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What is the church?

I introduced the idea last month of living as Resurrection People, through the book "Practice Resurrection", by Eugene Peterson. As he begins to unpack the book of Ephesians, he reminds us that we are filled with God's promise and blessing as a people, living it out every day.

Paul opens his letter to the Ephesians with the magnificent blessing that places us in true position to our Creator God. We are "blessed with every spiritual blessing," and then Paul recounts to us what every spiritual blessing is with seven verbs.

Blessed...chose...destined...bestowed...lavished...made known...gather up.

Blessed: we know the blessedness of God and then the blessing which is given to us because of God. We receive from God blessings of who God is! That changes our definition of blessing than what we might consider. We are blessed because we receive God's blessing of who God is.

Chose: With that blessing God chose us, before the foundation of the world. You and I are chosen. We are in on the action of creation and we are part of the destiny of that creation.

Destined: There it is, destined, adopted as children through Christ. We are part of the good pleasure of God's will to be an active part of the Kin-dom Plan, from the very inception of Creation. "When God destines us, God marks out the boundaries in which we live the purposed life to which God appoints us."

Bestowed: Grace has been freely bestowed on us, that we walk in throughout our life, in the ordinary, everyday. Bestow is a noun that Grace is verbalized. Grace, one of the biggest blessings and gifts given to us to say you and I are GRACED!!!

Lavished: Ever found yourself just lavishing in a cool swimming pool, the ocean, a lake, where you have nothing better to do than just float and be surrounded by the water on a beautiful day? So that's the kind of grace that is lavished on us, and surrounds us, encompasses us, and we are recipients of God's extravagance, God's Grace.



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Made known: None of this is a secret. God has made known to us the mystery of God's will. That is God's desire to every one of us that we are not in the dark. That we are living out God's wisdom and insight, in the knowledge of who God is, in the vitality and richness of God's Love.

Gather up: We are insiders in this Cosmic Story of Redemption. All these blessings are gathered up in Christ, and we are the living witnesses of this Resurrection Story.

Read Ephesians 1: 3-14 with your name in it and know YOU are practicing Resurrection.



Sarah



"Come," she said truly. "Welcome."
It wasn't always easy, depending on the guest.
But even in the discomfort
It worked on her
Softening something tight and protected
Growing a deeper ease.

Sign

As followers of Jesus, we are sent into this world to be visible signs of God's unconditional love. When people are able to say of us, "*See how they love one another,*" they will catch a glimpse of the Kingdom of God that Jesus announced.

-Br. David Vryhof

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)

Jazz on the Patio

August 28

Come join the fun with your picnic dinner
or snacks and beverage of choice
at 6:00 pm.



Starting at 6:00 pm

Sit back and enjoy listening to great music
performed by talented musicians.

**Help Jazz on the Patio by offering to
sponsor with a donation to go toward St.
Francis Music Department.**



We have a mission before us as we share in God's redemptive ministry! It is the work of the Samaritan Center as the director, Betty Eskey and her staff seek to minister to the needs of the transient community through social services, their food pantry, daily meals, transportation, medical needs and much, much more. Our representative, Amy Rasmussen, on the Bishop's Committee, is our liaison with the Samaritan Center as to the focus events the center is doing, and how we can participate with them.

Our first event that we will be supporting is the Seriously Awesome Parking Lot Boutique of donated NEW clothing and items that the Samaritan Center will be selling! **Saturday September 3 –SAVE THE DATE!!!!** Here's an opportunity for us to truly support and bless the Samaritan Center.

Are you available to volunteer for part of the day to give them a hand? Would you like to come and shop? It's sure to be a wonderful chance to love on our mission at hand!!!! Please keep the weekly food donations coming. Keep track of the current needs of the Samaritan Center through the Franciscan as well as St Francis Weekly email. Every part of our contribution is a blessing! Please contact Amy Rasmussen if you are available to help with the Seriously Awesome Boutique. You can email her at amyr@amgen.com.

Parish Prayer Needs:

Please keep the Perry Family in prayer.

Music Program: Pray for more regular singers. Music Librarian.

Healing: Jean, Braydon (baby born with half a heart), Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Rich, Yvonne, VanNessa, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Jan, David, Margie, Jan, Lee, Trish, Sue, the wife of Wayne, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Jean, Tony, Bob & family, Edith, Rana, Howard, Mary, Donna.

For Comfort: George and the Schneider family. Suzanne Mudge and family. Conti Family.

To accomplish deeds,
We must begin with our dreams,
Giving each one life.

Diantha Ain

Members and News

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



The ECW will be going on a tour of the Hillside Orphanage in Pasadena in the fall, September or October. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia Moya, 522-2897.

We meet the 1st Friday of every month in the church at 6:30 and would love to have you join us.

Sylvia Moya



DOK

Daughter of the King

DOK is making Pocket Prayer Cloths. These are another way to access prayer and comfort. They are small enough to fit into a pocket or purse, and can be taken to the hospital or carried for constant comfort. These can be found in a basket in the Narthex.

Library News



It is time for summer reading!!

At Home in Mitford introduces Father Tim, a bachelor rector, a dog the size of a sofa who adopts him, his lovely neighbor, who is wearing a path through his hedge and all of the charming folks in Mitford. It is warm, uplifting and a story that you don't want to end. Thankfully there are several books in this series. Our library has the first to get you started.

We also have The Room. The narrator is a young boy who has never lived outside of the room where he and his mother have been kept. The story is about their life inside the room, her incredible resourcefulness in raising him and her indomitable spirit. I was fascinated by their lives after their rescue.

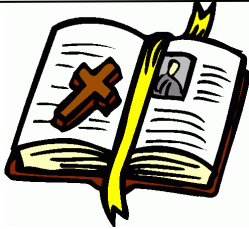
All the Light You Cannot See is written during WWII in France. The two story lines intertwine as we follow the young German boy who is a genius with radios and the young blind French girl who lives with her uncle in St. Malo when she has to flee the Nazi as they occupy Paris. Anthony Doerr weaves the story line together and I was struck by the decisions that both the German people and the French made as they faced a war not of their own making.

Happy Reading!
Leslie Lonergan



The Pre-Show of Paramount's Ben-Hur will be Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Regal Theater on Tapo Canyon.

We are able to get advance tickets for \$9 per person. If we purchase 25 or more, all of our former and active-duty military folks can go FREE. Set your calendar for this epic event. Let Ginny know if you are interested in purchasing tickets, 805-526-5141.



Being a Life Long Learner

In the Episcopal Church, we choose to be lifelong learners in our spiritual formation and growth. It means we take opportunities in many ways to deepen our relationship with Christ, and to be witnesses of our faith in the world in which we live. Robert Fulghum's book, "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten," may be sufficient up to a point, but when some of life's weight bears on us, we long to have a response from a deep faith and abiding relationship with God.

To that end, this Fall we will be offering Seminars taught by David Kitch, offering supplemental teaching to enrich our lives and faith. The cards you have been filling out give us a great start as to the desires and needs we may address. We are hopeful that on a Sunday after service with lunch provided, or a Saturday Brunch, or even an early evening might be possibilities for our shared time. For those attending the Monday Brown Bag Bible Study, don't dismay! We will be resuming our Brown Bag Bible Study as of September 12 so mark your calendars!!!! Don't forget that there is Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer available as well meeting every other Wednesday. Hope to see you at any one of these offerings!!!!



LAST CALL BEFORE FALL

Hi Folks,

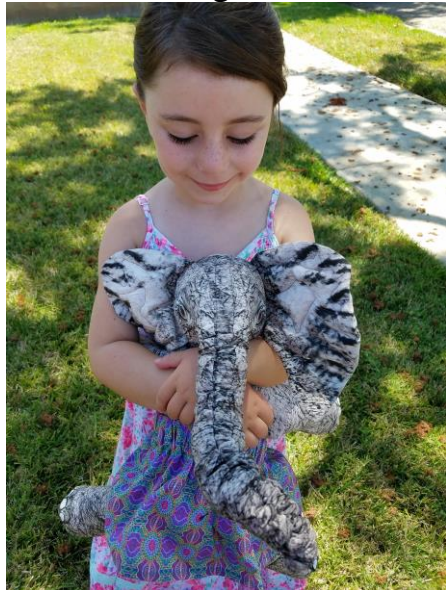
Anyone interested in expressing what they **WANT?** (in a Bible Study, that is) There will be a new Bible Study coming this Fall, and you have the opportunity to make requests about **WHAT** we will study. Are you curious about how to Get God's Blessings in your life? Perhaps you are intrigued by the subject of **STRESS**- is it more than trouble in your life- could it be an opportunity? How about the Bible? Is it intimidating to read, or would you like to know how to use it in a way that is relevant today? If there is something else you'd like to learn about, **NOW** is the time to please say so! Please complete a poll card asking what you'd like to learn about. We are also asking about convenient times of the class. It can be a weeknight or a weekend class. There doesn't have to be any **HOMEWORK**, either, if you choose to check off that box on the poll card.

There are poll cards on the round narthex table, or please ask me for one. Once completed, place it in the collection plate, hand to Sarah, or leave in an obvious place such as the round narthex table. *This class is especially for beginners* and also for the experienced in faith.

All are welcome!

Blessings to you,
Susan Swoish

Joy Schneider's granddaughter, Brynn,
with Sugar Bean.



Thank you, Carol Greene!



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BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY



will resume

**September 12 at Noon
in the Clare Room.**



THE SAMARITAN CENTER MISSION

Several people have asked about the parked cars towards the end of the parking lot. I wanted to share with you a couple of reasons the cars are parked in this area. The Samaritan Center's white van that is used for all their food pickups, donations, transportation to help clients to medical appointments and more, is parked by the recycling bin. The reason it is parked in this location is due to the fact the van was being siphoned of gasoline in the lower parking lot. The Center has equipped the van with a better gas lock. However, the van is parked in that area for better security. Perhaps with this understanding, we can appreciate their parking in this space. As well, we support two of the clients at the Samaritan Center, Nick and Kathy, as Nick undergoes chemotherapy for Stage Four Cancer. It allows them a place to rest and be secure at night. Please keep Nick and Kathy in your prayers as they need our support as he undergoes treatment. Blessings on you.

August 2016 at St. Francis

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	2 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	3 9am-2pm Office Hrs NO Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm AA PH	4 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW 8pm AA Church	6
7 Pentecost 12 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 AA PH	8 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	9 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	10 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7-8 pm Lectio Divina, Dharmaraj 7:30 pm AA PH	11 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	13
14 Pentecost 13 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 AA PH	15 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Franciscan Articles Due 8 pm AA PH	16 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	17 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7:30 pm AA PH	18 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	20
21 Pentecost 14 10:15 Eucharist with Music Belize Collection 6:30 AA Clare Rm	22 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	23 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	24 9am-2pm Office Hrs 7-8 pm Lectio Divina, Dharmaraj 7:30 pm AA PH	25 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 Office Closed 8 pm AA Church	27
28 Pentecost 15 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycling 6 pm Jazz on Patio 6:30 AA PH	29 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm AA PH	30 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm AA PH	31 9am-2pm Office Hrs 7:30 pm AA PH	September 1 1-5 pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Office Closed Labor Day Weekend Office Closed Monday 8 pm AA Church	3

NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS



Want to be involved with the Samaritan Center?? Renee McGuire is heading up a Tutoring Program offered to all who need help in computer skills, literacy, and empowering clients to get on their feet. As well, Joe Zepf has been part of a Men's Mentoring Program offering everything from help in filling out forms, to a listening ear. Talk with Renee or Joe about the various opportunities that are available as we partner our mission and ministry with the Samaritan Center.

Our church members have asked what useful items **The Samaritan Center** can use the most. All shelf-stable goods are helpful, as well as cleaning products and trash bags. In particular, the Kitchen is always in need for the following for daily lunches given to clients:

- **Juice or any Beverages in Pouches**
 - **Jelly (grape, strawberry, any kind for sandwiches)**
- Peanut Butter**
Lunch Bags

Update of Needs for the Samaritan Center. . . Back Packs. Men's Jeans and larger men's tennis shoes. Eggs, Milk, Trash bags: tall kitchen size and 45 gallon; napkins, aluminum foil, Styrofoam soup bowls, ammonia, bleach and tube socks for men and toilet paper.

Summer comes to Simi Valley, our homeless population needs our help to stay safe from sunburn and heat-related illness. Please consider donating some of the following to the Samaritan Center for its clients:

Hats: baseball-style or sun-hat style; Lip balm with SPF protection; Sunblock: travel-size or large for the center; Refillable water bottles

Your donations go directly to feed the needs of our community. Donations can be brought to church or left at the Sam Center kitchen door. Thank you so much

RECYCLING AT ST FRANCIS



Please bring in your Recycling on the last Sunday of the month and we'll put those cans and bottles to good use! Our efforts will help support the needs of a family in our community and will be appreciated. See what glass and metal can do? So mark your calendars now with a big "R" for recycling at the end of the month. Thank you ahead of time for all your contributions!



St. Francis Coffee Hour Schedule

August 2016

	7	14	21	28	
10am	DOK				

September 2016

	4	11	18	25	
10am	DOK				

Our coffee hour is a tradition of spending a few minutes together after our worship to connect and say hello to each other. All are invited because the "feeling of belonging" is for everyone to enjoy! It's a blessing to host this time to refresh ourselves before we return to the "busyness" of the world.

August 2016 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	Sept. 4
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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Ginny M.	Susan S.	Shantel K.	Joy C.	Tom B.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Peter H.	Jan J.	Ken S.	Grace R.	Kathy B.
LEM (Chalice)	Tom & Kathy B.	Jan J. David S.	Rob & Kristen W.	Esther & Brainerd D.	David K. David S.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Brian Wesley	Emma Rachel Esther	Brenda Grace	Sophie Audrey	Emma Rachel Esther
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.
Altar Guild	Megan A.	Megan A.	Cora R.	Cora R.	Megan A.
Home Communion	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D
Vestry Counters	Kathy T. Susan S.	Amy B. Susan S.		Vicky B. Joe Z.	Kathy T. Susan S.

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled – please make arrangements with someone else to substitute for you. Please contact the church office to inform them of the changes. Thank you!

September 2016 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Tom B.	Ginny M.	Shantel K.	Susan S.	Joy C.
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EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS INVITE YOU TO
EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM!

HELP PUT BISHOP BRUNO ON THE MOUND
TO THROW OUT THE FIRST PITCH

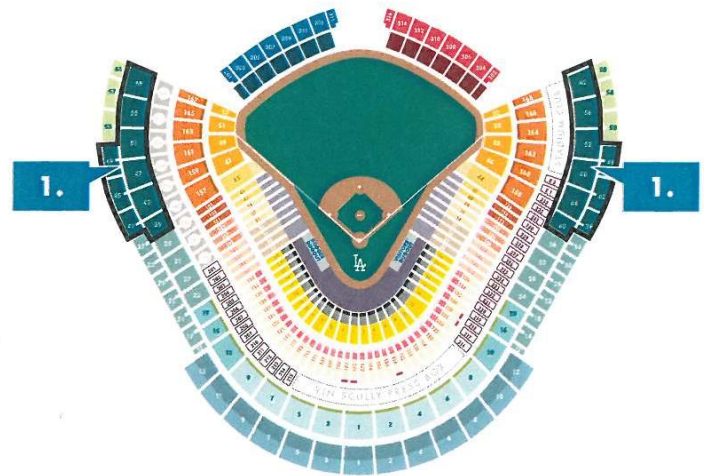


STAY AFTER THE GAME
TO WATCH FRIDAY NIGHT
FIREWORKS FROM THE FIELD!

SEPTEMBER 2
7:10 PM



SEAT LOCATION	PRICE
PREFERRED RESERVE	\$20



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TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.
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Sunday Service:

- **Eucharist with Music**
10:15 am

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**