



SLO NEWS for July and August, 2010
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Summer Evening Eucharist

Saturdays in July and August at St. James' Church, Paso Robles – 5:30 pm

Want to spend Sunday at the lake? working in the yard? touring the wineries? During July and August, we will offer a Saturday evening Eucharist. This service will be a bit different from (and shorter than) Sunday morning, with a gospel reading, brief sermon with time for reflection by the congregation, and simple music. If you are going to be away on Sunday, why not give the Saturday evening service a try? We will begin at 5:30 pm each Saturday during July and August.

Education and Spiritual Formation for Adults

THE CASE FOR GOD, a book/discussion group

Thursdays in July (1, 8, 15, 22) – 10 am to Noon at St. Benedict's, Los Osos

Moving from 30,000 BCE to the present, "The Case for God" examines the religious yearnings of our remote ancestors, guides us through the foundational history of the world's major religions, and underlines the call to compassion that is shared by all faiths. Part Two focuses on the arguments resulting in the early creeds of the Christian Church, and the effect these arguments and theories had on the popular understanding of who (or what) "God" is. Sponsored by the Hollister Institute at St. Benedict's, discussions are led by the Rev. Donna Ross. If you're interested in joining people from different churches and faith backgrounds discussing ideas about faith, contact Donna Ross at donnaross@charter.net.

ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK GROUP

Monday, July 26 – 6 pm at St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo

St. Stephen's book group generally meets on the 4th Monday of each month in Ramsden Hall – for dinner, friendship, and great discussion of the various books we select. Our next meeting will take place on July 26, discussing "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. This book was recommended by Leonard Pitts in his Sunday column in the L.A. Times. When we finish reading/discussing this book, we will move on to "Necessary Secrets: National Security, the Media, and the Rule of Law" by Gabriel Schoenfeld. Our meeting on June 28 was a delight. The meal provided by volunteers was absolutely delicious, and the fellowship and discussion of Greg Mortenson's *Stones Into Schools* was interesting, powerful and, itself, inspirational about what we can do as individuals to have a positive influence in our world. Our group numbered 17 and, although everyone is welcome to join us, we need to have some advance notice in order to prepare sufficient food for everyone's enjoyment. Please contact Diane Levison--544-6486--if you are not a "regular" and would like to join us, at dilevison@hotmail.com.

HOLY LAND MINISTRIES

August 20 at St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande

Come and be inspired by the ministries of the Episcopal Church in the Holy Land – and get a taste of the pilgrimage journey of two priests of our deanery, the Revs. Valerie Valle (of St. Barnabas' Church) and Harriet Linville (of St. Peter's Church). Along with the presentation by the Revs. Valle and Linville, there will also be a catered Middle Eastern Banquet and the raffle of a 13-inch mosaic of the Tree of Life. Even if you can't attend the event you can buy raffle tickets. All proceeds will go to the Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany, www.fourhomesofmercy.com. For exact time contact saintbarnabas@sbcglobal.net.



Tree of Life Mosaic

Deanery Youth Ministry

NEWS for OUR DEANERY YOUTH

There are still a few spaces in the SSP high school summer mission trip **July 17-24**. Anyone interested, please contact Leann Brooks by phone ASAP, at 550-9832 . **A trip to the Ravine waterslides is in the planning stage for sometime in August**. Stay posted for more information. This event is hosted by SLO Deanery Youth Ministry and open to all. Contact Kathleen Pennington for reservations and more information: kapennington@netscape.net. **Mark your calendars for the annual Big Sur campout the weekend of September 24**. This all-diocesan youth trip is for 6th through 12th grade youth. Come reconnect with old friends and make new friends. Contact Leann Brooks for details at leannbrooks@hotmail.com.

NEWS about SLO DEANERY YOUTH MINISTRIES:

We are now looking for new leaders who love to work with youth. (1) Our San Luis Obispo Deanery churches currently have 8-10 high school teenagers in a spiritual development program called "Journey to Adulthood" (J2A); these teens want to finish their second year of the two year curriculum – and they need two adult leaders (one male, one female) to guide them. (2) There are 6-8 middle school/early high school teens who wish to begin their own J2A group – they also need two leaders (one male, one female) to step up and lead them for the next two years. (3) Finally, there are 11 and 12 year-olds waiting in the wings for their opportunity to find community in each other and in the Episcopal Church – and they will need leaders when their Rite 13 group begins. Chaplain *Berkeley Johnson* will serve as the adult male leader for one of the groups, but other leaders are needed. **So our Deanery needs three to five adults to lead the youth programs for the youth of our churches.** (Those leaders cannot be the parents of youth in the group they lead.) The groups meet once a month, and the curriculum is very well designed and gives ample outlines and structure to support whoever plans and leads.... *Neita Oates, Matt Conrad, and Berkeley Johnson* would be more than happy to meet with any potential leaders for the J2A groups in order to go over the curriculum and give advice. **To volunteer with our youth,** or for more information

on youth programs, contact *Leann Brooks* at 550-9832 or leannbrooks@hotmail.com or *Berkeley Johnson* at 543-7212 x 13 or canterburyslo@gmail.com. **Deanery Youth Leaders now meet on the second Tuesday of the month** at 4:30 in St. Stephen's Library. We welcome the addition of *Shea Scheuer, Mary Morrison, and Diana Hammerlund* to our group as we work to ensure the future of youth ministry in SLO Deanery. Anyone interested in our youth is welcome to join us.

[Caring for God's People](#)

PACKING HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursday, July 8 – 1 pm at St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande

St. Barnabas' Hygiene Kit ministry for the homeless provides kits containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, two soaps, wash cloth, hand towel, Kleenex, lotion, nail clippers, deodorant, comb, laundry soap (donated by a local distributor by the case,) and an insert written by a homeless man about God's love, all packed in a hand sewn draw string bag. Razors, shaving cream, shower caps, nail files and mending kits are included in some bags. We pray that the over 1145 hygiene kits delivered to date and those completed in the future will be an ongoing expression of God's love and our caring. Volunteers from five to over ninety-five assemble the kits from donations of toiletry items, cut-out and hand sewn bags, and money to purchase additional supplies. Together the St. Barnabas congregation has contributed over eleven hundred cloth bags and fifteen to twenty thousand donated toiletry items in this continuing effort to improve our neighbors' lives as we share God's abundance and love. Come join us on July 8 as we aim for 1200 or more bags put together and delivered.

LAST MONDAY SENIOR LUNCHESES

Monday, July 26 - 12:00 noon at St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande

Calling all seniors! On the last Monday of each month St. Barnabas will be holding a luncheon for our seniors in the Parish Hall. This is a "no strings attached" luncheon. Be our guest and let us serve you. Invite a friend, bring your caregiver, all are welcome. Doors will open at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. We need to have an idea of how many are planning to come; please contact saintbarnabas@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to help us serve our seniors there are many ways that you can help. Our theme in July is "Garden Abundance." Our gardens are reaching their peak, and we welcome contributions from your abundance of fruits and vegetables. If you would like to help prepare food, serve, host, cleanup or provide transportation contact Meigs Ingham at meigs.one@att.net.

COUNTY-WIDE HUNGER WALK

Sunday, September 26

SLO Deanery Episcopal Churches will be in the leadership of this year's Hunger Walk, co-sponsored by the Food Bank Coalition and Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice. Get ready to walk, to help with registration, to bake cookies and to support your friends. 75% of the proceeds stay in the county to help the 40,000 people who each year face food insecurity and 25% goes to Church World Service for overseas relief. In Paso Robles the walk is headed by Deacon Jackie Sebros with Loaves and Fishes; in Atascadero the Community Church is the lead group; in San Luis Obispo the downtown walk will be hosted by St. Stephens; in Cambria, St Paul's is taking the lead; in Los Osos, Rev. Caroline Hall is the coordinator; in Morro Bay the walk starts at St Timothy's Catholic Church and in Five Cities the walk will start at St Patrick's Catholic Church. For more information call your local coordinator, Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice at 704-3356, or the Food Bank 238-4664.

[Deanery Calendar](#)

SLO Deanery Meeting

Saturday, September 25

Exact time and place are yet to be set, but the meeting will coincide with the Diocesan Budget Committee's visit to SLO Deanery.

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