

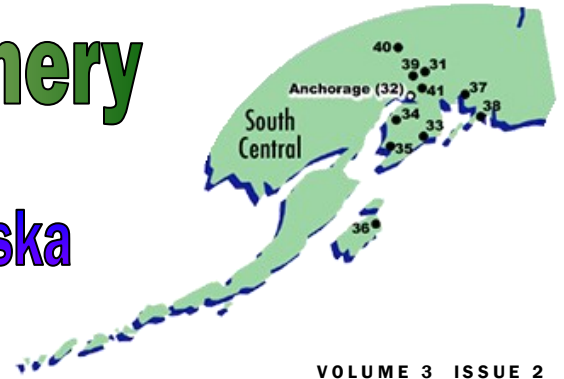
The South Central Deanery

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Welcome to the Deanery Annual Meeting

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SOUTH CENTRAL CONGREGATIONS

14 in all:

Four in Anchorage

One each in

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

Deanery Gathering

The Cannery Lodge:
2101 Bowpicker Lane,
Kenai, AK

April 27-29, 2023

Check-In 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Agape Dinner at 5:30 p.m.



Clergy Day

St. Francis by the Sea:
110 S Spruce St.
Kenai, AK 99611

April 27, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

(See Inside for the full Deanery schedule)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

ARE DEANERY FEES PREVENTING YOU FROM
REGISTERING FOR CLERGY DAY OR ANNUAL MEETING???

If you need financial assistance, please send an e-mail to:

SCDeanery@gmail.com by April 11th

From The Executive Committee



left to right: Loren Hill, Rev. Katherine Hunt, Maggie McKay,
Georgia Knazovich, Rev. Gail Loken, Rev. Jim Brisson

Our Deanery Executive Committee continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month via zoom and is open to everyone in the Deanery. We have also gathered weekly for the past six weeks for visioning, deanery projects and planning for our upcoming Annual Deanery Meeting scheduled for April 2023.

Delegates NOT attending the Annual Meeting...

The Executive Committee needs each church to have their delegates register online for the upcoming Annual Deanery meeting. If you have a delegate that is **NOT** attending the Deanery Annual Meeting in April, please submit to the deanery e-mail address, SCDeanery@gmail.com the following information:

Name of delegate:

Mailing Address of Delegate:

E-Mail Address:

“Best” Phone Number:

MISSION AND MINISTRY GRANTS

Just a reminder, the Deanery has “Mission and Ministry Grants” available should you have new ministries developing that need funding. We funded five grants in 2022 and look forward to hearing about other opportunities. You may request an application at our deanery e-mail address. Please submit applications by the first Wednesday of the month for consideration at our regular Executive Committee meeting.

Deanery Annual Meeting

ALL DELEGATES...Don't miss the opportunity to join us at the Deanery Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your commitment and ministry to the Southcentral Deanery of Alaska. We look forward to being together and have a wonderful weekend planned!

Join us for...**"Fresh Wineskins"**

To register on line, please go to: [Registration Link](#)

The "Clergy Gathering" will meet on **Thursday April 27th, 1:00-5:00 p.m.** at St. Francis by the Sea in Kenai. We welcome, Bishop Mark Lattime to start our journey on "Fresh Wineskins".

Delegate check-in at The Cannery starts at 3:00 pm Thursday April 27th with Dinner at 5:30pm. Annual Meeting will conclude with Noon Day Prayer, Saturday, April 29th.
(We will have brown bag lunch available "to go")

If you need help with on-line registration, please contact me or Maggie McKay, Deanery Secretary at SCDeanery@gmail.com.

Deadline for Registration & Housing was February 28th.
We now welcome guest registration, on a first come basis.
Agenda and information packet (for delegates) will follow by email the week of April 10
Delegate Fees: \$250 Meals & Lodging,
Visitor Fees: \$75 Meals (lodging costs are at your own expense)
Fees are paid by check to South Central Deanery

We welcome The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, Suzanne Krull, our Canon for Finance and Administration, Fred Hanson, Music Ministry, and our Guest Presenters, The Rev. Julie Lytle and The Rev. Tom Brackett.

Seeing Christ in each other,

The Rev. Katherine Hunt
Dean, Southcentral

Please note that our "newly elected" SCD Executive Committee and our "current" Elected SCD Committee will have a "blending the old and new" time at 2:00 p.m on Saturday, April 29th at St. Francis. This is following the Deanery meeting. So if you are elected, please plan on attending.

GUEST PRESENTERS



The Rev. Tom Brackett

Manager for Church Planting & Church Development

Tom serves on the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's staff as the Manager for New Church Starts and Missional Initiatives.

Ordained for 41 years, he now consults with Bishops and their teams around the world, putting him in the unique position to host conversations about the future Church as it emerges among us. As both priest and Executive Coach, Tom companions these leaders to celebrate their successes and to prayerfully and strategically explore the new possibilities ahead of them. Colleagues describe him as a compassionate and inspiring presence, making every voice heard and important in both the discovery and discernment process. One of Tom's passions is hosting strategic conversations and creating the safe space needed for people to share their stories of recent encounters with the Spirit. His work has been informed by Otto Scharmer, Roger Schwarz, Christina Baldwin and Herminia Ibarra. His approaches to facilitation are reverent and behavioralist in practice. Curiosity, compassion and appreciation are the underlying values that shape Tom's coaching work.

The Rev. Dr. Julie Lytle

Bexley Seabury, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership Director of Distributive and Lifelong Learning Initiatives

Dr. Lytle has degrees from Boston College, The University of Notre Dame, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Julie teaches courses in congregational development, digital evangelism, educational leadership, and faith formation and has extensive expertise in the area of distance education. She was on faculty at the Episcopal Divinity School and developed their distributive distance learning model for masters degrees prior to her appointment at Bexley Seabury. Her research interests explore the intersection of theology, faith formation, and technology and the ways people connect with one another and resources to enact the Dream of God.



**Here is the info on the positions open for election this year at Deanery Annual Meeting
(Nominations will still be accepted during the meeting.)**

Upcoming Deanery Executive Committee Elections

Interested in serving on the Deanery Executive Committee? We are looking for you!
This year our three positions open for election are [Dean](#), [Secretary](#) and [Member-At-Large](#).

- Regular Monthly meetings via zoom—second Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm
- Every other month Executive Board Retreats in person— typically the second week of the month in person on a Thursday or Friday from 9:00—3:00pm (depending on schedules)
- Every other month Newsletter Production
- 3-4 Deanery Events each year—Annual Meeting, Deanery Get Together, Special Services

Dean: The Dean leads the Executive Committee helping to provide direction and leadership. A cheerleader for all parishes, congregations and Deanery committees and projects.

Secretary: The Secretary is the custodian of the Deanery's records and is responsible for maintaining accurate documentation and management.

Member-at-Large: At-large members help bring diversity and perspective from the breadth of the Deanery, and work on various committees and projects.

All positions have terms of two-years. Any individual may only serve two consecutive terms in any combination of positions.

2023 Deanery Meeting Executive Committee Elections

Dean – Two Year Full Term

(Katherine Hunt is serving her first term, will be on sabbatical in 2023, and will not be standing for re-election)

Secretary – Two Year Full Term

(Maggie McKay is serving her second term and will term out)

At Large (1)– Two Year Full Term

(Loren Hill is serving his first term)

2024 Deanery Meeting Executive Committee Elections

Vice Dean – Open for Two Year Term

(Georgia Knazovich is serving her second term and will term out)

Treasurer – Open for Two Year Term

(Gail Loken is serving her second term and will term out)

At Large (2) – Open for Two Year Term

(Jim Brisson is serving his first term)

People who have **ACCEPTED** Nominations for 2023:

Dean: Peg Fisher

Secretary:

Christina Talbot Clark
The Rev. Jake Lambers

At Large:

Loren Hill
Kim Davis
The Rev. Jake Lambers
The Rev. Matt DuFour
The Rev. Israel Portilla Gomez

Have you been nominated? Would you like to be nominated?

Need more information?

Join us at our next Deanery Executive Committee Meeting

on Zoom April 12th, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Meeting #845 1723 1792 / Password: 346381



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Thursday, April 27: Clergy Day "Fresh Wine Skins"

St. Francis by the Sea
110 S Spruce St, Kenai, AK 99611

1:00pm	Opening Prayer What's your vintage?	Sanctuary	Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime
2:00pm	BREAK		
2:15pm	Cheese, Crackers & Merlot		Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime
3:00pm	BREAK		
3:15pm	Sherry Hour		Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime
4:00pm	Closing Prayer: Riesling Remarks		Bishop's Prerogative

Thursday, April 27: Southcentral Deanery Annual Meeting "Fresh Wine Skins"

The Cannery Lodge
2101 Bowpicker Lane, Kenai AK 99611

3:00pm	Registration & Check-In	Registration Building	Dee Ford, Loren Hill, Georgia Knazovich, Maggie McKay
5:30pm	Dean's Welcome Establish Quorum First Nominations Call & Preview Meeting Mechanics Agape Dinner & Bishops Welcome Honoring Rev. Bob Thwing: 50 years priesthood in Alaska	Galley	Rev. Katherine Hunt Rev. Maggie McKay Maggie McKay Rev. Katherine Hunt Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime SCD Executive
7:00pm	Fireside Chat & Smores Homelessness Discussion St. Simeon & St. Anna Stories	Campfire/Hydeout	Rev. Jim Brisson Rev. Gayle Nauska
8:30pm	Compline	Campfire/Hydeout	Georgia Knazovich



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Friday, April 28: Southcentral Deanery Annual Meeting "Fresh Wine Skins"

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8:00am	Continental Breakfast	Cannery Club: Downstairs	
8:45am	Welcome & Mechanics Review/Approval of minutes Review Approval Agenda Second Nomination Call	Cannery Club: Upstairs	Rev. Katherine Hunt Maggie McKay Maggie McKay Maggie McKay
9:00am	Eucharist	Cannery Club: Upstairs	Rev. Katherine Hunt
10:15	BREAK		
10:30am	Final Nomination Call Presentation Centering Noonday Prayer		Maggie McKay Rev. Tom Brackett Rev. Tom Brackett
11:55	Close Nominations		Maggie McKay
12:00pm	Lunch	Cannery Club: Downstairs	
1:00pm	Group Work (2-loop model) Bexley Seabury Lifelong Learning YOGA	Cannery Club: Upstairs	Rev. Katherine Hunt Rev. Dr. Julie Lytle Rev. Jim Brisson
2:00pm	Small Group Charcuterie Board: 45 minute & Switch Music & Wine, a great "pairing" Church Redevelopment & Revisioning Resources Cheese & Crackers with the Bishop Growing & Tending your vineyard		Fred Hanson Rev. Katherine Hunt Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime Rev. Dr. Julie Lytle
3:00pm	Small Group Charcuterie Board: 45 minute & Switch A labyrinth in your vineyard Church Redevelopment & Revisioning Resources Cheese & Crackers with the Bishop Growing & Tending your vineyard		St. Augustine's/Gail Loken Rev. Katherine Hunt Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime Rev. Dr. Lytle
4:00pm	What's your Fresh Wine? Ballot Distribution Sign Chi Do		Loren Hill Maggie McKay Rev. Gail Loken
5:00pm	BREAK		
6:00pm	Dinner Ballot Collection	Galley	Maggie McKay
7:00pm	Fireside Chat & Smores Grant Stories (FIT & SCD) St. Simeon & St. Anna Stories	Campfire/Hydeout	Rev. Gail Loken Rev. Gayle Nauska
8:30pm	Compline	Campfire/Hydeout	Loren Hill



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8:00am	Continental Breakfast Labyrinth Walk	Cannery Club: Downstairs Hen House: Upstairs	St. Augustine's
9:00am	Morning Prayer	Cannery Club: Upstairs	St. Simeon & St. Anna
9:15am	Election Results Budget Next Meeting Date & Location ~APRIL 18-20 or APRIL 25-27~ WHO'S HOSTING? Liturgical Year in the Home Aerating your wine		Maggie McKay Rev. Gail Loken Rev. Katherine Hunt Rev. Jim Brisson Rev. Jim Brisson
10:15am	BREAK		
10:30am	Diocesan Report SCD Calendar Year Bishop's Address Closing		Suzanne Krull Rev. Jim Brisson Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime Rev. Katherine Hunt
11:45am	Noon Day Prayer		Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime
12:00	Lunch to-go	Cannery Club: Downstairs	

Checkout by 1:00pm

Saturday, April 29: Southcentral Deanery Executive Committee Meeting
Blending the old and new – all are welcome!

St. Francis by the Sea
110 S Spruce St, Kenai, AK 99611

2:00pm	Odds & Ends Position Pass Off After Action Report Next Meeting Date	Sanctuary	
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SCD Gathering Opportunity... May 20th at St. David's

JOIN US FOR THE WORK "PARTY"...



MAY 20th South Central Deanery Gathering...
Joining together, supporting the ministries of others...

Our last Deanery wide event supported St. Francis beach clean up. Here's a new opportunity to join in fun and fellowship.

On May 20th at 9:30 a.m. we will gather at St. David's in Wasilla for a Deanery work day to help the church get a fence around the community garden.

Parts of the community, such as the moose and other garden pests, are not invited. People are welcome, that is why there will be some gates in the fence.

Want to make it a sleep over??? Or think of it as a friendly budget weekend in the Mat-Su while helping out the St. David's Outreach Gardens??? The church has nice "comfy cots" to go beneath sleeping bags and is equipped with showers and washer & dryers.

All are welcome to come Friday and stay through Sunday. Our work day will be on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

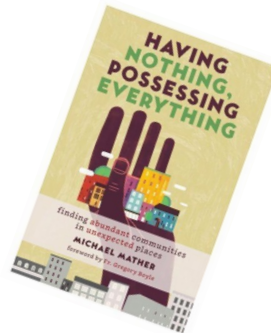
RSVP to Georgia Knazovich (505) 217-6361
SC - Vice Dean and Member of St. David's, Wasilla

Book Worm Corner



COMING ATTRACTION!!!

Our next book:
Having Nothing, Possessing Everything
by Michael Mather



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Around the Deanery...

Job Posting (F/T):

**Chaplain/Resident
Engagement Assistant.**

The Thomas Center for Senior Leadership & St. Mary's

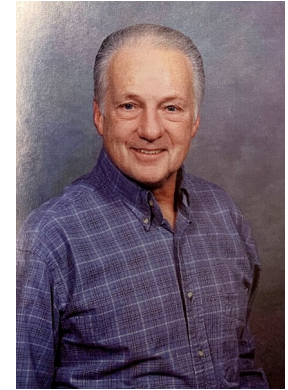
Episcopal Church have an open position for a full time resident chaplain.

For complete position description, contact the Rev. Betty Glover, General Manager of the Thomas Center

manager@thomascenterak.com

Milestones...

In gratitude for his ministry, we celebrate with the Rev. Bob Thwing on



the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood -May 1, 1973.



. Lord, I sing your praise
 the whole day through until the night.
 Dad's nets are filled; I have helped him.
 We have drawn them in,
 stamping the rhythm with our feet,
 the muscles tense.
 We have sung your praise.

On the beach there were our mammies,
 who bought the blessings out of the nets,
 out of the nets and into their basins.
 They rushed to the market, returned and bought
 again.
 Lord, what a blessing is the sea, with fish in plenty.
 Lord, that is the story of your grace: nets tear,
 and we succumb because we cannot hold them.
 Lord, with your praise we drop off to sleep.
 Carry us through the night.
 Make us fresh for the morning.
 Hallelujah for the day!

**Prayers come from
 around the world
 speaking to God for
 many reasons**

This prayer comes from An African Prayer Book, edited and compiled by Desmond Tutu. It is from Ghana and speaks of the fisherfolk.

-Submitted by:
 Georgia Knazovich,
 Vice Dean



Announcing Holy Land Pilgrimage To Israel January 2024



At the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem

Fr Jim Brisson, St. Bartholomew's Palmer, his wife Erin Tulip, and Bishop Jay Magness (retired Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Bishop) are planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel in January 2024.

More information to follow on specific dates, total cost and other issues will be announced soon. **Interested?** Begin to pray about this great opportunity to travel from Alaska in January to Israel.

What to expect? Three nights in the area known as Galilee, three nights in modern city of Bethlehem, and four nights in the ancient city of Jerusalem. We will not only visit but offer time for worship, prayer and mediation opportunities at the Holy Sites of the Bible. We will also have opportunities to learn and investigate modern day issues of the land. This will not be a "tour". This is a true pilgrimage.

To get us ready for our pilgrimage Fr Jim will offer eight sessions during the weeks leading up to our travel in the areas of Bible, Art History, Roman and Greek culture and history, Geography, and some on the current issues of the day.

Love to attend but for whatever reason not able to join us? Perhaps you might like to make this mental, emotional and spiritual pilgrimage available to someone desiring to go but can't afford the trip financially?

We will have an opportunity to offer a financial offering for a scholarship to someone else. Our dream would be to see a Parent/adolescent or young adult child attend together, or an aspiring seminarian given the opportunity, or a younger member of the Deanery attend to bring a longer life learning ability to others in Alaska. Pray about it.....**More information to follow soon.**

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of congregations committed to help
each other grow in Christ and share
in the spreading of God's "Good News"**

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SOUTH CENTRAL DEANERY

Calling For Photos...

At the Deanery Meeting, we will be showcasing all 14 of our congregations. So... **we need your help**. We'd like to receive **4-5 photos from each community**. Here are some suggestions

1. A current picture of your church building (yes, even if there's still lots of snow)
2. A current picture of the inside of your church
3. A fellowship picture
4. An outreach picture
5. A worship picture
6. A picture of your congregation
7. A picture of a special celebration

Send pictures to scdeanery@gmail.com or send by text to 907-350-4157 no later than April 20th.

Note: If you don't send photos, you might end up seeing grainy pics (snagged from the internet) of your church and congregation—so please grab a camera or phone and have some fun deciding what pictures you'd like to share with the rest of deanery.

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