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A Message From Father Martin

Dear Friends,

This month we are celebrating the **125th anniversary of St. Andrew's Dedication by Bishop William Nichols. On Saturday, September 12**, we will have an **Open House from 1-4 pm** with historical displays, information tables, and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

A bagpiper will be playing from 1 to 1:30 as we gather.

At 1:30, several local community leaders will offer greetings.

From 2-3 pm, we will have a music program in the church.

Then on **Sunday, September 13**, our 10 am worship will have a more 'historic' feel. An Ice Cream Social will follow the service.

We have flyers to distribute – please take some on Sunday and share them widely. And consider who you will invite to join you at these events.

Other events coming soon are our **Blessing of the Animals** worship service, outdoors on the patio, on Sunday, October 4 (The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Bring your pets or a photo or remembrance for our prayers and blessings.

On Sunday, October 11 (*new date*), we will have our **Celtic Sunday** with Kirking of the Tartans and Shepherds' Pie luncheon following. With bagpiping, of course.

Weekly Bible Study begins again on Tuesday, September 8. We will finish our study of 1 John, then begin one of the Gospels. 11 am to Noon in the Parish Hall. No background required, Bibles provided. Come when you can.

Finally, thank you for sharing in my birthday celebration last Sunday and the wonderful luncheon after church, hosted by my wife Eve, and for the offering of cards and prayers. (I turned 70 on August 31.) In my sermon (available on our Facebook page) I shared some reflections on life and ministry thus far, especially in these tumultuous times for our nation. I want also to share again **A Pattern of Christian Spirituality** which I received from one of my mentors. It is not meant to be a checklist to complete or a burden to judge oneself by, but a gentle reminder for us all for living faithfully in these days and times. I would be eager to talk with you about any of these and what it might prompt in your own personal 'taking stock'.

A Pattern of Christian Spirituality

By The Reverend Canon Herbert O'Driscoll

- Acting with focused compassion
- Reading for the soul
- Seeking Christian community
- Worshipping
- Practicing forgiveness
- Setting aside Sabbath time
- Practicing letting go
- Caring for oneself
- Practicing gratitude
- Affirming the contemporary world
- Developing a relationship with Jesus
- Living life in a context of prayer

Faithfully yours,
Martin+

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



101 Riverside Ave, Ben Lomond, CA 95005

Saturday, September 12

Open House from 1 to 4 pm featuring:

- *Historical displays in the Parish Hall*
- *Bagpiper at 1pm*
- *Music program in the Church at 2 pm*
- *Cookies, lemonade, etc. in the Parish Hall*

Sunday, September 13

Special worship service at 10 am with:

- *Historic Liturgy*
- *Ice Cream Social following the Service*

Garden of



Eatin'

This is my dad's recipe for **QUICHE LORRAINE**. Everyone always loved it! Sue

4 eggs
2 cups light cream
dash hot sauce
2 tbs. melted butter
8 strips cooked and drained bacon
8 strips swiss (or cheddar) cheese (or grated)

Beat all together except cheese and bacon. Line 8" pie crust with bacon. Put cheese on top. Pour the egg mixture over it. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes -- or until knife blade comes out clean.



HeeHeeHee!!

A little child was in church for the first time and watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster said in a little voice loud enough for everyone to hear:

"Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."

Fascinating Episcopalians

By Kirsten Anderson, Submitted by Barbara Banke

King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma of Hawaii

When the Church of England broke away from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century, it retained much of the dogma, traditions, and creeds, including the tradition of honoring saints on various days of the year. The Church of England retained most of the Roman Catholic saints who had been canonized up to that point, then began recognizing its own holy people, independent of the Vatican.

There are now differing criteria for sainthood or holiness in the two traditions. The Anglican churches have a more informal process which does not include the Roman elements such as having at least three miracles, or the process of beatification and canonization by the pope. The Anglican churches also recognize people of all Christian faiths, not just Roman Catholics or Anglicans, two examples being Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Baptist), and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Lutheran).

King Kamehameha IV of Hawaii and his Queen Emma are two Anglican saints. They are celebrated in the Anglican Communion on each Nov. 28 in The Book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts with the following prayer:

O Sovereign God, who raised up (King) Kamehameha (IV) and (Queen) Emma to be rulers in Hawaii, and inspired and enabled them to be diligent in good works for the welfare of their people and the good of your Church: Receive our thanks for their witness to the Gospel; and grant that we, with them, may attain to the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

King Kamehameha IV and his wife Emma were Christian rulers who encouraged the building of Christian schools and hospitals, and who contributed greatly to the spread of Christianity among the Hawaiian people. The King personally translated The Book of Common Prayer and most of the hymnal into Hawaiian, and he and his wife worked tirelessly for the poor of their islands, particularly in the area of health care. The Queen's Medical Center in Oahu, still the largest medical center in Hawaii, was founded by the King and Queen, funded mostly from their own money.

Alexander Liholiho was born on February 9, 1834, in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. He was the grandson of Kamehameha the Great and the adopted son and heir of his uncle, King Kamehameha III. As a member of the royal family, he led an idyllic and spoiled childhood, including always having 30 attendants with him at all times--play, church, school, and meals--they catered to his every whim. His family maintained some aspects of Hawaiian heritage and culture, but for several generations, particularly under the reign of Kamehameha II, European customs and manners became their standard. The royal family had converted to Christianity, and European art, fashions and tastes were esteemed. Alexander spoke English, French, German, and Hawaiian fluently, and the family dressed in European fashions and entertained in European style. He was educated at a Royal school until the age of 14, then he and his brother completed

their education with a grand tour of Europe and the Americas. As the heir apparent, his family raised him to be a diplomat.

Alexander had been educated in the style of a boy of the British upper class, with British tutors and British schoolbooks. He learned the classics, Shakespeare's works, and the English poets, so even before his tour, he had a passionate love for England. When he visited England, he developed a warm personal relationship with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He loved the Church of England and the worship in the Anglican churches that he visited. His Christian upbringing had been from a variety of missionaries from various faiths, and he determined to bring the Anglican Church to Hawaii. His friendship with the royal family of Britain lasted his whole life, and he later named his only son Albert, after the Prince, and Queen Victoria agreed to be the child's godmother.

As part of his grand tour, he also visited Napoleon and other heads of state. During the tour, he also enjoyed polo, took fencing lessons, and he experienced many theatrical and artistic outings. His reaction to the US, however, was one of loathing. Although he had known American missionaries and businesspeople in Hawaii, he was horrified to witness the reality of pre-Civil War America, particularly slavery and the treatment of all non-white peoples. It is said that at one point on his American tour, a train conductor reacted to his dark skin and treated him and his entourage with contempt. As a person who had never personally dealt with such racist treatment in his life, it mortified him and influenced his life-long aversion to the United States. He spent the rest of his life diplomatically trying to lessen the influence of the US in Hawaii, convinced that the Americans would enslave his dark-skinned people.

He was nearly 21 on January 11, 1855, when he succeeded his uncle on the throne. A year later, in 1856, as Kamehameha IV, he married Emma Rooke, a chieftess and great-grandniece of Kamehameha I. As both were members of the royal family, they had known each other since childhood, and Emma's upbringing was similar to his. She was also scholarly, well educated, and deeply religious. They had only the one son, Albert.

Alexander's reign was focused on the material and spiritual well-being of his people. He and his wife worked tirelessly for schools and hospitals. The native Hawaiian population had been decimated by disease--they had no immunities to many of the diseases brought by travelers--and there was a very real fear that the population of Hawaii would become extinct. Alexander and Emma raised money for health care by hosting gatherings, meeting with business people, and soliciting funds from everyone they met.

Alexander wrote his friend Queen Victoria, asking her to send a Bishop from the Church of England to establish a church in Hawaii (which she did). He hoped that the establishment of the Church of England in Hawaii, backed by the Hawaiian royal family, would decrease the influence being gained by American missionaries and businessmen. He had to delicately balance the competing desires of wealthy Hawaiians and poor Hawaiians. The wealthy Hawaiians, landowners who raised sugar, pineapples and other crops, wanted greater cooperation and closer ties with the US, for better trade. They welcomed the possibility of annexation by the US, which they felt would greatly increase their wealth.

The King and Queen were both fervently religious, however, they were not overly strict with their son, who was quite spoiled. In 1863, young Albert was apparently throwing a tantrum. The

King lost his temper and briefly dunked the child under a water faucet, to “cool him off.” The child soon afterward became sick and was dead in ten days. The King, overwhelmed with guilt and grief, died less than a year later, in 1864. It is said that he died of a broken heart, but he had long suffered from ailments such as asthma. He was only 29.

In her own grief, Queen Emma took a new name, Kaleleonalani, which means, “flight of the heavenly chiefs.” To ease her pain, Emma dedicated herself to worthy causes, including organizing a hospital auxiliary of women to help with the ill. She also helped found two schools, St. Andrews Priory in Honolulu and St. Cross on Maui. Her work included the development of St. Andrews Cathedral. She journeyed to England where she and her friend, Queen Victoria, raised \$30,000 for the construction of the cathedral.

The Queen devoted the remainder of her life to charitable work. She attempted, as the dowager queen, to influence Alexander’s successors, but landowners and business interests in the country defeated her and the goals of independent sovereignty she had shared with her husband. When the country changed to a constitutional form of government, she ran for office but lost. She died in 1885.

President McKinley annexed Hawaii as a US Territory in 1898. Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959.



LOSS (WINGS) Associated with Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, it is a support (not therapy) group for anyone who has lost someone to suicide, years ago or recently. They meet on the 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Julie Cory at 831-246-8750.

ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families) meets every Wednesday evening upstairs.

Men’s AA meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm upstairs.

St. Andrew's Ministries

The Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet at the home of Eve Yabroff on Thursday, September 3, 6:30pm. 172 View Circle in Felton. We will also meet on Wednesday, September 16, 10:30am at the Parish hall. Join us! For questions, contact Ann Moyer at 619-321-8596.

Men's Circle

The Men's Circle will be meeting on September 10th at 6:30pm. It will be at Brad Moyer's house, 305 Eleana Drive, Ben Lomond. Questions? Call Brad Moyer, 619-321-7316 or Christian Kjaergaard, 650-864-4404.

Prayer Team

We have an active prayer team at St. Andrew's led by Sue Roe. When a prayer concern is made known to Sue, she sends it out to the group so they can be praying for you. Please contact Sue if you would like some prayers.

Also, if you would like to be one of the pray-ers, let Sue know and she will be happy to add you to the group. Please contact Sue at 562-243-4080, or by email

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Outreach Committee

If you know of or support a non-profit organization and would like it to be considered for a grant from St. Andrew's, please provide information on its programs to the Outreach Committee. The members of the committee are Laura McLain, Joan McVay, Janet Parske, and Ray Rischpater. We are looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Joan, Janet or Ray.

A Bit of History

By Ray Rischpater

Who was Jackson Kemper?

If you read the Minor Feasts entry in the Daily Lectionary, you've likely encountered his name, and maybe skimmed the little biography about him. But what really did he do?

Kemper was born in December of 1789 in Pleasant Valley, New York to Daniel Kemper and his wife. While he was still quite young; the family moved to New York City, where he spent his childhood until attending the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, Connecticut in 1801. By all accounts, he did not do well in the environment there; he was noted to be sensitive and reserved, much at odds with the rambunctiousness of a boy's school. He was later withdrawn and continued his studies under the tutelage of Rev. Dr. Edmund Barry, a respected minister at the time.

Entering Columbia College in New York at the age of sixteen, he was young even for the time, and although suffering ill-health, he graduated as the valedictorian of his class while studying theology. After graduation he continued his studies.

He later moved to Philadelphia, which would be his base of operations for most of his life. In 1811 he began a life of church service, being made deacon in April of 1811, assistant minister a month later, and a priest in 1814. During even these early years of his ministry he served the wider Episcopal church, working in various roles in the diocese.

His missionary work started at the same time. By 1812 he had organized the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, which was recognized by the Episcopal church in 1816. Not waiting for this organization, he'd already set out on his first missionary tour in 1812, traveling as far as Western Virginia. He would regularly continue these tours for the rest of his life, visiting churches and schools in far-flung places throughout the South and predominantly the Midwest. He was married twice, first to Jerusha Lyman, who later died, and then to Ann Relf. One can see his devotion to his family in his journal, where he frequently wrote how he missed his wife and children during his travels.

Kemper suffered many hardships in his missionary work, writing often about the lack of funding, poor food, mosquitos, cold and rainy weather, ill health, and the problems of language he had working with Native Americans. While it is true that much of his work was with them, not all of it was; he saw his missionary work as connecting with all he encountered, regardless of nationality.

He was active throughout his life serving the church in other ways, filling various roles at several General Conventions, helping raise funds for the General Theological Seminary in New York (and later becoming a trustee), and receiving his D.Div. from Columbia College in 1829. He was consecrated as a bishop in 1835, and you can read later the

transcription of the sermon from his consecration at
<https://anglicanhistory.org/usa/jkemper/addresses1867.html>

By all accounts he was pastoral, not intellectual, concise, businesslike, and fair in his dealings with others. In his letters, one sees that he communicates with both clarity and brevity; doubtless these skills were honed over a lifetime of working with meager resources financially and physically. As one can see from his wide church service and his successes in his missionary activities, he was well-respected in the church community.

Kemper Jackson died in May of 1870 due to natural causes in Delafield, Wisconsin. His feast day is the 24th of May, the date of his death, and is commemorated both by the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America. In his collect, we pray:

O God, who sent your son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that we, like your servant Jackson Kemper, may proclaim the Gospel in our own day, with courage, vision, and perseverance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

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Ramblings from a Wanderer, by Susan Greer

Well, I just completed my 76th journey around the sun (as I've heard a few say)!!!! How in the world did I get there?! So, I'm here and now what??? It does seem as though the older I've become, I spend more time reflecting on where I've been, what I've done, and where I'd like to be!! Then I remind myself to just enjoy NOW!!

The "journey", the "pilgrimage" I started over a year ago now, which now seems more to be the continuation (and definitely an expansion) of the journey that began when David died, which seems to be the continuation of the journey that began when David and I met, which seems to be the continuation of the journey that now seems to me

to be a continuation of the journey that began the day I was born. But only in this past year have I become truly aware of being on a journey with one path leading into another, into the next and the next. Then, more purposefully (with the guidance, suggestions, and support of Father Martin), feeling the journey truly becoming a pilgrimage, shedding more and adding less as I've gone along.

And, with that awareness has come the realization that I had loaded myself up with a lot of unnecessary baggage, that if I had lived a less loaded-up life, things would have been much less complicated and simpler, if you will. I have now been "down-sizing" for almost six years, first "moving" David's things that he no longer needed to people and places that might need them or at the least want them. Then ridding myself of things I no longer needed (if I had even needed them in the first place!) or wanted or used. That process definitely accelerated as I made the decision to make bigger changes in my life than I had ever anticipated.

In my recent visit to Santa Cruz, I again went through what is left of my "stuff", surprising myself with how much was (and maybe still is) left of "necessary" things that I was again able to leave behind, donating to charity and waste management. Yet again, feeling a release of weight as I saw those boxes and bins go somewhere else.

As I went through the 8 bins and boxes that held memorabilia, cards, letters, military and employment records, I was assaulted by all the memories they contained. I cried a lot for those days, those people, those activities, tears of both joy and sadness. And, felt so very full of the love, happiness, as well as sadness and misery that all of that paper represented. And, I felt so relieved when it went to recycle and shred!!! It seemed that experiencing it once and witnessing it again was enough to be able to let it all go into my memories, maybe to be recalled, but then again, maybe not!

I came back to my new home (even though it was a year on August 1 that I moved in, it still feels new) energized, happy to be here, and ready to continue this journey. I have begun taking Spanish lessons after dawdling with it for a year; I have started a new painting; I have renewed giving my dog lessons in better behavior; I have renewed my commitment to DAILY prayer and reflection and writing in my gratitude journal. Realizing that I had slacked off on these things, and now renewing that commitment, I'm again sleeping through the night quietly and smiling through the days.

And I am feeling less stress trying to move through the days, watching the world shift around me, knowing with more certainty that God is leading me on this pilgrimage, if I just allow Him to take me where He wants me to be - for my own good. Ah, the joy it brings knowing that if I just listen, I have no worries and will be always exactly where I'm supposed to be.

The interesting thing is that the people around me are also feeling that shift in me. Not sure how or why, but I feel it, they feel it, and it is just lovely. And I am so very grateful that I've been allowed to go on this journey and actually feel the change in me and in my world.

So..... que tenga un buen dia y les deseo amor, felicidad y paz para cada uno de sus dias. Susan



Join us for Worship Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and the social hour after. The sermon may be watched on St. Andrew's Facebook page, if you are not able to attend in person.