Anniversaries

Robert & Suzi Redfern-West



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

Tel: 650-948-2151 x 203
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Email: claire@ccla.us

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYS

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

Remembrance -- Margaret Carver, George Griffin, Howard Middleton

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

CELEBRATION OF RUTH ANN



In celebration of Ruth Ann we are having a parish BBQ and potluck on April 21st after the 10 a.m. service. Please email Nicole at admin@ccpvw.org if you plan to bring a dish and what dish you plan to bring. We hope to see you there.

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/>.

CARILLON SPRING AUCTION



Dear Christ Church Community,

The countdown has begun for the Carillon Spring Auction: Galactic Gala, a Cosmic Cause! It's time to buy your tickets and get ready to blast off to a faraway galaxy for an evening of glitter and glam and a sparkling good time!

Come in glitter and sparkles, or as your favorite Star Wars character on **Saturday, May 4th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm to Christ Church in Portola Valley!**

We invite you to please ***purchase your tickets*** for this super fun event! 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!

The auction lineup includes awesome prizes at every price point, details coming soon...

Tickets are available ONLINE NOW- please click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets and/or donate! We would love for everyone to attend - there is absolutely **NO** expectation to bid! If you would like to attend with a donated ticket, please reach out to Anne Van der Staay or Cara O'Connell to receive a ticket donated by a community member.

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 via [**this form**](#) or by [**email**](#) or by returning your pledge card.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS



Gathering Socks & Underwear for Redwood Family House - During April we will be 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 April 28th**; we will deliver items to the shelter several times during April, 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.

On **Sunday April 14th during coffee hour** we will box up socks and undies for delivery next week and get a couple of children's clothing collection boxes ready for local schools. These easy jobs are easier with your help!

SpiritCare Visit to Silver Oaks: Contact Angela Hey at amhey@heymash.com or 650-796-2377 to volunteer on **Sunday April 21st, 1:30**. Readers, singers and senior hand-holders are needed. April hymns will focus on giving praise to God, recalling love and blessings. We will talk about **Earth Day** and our responsibility to be good stewards to the Earth. Earth colored cookies will be served. We need cookie bakers on **Saturday April 20th, 11:00** in the parish hall

kitchen. Contact Kathy Kennedy. 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.

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.

Life Moves Benefit Lunch: On **Thursday April 25th, 11:30AM** at Crowne Plaza, Palo Alto a lunch will be held to benefit Life Moves, which provides interim housing for 1500 people EVERY night in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Stephanie Land, the author of NY Best Sellers **Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive**) is the featured speaker. President Obama calls *Maid* an “unflinching look at America’s class divide and a reminder of the dignity of all work.” This book is the inspiration of the Netflix series *Maid*. Land’s most recent book (2023) is **Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education** Land takes us with her as she finishes college and pursues her writing career. Facing barriers at every turn including a byzantine loan system, food insecurity, the judgments of professors and fellow students who didn’t understand the demands of attending college while under the poverty line—Land finds a way to survive once again, finally graduating in her mid-thirties. Tickets are \$150/person. RSVP by **Thursday April 11th**. Donations made will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$1M thanks to a matching grant. Outreach has worked with Life Moves since its inception and applauds the 2100 people who moved from homeless to permanently housed in 2023.

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 April. 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.

Easter Baskets for a Dozen Coast House Kids - During coffee hour on Sunday March 17th the congregation helped assemble candy-filled Easter eggs for an egg hunt for a dozen children staying at Coast House shelter in Half Moon Bay. Thank you bunnies!! Easter basket components were gathered including stuffed animals for the little ones and Starbucks cards for the older kids. Thank you Vicki Baker, Wendy Hakenschiel, Lenore Lovoi, Linda Millard and chief bunny Carol Wentworth. Everything was delivered on Saturday March 30th along with the dinner. Elyse from Coast House reports that the baskets and Easter egg hunt were a huge and most

unexpected hit with the kids, thanks to your generosity! You made their day. Questions, contact Carol Wentworth at carol_wentworth@hotmail.com

President's Volunteer Service Award - The President's Volunteer Service Award is a civil award bestowed by the President of the United States to honor volunteers that give hundreds of hours a year helping others. The Outreach Committee was recently approved as a volunteer certifying organization. Anyone who is a US citizen or Green Card holder, ages 5 and up, can have their volunteer hours* "certified" towards a Presidential award. We do have to keep track of your hours so submit them to Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com This award program is run by AmeriCorp and it used to be part of George HW Bush's a Thousand Points of Light organization.

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5-10 years old)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours
Adults (26+)	100-249 hours	250-499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

* Volunteer hours cannot be political or religious.

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. On February 14th we began reading **Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life** by Richard Rohr. "Drawing on the wisdom from time-honored myths, heroic poems, great thinkers and religious texts, the author explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right. A few useful quotes from the book are "Sin happens whenever we refuse to keep growing." "The people who know God well - mystics, hermits, prayerful people, those who risk everything to find God - always meet a lover not a dictator. Intrigued? Join us. Weekly readings are assigned, then the the group discusses them during the meeting.

In these divided times, outside of the group, some of us are also reading **The**

Kingdom, the Power, the Glory : American Evangelism in an Age of Extremism by Tim Alberta. One of Barack Obama's favorite books of the year, the award winning-journalist and staff writer of *The Atlantic* follows up his New York Times Best Seller **American Carnage** with this timely, rigorously reported and deeply personal examination of the divisions that threaten to destroy the American evangelical movement. If there is interest, we anticipate doing a one week discussion (1 1/2 hours) on this book in the future.

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