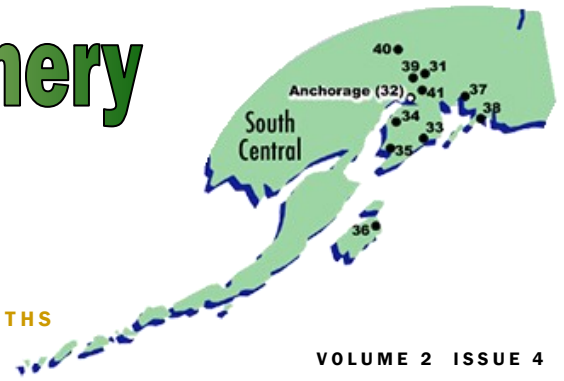


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Homecoming and Healing Sunday Choir Practice

Our Celebration of “Homecoming and Healing” Worship service for military veterans, their families and friends is shaping up nicely. The Worship service will be held at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Eagle River and begin at 7:00 pm. Bishop Lattime will join us as Celebrant for our Eucharist. Albert Alvarez (St. Mary’s in Anchorage) has organized our first ever in recent memory Deanery Wide Choir.

The choir has been organized specifically for this wonderful event. The **choir will meet at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church** in Eagle River and **rehearse** the programs music on **Sunday’s at 3:00 p.m.** beginning on October 16th. Rehearsals will continue on successive Sundays **through the 9th of November.** For more specific information on joining the choir please contact Al Alvarez directly at 831-915-2496 or email him at albertjalvarez08@gmail.com.



Homecoming
And
Healing Service
November 9th



SOUTH CENTRAL CONGREGATIONS

14 in all:

Four in Anchorage

One each in

Cordova, Eagle River,
Homer, Kenai,
Kodiak, Palmer,
Seward, Talkeetna,
Valdez and Wasilla



Georgia Knazovich

Educationally, my background is in communication and law. I have had many happy experiences at

DEANERY MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Since 1980, I have been an Episcopalian, I never went through the prayer book war. We have lived in Alaska for 5 years and love it, we’re here to stay. I began life as a natural nut, fruit and flake and have lived in 7 different states. I am thrilled to help lead the Deanery of South Central.

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8TH BISHOP OF ALASKA



The Right Rev. Mark Lattime

“Who We Are...”

This is the definition of the Episcopal Church as set forth in the Preamble of our Constitution.* It says a lot about us, but maybe not enough about who we are. Or, perhaps, by saying so much, it muddles what is primary.

Yes, the Episcopal Church is all the things the Constitution states, but primarily we are a Fellowship of disciples—an adoptive family of wounded, broken, imperfect, outcasts bound together by a common love, a common hope, a common life, and a common identity: Jesus.

This is the ‘who we are’ that I find most attractive, and the ‘who we are’ that I believe is most inviting to others—especially to others who have no idea what the Church is, let alone an Episcopal Church.

This summer I attended the Lambeth Conference—a gathering of the bishops of the Anglican Communion. As I prepared for the Lambeth Conference, I anticipated that it would be an important event in my understanding of who we are as part of the Anglican Communion and whether or not the Anglican Communion was strong enough to hold together. What I discovered was that the ‘who we are’ as disciples of Jesus, as a shared fellowship in Christ, is the “who we are” that binds us stronger than any tradition, history, or liturgical style. Jesus is the center of all that we are. Who we are in Christ is what matters most.

“The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, A Fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.” *

*Constitution and Canons together with The Rules of Order for The Episcopal Church, 2018.



What is the Episcopal Church?
Who are we?



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Join us. You’ll fit right in. Let me show you some family pictures.



FROM THE DEAN



The Rev. Katherine Hunt



About the BE Campaign:

In our time of political polarization and rising societal anger, we long for another way to relate to one another. Out of that holy longing, we are invited to join a national movement called the BE Campaign to help make our communities a bit more like the Kingdom of God.

We and other Episcopal dioceses around the country are partnering with Church of the Resurrection and other United Methodist churches in dedicating the month of October (5 weeks leading up to the national election) to the simple, yet profound teaching of the prophet

Micah who, in a time not unlike our own in 700 BCE, asked the question: “What does the Lord require of us?” His answer: “Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”

We believe that we can love our neighbors and recover and reclaim these three essential practices. In this series, we will reflect on five spiritual themes: Be just. Be kind. Be humble. Love your neighbor. The Intersection of Religion and Politics.

Christ Church Episcopal invites you to join the “BE CAMPAIGN”

Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. on zoom or in person.

For the month of October, 2022 we will be using the **BE Campaign** alternate Lectionary for education and worship as approved by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime.

Adult Education will meet at 9:15 in person and on Zoom using the regular Sunday morning link. (Meeting # 842 6354 3152 and Password 944426). If you wish to join us for worship it will begin at 10:30 a.m.

We have developed booklets that are available electronically by contacting christchurchak@gmail.com. The materials in this booklet are designed to help you prepare for our group meetings at 9:15 on Sundays. Please come and join in the conversations or just come to listen and reflect. If you are unable to join us, please feel free to use these materials for your own group.

Here’s how it works:

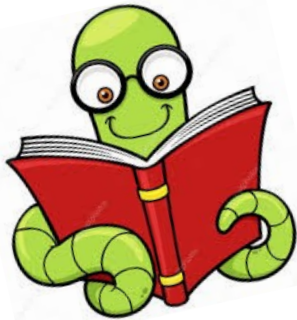
The booklet contains the scripture readings and collects for each week of October. The Daily tasks and questions are for the week leading up to each group meeting. **So, it starts right away.** The first task is set for Monday, September 26th. Our first class is October 2nd.

If you have questions, please text The Rev. Katherine Hunt (907)331-8349 or The Rev. Gail Loken at (907)350-4157, or e-mail christchurchak@gmail.com

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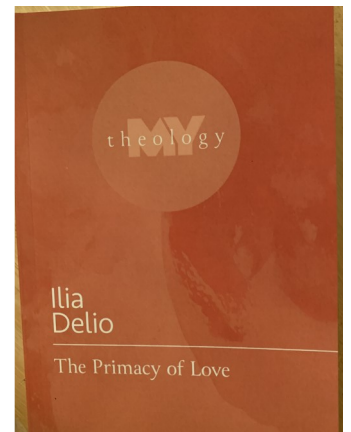
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South Central Book Worm Corner...

The Primacy of Love by Ilia Delio

Beginning October 18, join us Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on **zoom** as we read and discuss the book: **The Primacy of Love by Ilia Delio**. Books may be purchased through Amazon.

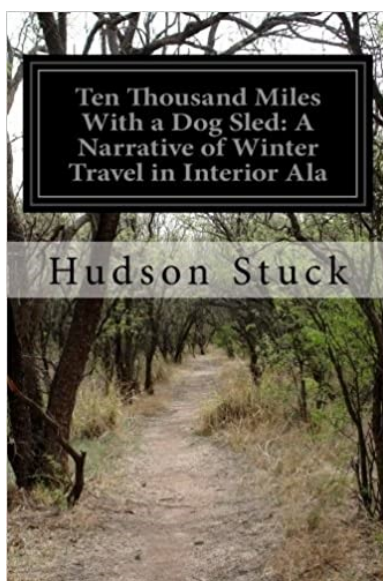


Zoom link: 879 1905 1939 PW: 204789

Our next book:

Ten Thousand Miles With a Dog Sled by Hudson stuck

Order your book today through Amazon. Limited copies available. Please register your attendance by e-mailing SCDeanery@gmail.com



SCD Coming Attraction....

Episcopal Latino Ministry

In July, **Christ Church** received a grant from South Central Deanery to partially fund the cost of attending the **Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course**. This rich, immersive weeklong course provided an opportunity to learn about Latino ministry in many different contexts. The training explored models for worship, community engagement, advocacy, and education.

At Christ Church we are using the information from the training to explore ways that the church can reach out in the love of Christ to members of the Latino community. On Friday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. Christ Church will host a Celebration of Las Posadas.



You are invited to a LAS POSADAS CELEBRATION!

Come journey with Mary and Joseph in their search for a room at the inn.

Where? Christ Church Episcopal – 5101 O'Malley Road, Anchorage

When? Friday, December 16th at 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

What? Traditional Songs and Games, Dinner, and a Piñata

Who? People of all ages

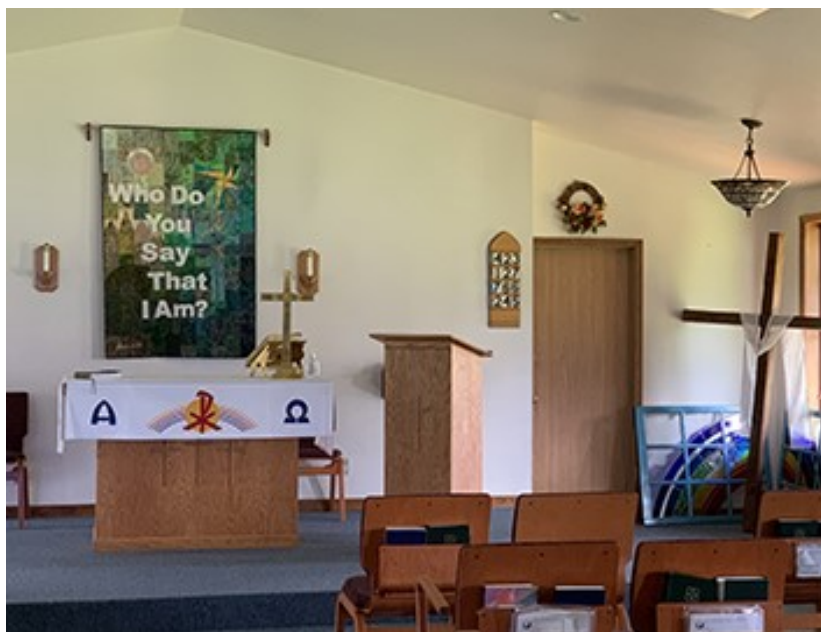
RSVP: christchurchak@gmail.com

The traditional celebration known as Las Posadas (the word means inns or lodging) lasts nine days and commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

Greetings from Epiphany Lutheran Episcopal Church - Valdez



Left to right: *Lakin, Cindy, Josalyn, Rob, Jennie, Priscilla, Kathy, Larry, GiGi, Jan*



Missed in the group photo at Epiphany:

Matt & Brandy
3 daughters: Isabella, River and Airoh



**Reverend Katherine Hunt officiated at their wedding
20 years ago.**

Dancing with the Spirit



In August this year the traveling music program **Dancing With The Spirit** organized and led a Gwich'in Youth and Elders Trip to the Midway Lake Music Festival in Teetl'it Zehh (Fort McPherson), Canada, with 11 Gwich'in youth in grades 6-10, 6 Gwich'in elders, Native speakers

and musicians from the Yukon Flats of Alaska including the Rev. Mary Nathaniel - and the Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp and the Rev. Belle Mickelson. The Midway Lake Music Festival is a large regional gathering celebrating Gwich'in traditions including music, dance, storytelling and traditional food



within a safe and sober environment. The youth performed on stage three times including for two Anglican church services, assisted with the instruction during the youth music camp, made new friends and life-long

connections in the Gwich'in community, practiced speaking and singing in Gwich'in, and enjoyed the hospitality of St Paul's Anglican Church in Dawson along the way. On their return, they spoke and performed live on local KRFF radio and toured the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dancing With The Spirit is grateful for all the prayers, donations, love and support. We returned with beautiful memories of the long road trip through the backcountry, the music and dance performances, and many moments of laughter, story-telling, music, healing and connection. Mahsi! Thank you!



We Introduce:

Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp is away on a short-term mission. She is serving as a volunteer with Relief & Reconciliation International (www.reliefandreconciliation.org), September through December. She is supporting their educational, inter-faith, and community-building mission in north Lebanon at their Peace Centre which provides a safe house for youth from all confessions and groups, including Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities.



Deanery Gathering



Deanery Gathering – the “Fish Fry” – by Loren Hill

On Saturday August 6th, 24 people representing 5 churches gathered for service and fellowship at St. Francis by the Sea in Kenai. Our goal was to cleanup the beach along the north side of the Kenai River at the end of the dip netting season. We enjoyed a sunny but windy day on the beach. While the beach was surprisingly tidy, we did find a buried tent, a shoe, broken glass bottles, a pair of pliers, bits of paper and an assortment of plastic items.



Afterwards we returned to St. Francis and enjoyed a “Fish Fry” (It was really a BBQ.) with Salmon that had been caught dip netting. Since the Holy Spirit blessed us with delightful weather, we ate outside in the sunshine. Participants provided delicious side dishes and desserts to round out the meal.



After dinner, we shared in a service of Evening Prayer led by Adam Lees, with readers from the various churches.



In the photos, you'll see people from St. Francis by the Sea, St. Bartholomew's, St. David's, Christ Church and St. Mary's. A Big Thank You to St. Francis for hosting this event.



Executive Committee September Retreat



Flash

Deanery Newsletter production person has a new contact:

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Deanery Grants for Mission and Ministry

**Have
YOU
Applied?**

Each year, the Deanery receives funds from the Diocese for the specific purpose of supporting the work of the churches in South Central Alaska. Our deanery has chosen to use these funds to support the ministries in our individual congregations. So...a simple grant application (and it is simple) can lead to receiving up to \$1500 for your project or dream.



What have churches recently used these funds for? Computer and Internet upgrades, Podcast equipment, Supplies for bags of blessing for the homeless, Curriculum Materials for Christian Education, costs of attending trainings, and supporting Dancing with the Spirit.

The grant application process can be as simple as sending an e-mail to scdeanery@gmail.com

Be sure to include the following information:

- ⇒ Your name and the church's name and contact information (Phone, mail and email)
- ⇒ The amount your are requesting
- ⇒ Tell us about the ministry that is in need of funding.
- ⇒ Tell us specifically how the money will be spent
- ⇒ How does this ministry support the community and/or Deanery
- ⇒ Who is responsible for filling out the report for the next annual meeting?



The Executive Committee considers grant requests at each of our monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

For timely consideration, please submit your request by the first Wednesday of the month.

Episcopal Bazaar Day

On Saturday, November 19th, you can do your holiday shopping at two Episcopal Churches. Both St. Mary's and Christ Church are having their Bazaars on the same day. So...be sure set the day aside and visit both Bazaars to find a vast variety of handcrafted items made by Episcopalians and their friends.



St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar
9 am-3 pm

2222 E. Tudor
Anchorage, AK 99507

Corner of Lake Otis and
Tudor



Christ Church Episcopal
9 am-4 pm

In person at 5101 O'Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

On—Line Bazaar
November 26—December 20, 2022
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of congregations committed to help
each other grow in Christ and share
in the spreading of God's "Good News"**

Monthly Meetings

Join us on Zoom the second
Wednesday of Every month at
2:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID:
821 8957 8598
Passcode: 945288

October 12, 2022
November 9, 2022
December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2023

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MEMBER-AT-LARGE

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Kanuga, the Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center in North Carolina. In Tennessee I managed the book store for the Diocese of East Tennessee and it was my dream job. I spent many years as a travel agent. For 5 years, I was a member of American Humane Association's Red Star Animal Emergency team going to disasters to aid the animal victims. While living in New Mexico, I was an EFM mentor and state coordinator. My service to the church has brought me joy and fulfillment and I am proud to serve the deanery.

I am thankful to God for the 52 years that I have been married to my best friend and I hope for many more years to come.

