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EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

El Camino Real elects Lucinda Ashby as fourth bishop

Canon Lucinda, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Idaho, was elected bishop on Saturday, June 1 in an election at St. Andrew's of Saratoga. She received the required number of votes in the third ballot of voting. Consecration will take place on January 11, 2020. For more on the story follow this link: <https://www.realepiscopal.org/bishops-search/>



REV. ROB'S CORNER

This week is the last week of Easter – In fact the day that I write this is Ascension Day. The day we celebrate Jesus rose bodily into the heavens. Now the description is from Acts and it states “When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” This has led to the belief that there was an actual place beyond the clouds where heaven exists and it fit with the prevailing view of creation at the time. We now know that beyond the clouds is more sky and then the vast expanse of space. This begs the question how do we make descriptions such as these palatable in a modern society? If we take the scriptures literally in many cases we cannot. We can however see these stories as descriptions of the disciples spiritual experiences at the time, shaped by their expectations and culture. We can share our modern understanding and experience of Christ risen in our lives, today.

On the first of this month, we as a diocese, will open ourselves in prayer to the Holy Spirit and elect the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Imagine that. We have five qualified and strong candidates, so our task really is to be open to the Spirit speaking to us. Whomever we select will inherit a diocese healed and changed by the tenure of our current Bishop Mary, however; it will still face challenges facing all of our denomination as our Church moves into its second millennia. I will probably be able to give you the name of the Bishop during our services on the June 2nd and I'm sure the word will spread both far and near to all of you.

Our new Bishop and we here at St. Andrew's face the challenge of taking our Christianity into the world. We must not try to do it alone. We must like the delegates this weekend and the Apostles and disciples that first Pentecost Sunday open ourselves to the indwelling of God's Advocate – The Holy Spirit. We must speak with God's lips, heal with God's touch, share God's grace, inspire and be inspired, even though we may feel weary, even though we may feel daunted or unable. Because there is a Spirit alive in our midst, in El Camino Real, in St. Andrews Ben Lomond. I can feel it. It keeps me showing up, suiting up to do the work God continues to give us to do. That work is pretty much the same as it was that Ascension Day to await the coming of the Spirit to us and then share God's Gospel with the world, a Gospel of Love and Hope, a Gospel of Gods Kingdom come, a Gospel of the resurrection – Alleluia.

I hope you all have a joyful and prosperous June.

I remain yours in Christ.

Blessings

Rob+

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St. Francis Statue

Here is the history on how the St. Francis statue in the sanctuary came to us and the significance of this beautiful statue. Thank you Janet Butler for investigating the story and submitting the photographs.

The following was submitted by Claudia Ward.

In June of 1984 my youngest sister, Jennifer Laura Berlanga, married Arnaldo Castellucci in Florence, Italy. I took my two daughters, Katie, who turned 9 the day of the wedding, and Amelia, 7, to the wedding. It was a northern Italian wedding, quite sedate, nothing like the ones you see on TV. The impressive thing was that during the ceremony, as matron of honor, I signed as a witness in the parish register which went back hundreds of years. It was a mighty thick volume.

One of the things I really wanted to do while in Italy was to go to Assisi, (pronounced uh see zee). We visited the Church of San Francesco at one end of the village (located on top of a mesa-like hill) and the Church of Santa Chiara (St. Clare) at the other end of town. My seven year old daughter and I descended to the crypt to see St. Clare, not *really* expecting to see St. Clare, but indeed we did, in the flesh, dark desiccated flesh. We didn't stay long. (When I went back years later, the entire crypt area was redone tastefully and although Clare is still lounging in state, her face is covered with a mask.)

My other sister, Ramona Ray, had recently lost her five year old daughter in a car accident near Felton. They were coming back from a day at the beach when a car from the other direction made a careless left hand turn and collided with my sister. Andrea Beth Burgdorf died in the hospital. We had talked about some sort of memorial in her name, but hadn't decided what to do yet. Then, while walking the streets of Assisi, we passed a wood carving business with some very nice statues of St. Francis. We decided that would be the perfect gift for St. Andrew's where Ramona attended

church. The package was wrapped up tightly with padding and resembled a small mummy.

It was a bit of a challenge travelling internationally, with all the plane changes, to lug Francis around. But the girls took turns carrying the heavy, bulky package as we ran to catch our various flights, managing not to drop him. After getting the wood treated and a plaque made, we, the Ward Family, presented the statue of St. Francis of Assisi, to St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish as a memorial to Andrea Beth Burgdorf, 3 August 1978 to 27 Sept 1983, 5 years old.

The statue was a gift of Claudia and Rusty Ward and their daughters, Katherine Ward and Amelia Ward.

(For the record, Andrea's name is pronounced, Ahn dree uh.)



Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226)

Saint Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

<https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/saint-francis-of-assisi>



Message from our Senior Warden

Dear Friends in Christ,

In an interview with People Magazine, Oprah Winfrey said that she no longer wants to act because "it no longer feeds me." It got me thinking that if we all only did what "fed us" who would actually do the work for God's kingdom on this earth? I know it would be wonderful to only spend time on doing things that feed me, but there is a whole lot of God's work that needs to be done to help make this world a better place. I don't think we have to do grand gestures on global levels or chair community events. One can do God's work by simply helping our little St. Andrew's church ministry by serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Gardening Guild, Choir or Altar Guild. Please won't you consider helping?

Peace,

Rochelle

THIRD ANNUAL *ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC & WINE FESTIVAL* UPDATE



The band is rehearsing, the wines are chilling and we have one silent auction item donated so far. The Piper will be taking a break over the summer but don't be surprised if you get a phone call asking for help with this big fund raiser for our church. We need special, one of a kind items for the silent auction to help raise the most money possible during the long dry summer! And as we get closer to Sept. 14th we will need volunteers for selling tickets, making/bringing food & non-alcoholic drinks, set up and clean up. Even a couple of bartenders to help Rick Garay out and I'm sure there's more I'm missing, so please keep this potential big fund raiser in mind this summer and help out as you can. A little side note, last month I said we would be in the patio but sadly the band has vetoed that idea in favor of the parish hall for electrical and acoustic reasons. We are looking forward to having a wonderful event and spreading some joy in our community. Contact Cindy Garay for more information or questions.



Some thoughts from our Junior Warden

"There are two possible understandings of Christ: Christ as the Son of God who came down to earth to save and enlighten mankind, and Christ as a man, one in whom was contained the highest and most divine wisdom, who lived 1800 years ago and whose teachings gripped humanity, transformed it and still are transforming it." Leo Tolstoy

Each sect or denomination of Christianity has its own interpretation of the Bible. Like minded people gather with similar beliefs and choose to interpret scripture in a way that coincides with their beliefs and bias. If we want to be one denomination or another, we seek one that agrees with our slant on life. If I don't agree with one of the hundreds of denominations, then I would choose one that was more in tune with what I believe. What about the Episcopal church? Robin Williams gave us 10 reasons for being an Episcopalian. The number one reason, I found contained a great truth. "No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you." While this at first seems funny, it's absolutely true. You will never feel alone in the Episcopal Church, someone out there agrees with you!

"Religion had its share in the changes of civilization and national character. In the history of the human race this has always been the case, will always be the case at least until man by the slow process of evolution shall develop into something really fine and high -- some billion of year hence, say." Mark Twain

I hate to think that we will trod the path of discord for the next billion years. Thoreau developed the concept of a "majority of one." Thoreau believed that the one person who is on the right side of the question counts for more than all the people who are on the wrong side of the question or issue. I believe this to be true. Jesus believed this to be true. When asked which of the commandments was the most important, he responded -- love God and love your neighbor. He started out as a majority of one. From that "one" came more and more who also believed in loving your neighbor. It only takes one sincere believer to change the world. It only takes one person who lives the Gospel of Love to change the world. That sounds pretty simplistic. I am sure those who read this will say, "yeah, right, Steve has been sipping too much communion wine."



My response is that a civilization cannot change without those who are willing to demonstrate the Love that the Gospel speaks about. The song, Let There be Peace on Earth" ends with the words "let it begin with me." Another hymn, "I sing a song of the saints of God," ends with the words "... for the saints of God as just folk like me, and I mean to be one too." And finally, the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing," tells us "Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won."

Bishop Curry tells us over and over, if it's not about love, it's not about God. 1 John tells us "those who know not Love, know not God, for God is Love!" We have stickers around the church that say "We are the Jesus Movement of the Episcopal Church." I have heard people say that perhaps we shouldn't say that, it's too religious and might turn people off. But it is true! We are the Jesus movement of the Episcopal Church. We are a denomination that might have differences of opinions, but we are a denomination that believes in loving God and loving our neighbors. We accept differences, we embrace diversity, we transcend the barriers that others build! We live the Gospel. Jesus preaches love and acceptance, we strive to be worthy of His teachings, and therefore, like it or not, we are the Jesus movement of the Episcopal church! Moving forward, we can only act as individuals, and each of us can become that majority of one.

Out "there" in the world are the disenfranchised, the homeless, the poor, the hungry, those who are different than we are. We have heard it many times. We become deaf to the message of helping others. However, if we truly believe in the words in the Gospel we will become one person who makes one difference and finds comfort in taking our part in loving our neighbors.

It's summer. The Piper rests until September. Kim is given some time off after publishing this important publication of our church. You won't have to hear me rant and rave about the Gospel of Love for the next three months. I would only ask that if you have an opportunity to be part of the Gospel in your summer journey's, you will find great reward in doing just that.



'If man continues in the direction of enlightenment, his religious practice may, in the end, attain some semblance of human decency.' Mark Twain

Have a great summer!

Chili Cook-off Winners

Thank you to all of our contestants that came out today. There was a tie for first place! However, since there is only one 1st place trophy the winner was chosen by a blind draw. And thank you to those that came, tasted, and judged.



1st Place: Sheryl Mello

1st Place: Paul Balch

3rd Place: Ed Butler





Angel in the Kitchen
Feel'n good when cook'n
Sharing the love of God through your love of
cooking



It's that time again. Graduations or just having fun with family or friends.

These 2 appetizers can be done ahead of time and refrigerated until that fun day.

Enjoy

Appetizers

Hot Artichoke Dip

1 small jar marinated artichoke hearts
 (drained & chopped)

1 can plain artichoke hearts (drained &
 chopped)

2 T (or more) chopped Ortega chilies

2 T Mayonnaise

Place chopped artichoke hearts in an oven-safe dish. Add chilies and mayonnaise and mix well. Sprinkle over the top with 1 cup jack cheese and 1 cup cheddar cheese. Bake in a pre-Heated oven 350 degrees until cheese melts.

Serve with crackers or chips.



Cheesy Garlic Spread

1 cup mayonnaise

2 garlic cloves, crushed/minced

1 cup cottage cheese

parsley, coarsely chopped (optional)

1 cube butter (soften)

paprika

Cream mayo, butter and garlic well then stir in cottage cheese.

Spread mixture on bread (I cut a loaf of French bread lengthwise)

Sprinkle with paprika, broil. Let cool slightly then slice bread into 1-inch slices.

Sprinkle with parsley (optional)

GREAT appetizer!

Here's some stuff you might want to know ...

Lawyer Presentation: Getting Your Affairs in Order
Tuesday June 11, 1:15PM-to 3PM
Highlands Park Senior Center

Last Sunday Bob Wolfe mentioned an upcoming work shop being held by Lawyer Lucille Des Jardins. She specializes in elder law and will speak about what we need to do to organize our legal and financial arrangements as we plan for the future. This 1 hour talk will be followed by a 45 minute coffee/tea and a Meet and Greet. Hosted by Village Santa Cruz County, a non-profit peer network. Free and open to the public. Info: [org">info@villagesantacruz.org](mailto:info@villagesantacruz.org) or by phone (831) 824-2404. Thanks! Bonnie and Bob Wolfe



Happy Birthday June Babies

2	Corinna Stevenson	11	Sarah Townsend
5	Mario Landeros	14	Bonnie Wolfe
4	Laura Lewandowski	17	Sandi Templeman
8	Franceska Lewandowski	18	Joe Mello
9	Karen VanGroningen	21	Roxanne Spring
10	Jamie Mello	25	Duquan Ruff

There will be no Piper for the months of July and August. We'll be back for the September issue. Please continue to submit articles of interest, poetry, pictures or other tidbits to Kim Rooks. See you in September.





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Where God is worshiped and the people are fed