

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



## *The Epistle*

**April Issue**

Mar 30, 2023

### *An Easter Story*

I was ordained on December the 13<sup>th</sup> 2003, The Feast Day of St. Lucy. It was a Saturday, and on the following Sunday, I served my first and last Sunday service at my home church St. Dunstan's. Monday morning I reported at my new assigned church, Christ the King, and to my new priest, The Rev. Glenn Kanestrom. Brand new deacon at a church I'd never seen before, reporting to my new priest that I had met just once at my ordination. The rest of December went better than I could have hoped for. I felt welcome and needed by January, and by February, Paige felt comfortable as well. Before I knew it, Lent was upon us, and Holy Week. As part of Holy Week, Rev. Glenn scheduled a reading of The Stations of the Cross. To my dismay, it was poorly attended, but even with just the few who were there I believe we felt very moved by this Holy experience. Among the "few" was a young mother named Patti, along with her two school-aged children. The children to my surprise, had remained attentive and quiet throughout the entire service; but now they needed to run off some of their pent up energy, and so asked their mom if they could go out on the lawn and play. Rev. Glenn, in the mean time, had gone back to his office, leaving Patti, her children, and me to get to know each other. Patti and I sat at one of the round tables in our multi-purpose narthex, which served as coffee hour room, classroom, Cookie Walk room, Alanon meeting room, and as I would soon find out, Fat Tuesday Pancake dining hall. There was also

perhaps the most meaningful use of the narthex. Once a month, it would be filled with chairs to be used by the poor and needy of Riverbank as they waited to receive the brown bags of food we provided through our Food In Faith program. As Patti and I sat watching her children through the glass doors of the narthex, she turned to me and asked, “Deacon, when does the Resurrection really happen, when does Easter really begin?” I thought for a moment and then I remembered my former priest’s much used answer, “It’s in the book,” meaning The Book of Common Prayer. “Just a minute,” I answered, as I ran to the sanctuary to get two Books of Common Prayer. When I returned, I handed one of the books to Patti, and asked her to turn to page 285, The Great Vigil of Easter. Together we read the opening salutation, the rubrics for the lighting of the new fire, and from that fire, the lighting of the Paschal Candle. I then read to her a few lines from the Exsultet:

“This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.”

Patti looked at me and said, “Why don’t they teach us that?” Lost for words, I simply said I don’t know, why not ask our priest? I’m not sure exactly what Patti said to our priest, but the next thing I knew I was called to his office and informed that it was too late to plan for The Great Vigil of Easter this year, but we would prepare and celebrate it next Easter.

That “next year’s” Easter was planned for far in advance of it’s coming. Jane, Rev. Glenn’s wife, was also the choir director. Jane chose the music to be used from the list provided in the Vigil rubrics; she also helped find readers for the passages of scripture that would be read throughout the service. Rev. Glenn assigned me the task of providing the “new fire” of Easter. The initial problem was what kind of container might I use that would not scorch our lawn. Someone came up with the idea to use a portable barbeque. After some prayerful thought, I rejected the suggestion; it just didn’t seem fitting, at least to me, that the “new fire of Easter” would come from a device we use to cook steaks and burgers. My choice was a galvanized multi-purpose tub like the one my Grannie had in my childhood. It was about

three feet around and one foot tall. Paige and I found one at a farm supply store in Oakdale. It worked beautifully that Easter, and a few Easter's since then; you see, this vessel was made to last, so it made the trip from Christ the King to St. Paul's with the people who would also become a part of St. Paul's.

It seems as if the years have flown by since coming to St. Paul's. When I first came to Christ the King, I was sixty-six years old, I was about seventy-eight when I came to St. Paul's, and somehow now I'm eighty-six. One Easter Vigil a few years ago, Bishop David came to St. Paul's to celebrate this night of nights. As usual, I had the fire started minutes before the Bishop began the service. The Paschal Candle was handed to me just as the bishop walked toward me with a taper lighted from the Easter Fire. I don't know how the Bishop knew that I was concerned about my ability to carry the heavy candle from the narthex to the altar, but something made him ask me if I was sure that he shouldn't have an altar server carry the candle before me in the procession. I answered, "I really want to do it, if I possibly can." I felt the weight of the Paschal Candle as the Bishop put the taper to the wick. Bishop then gave the opening address, the opening prayer, and the slow procession to the altar in the darkened church began. We processed about a third of the way to the altar, then we stopped and I sang, "The light of Christ" and the people answered, "Thanks be to God." The two servers just behind me lit the handheld candles of those on the aisles, and they in turn lit those next to them, and so on. Another third of the way down, and I sang the words at the top of my vocal range. After the servers lit the final candles, I placed the Paschal Candle in the candle stand. I had made it to the altar. The Lord had given me the strength; and then the tears came, tears of sadness, because I knew this would be the last time I would be able to do this, and those tears were tempered by tears of joy; joy because I had been blessed by being allowed to bring the Light of Christ into the church sanctuary I love and to the people whom God loves.

"Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people."

The Exsultet

Your servant in Christ, Deacon George



## *Vestry Re-Cap, March 2023*

The Vestry met via Zoom, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here's a brief re-cap of items discussed:

- ◆ The Minutes for the February Vestry Meeting were approved.
- ◆ The Profit and Loss Statement for January 2023 was approved as presented. Due to continuing generous support from the congregation and careful use of resources, all obligations continue to be met.
- ◆ Jr. Warden's Report-Several issues were addressed over the last few weeks
- ◆ A leak in the Sanctuary due to what appeared to be a garden on the church roof, since fixed.
- ◆ Special thanks to Mike Statzer for the review of several electrical issues, with several parts ordered to handle issues.
- ◆ Several plumbing repairs handled.

### **Events**

- ◆ Palm Sunday and Holy Week-includes regular service on Sunday, Maundy Thursday service with Agape Meal (7 pm), Good Friday service (noon), Easter Vigil at St. Francis, Turlock (7pm), Easter Sunday (10 am with Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour)
- ◆ April 22, Earth Day. Look for information from the Care of Creation Project
- ◆ May 11-12-Diocesan Camino at St. Paul's, with Congregation Beth Shalom; Roberta Bearden coordinating homes for participants, information to follow re: dinner.

### **Other Business**

- ◆ Pew cards will be designed and distributed to augment the guest book.
- ◆ Carolyn List, new coordinator for Ushers & Greeters
- ◆ A bid has been accepted to install new key cards for various doors.

**Please continue to pray for the Vestry/Search Committee.**

	April 2	Easter (9th)	April 16	April 23	April 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Rev Dondi
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Nancy S Judy T	Ann M Barbara V	Sarah H Steph HW	Linda L Ann M	Steph G Judy T
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H
Greeters & Ushers	Carolyn L Kevin W	Linda L Sarah H	Vickie W Kevin W	Phil M Carolyn L	Carolyn L Phil M
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H



**Palm Sunday**

Sunday April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.



**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday April 6th at **6:00** p.m. \*

Note New time



**Good Friday**

Friday April 7th at 12:00 noon



**Easter Vigil**

Saturday April 8th at 7pm  
St. Francis, Turlock



**Easter Sunday**

Sunday April 9th at 10:00 a.m.

***Maundy Thursday***

Clergy: Rev. Lyn Morlan  
Acolytes: Judy T & Nancy S  
Lectors: Barbara V & Steph G  
Intercessor: Sarah H  
Greeters & Ushers: Steph G  
Vestry Rep: Sarah H

***Good Friday***

Clergy: Deacon Greg  
Greeters & Ushers: Steph G  
Vestry Rep: Linda L



## *Salvation Army Shelter Dinner*

The Salvation Army Shelter Dinner Team served dinner to 130 guests and staff, Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Included was Chicken Tetrizzini casserole, salad, bread and butter, oranges, chocolate chip cookies, and milk. Our time preparing and serving the meal is always appreciated, and a blessing to all of the Team.

This ministry is a team effort and we always welcome anyone who wants to participate. The next dinner will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact-Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com) for more information.

Prayer support, cooking, serving and donation assistance are greatly appreciated.

## *How Jesus Says Your Name*

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is "safe" coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: "Oh, Mary, there, there." Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just "Woman ..." — and then a gardener: "Woman ..."

Except then — "Mary" — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. "Mary." Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply. —Heidi Hyland Mann



**Journeying for migrant,  
climate and racial justice for all**

**April 22-May 13, 2023**

Join EDSJ as we tour the diocese visiting locations that embody  
the death, hope and resurrection of Jesus.

Walkers for the El Camino de la Pascua will be at St. Paul's on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We are responsible for providing dinner and for providing places to sleep. It is my job to coordinate sleeping quarters. If you can accommodate one or two walkers please contact me at 209-522-9600 or email [bertbear714@gmail.com](mailto:bertbear714@gmail.com). If you have any questions you can contact Linda Lowe or me. Linda's information is in your Sunday bulletin.

Roberta Bearden



## *Prayer and Praise*

*as of 3-20-2023*

- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law, that her surgery went well and for healing.
- ◆ Please pray for Brandon (one of our long-term vendors) and his girlfriend Angela.
- ◆ Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis
- ◆ Pray for healing and God's wisdom for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother)
- ◆ Please pray for healing and comfort for Rebecca, a friend of Eric Sheaffer.
- ◆ Please pray for David West's continued healing.
- ◆ Please pray for the West family (David's Mom) has entered palliative care on the East Coast.
- ◆ Pray for David McKinsey (friend of David West) he is having a serious heart issue and needs prayers for healing, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Online prayer requests: Irina Manta needs prayers as she goes through a divorce and takes care of her mom who is suffering from Alzheimer's. Carrie Patterson, single mom of two needs prayer that God provides for her family's needs.
- ◆ Vickie Diaz is asking for prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
- ◆ Pray for healing, strength, comfort and peace for Niniv Tamimi.
- ◆ Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Monroe's.
- ◆ Pray for healing for Claudine Romegialli. May the reason for her failing health be found and treatment started. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort.



- ◆ Continue prayers for healing for Rj.
- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Update on Christine Judd: Please pray that they will be able to find a good place for her to go upon release from the rehab hospital.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.
- ◆ Continued prayers for the search committee.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.



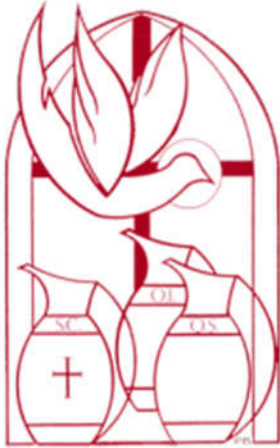
The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. Now is your chance to sign-up for the dates you want before they are taken.

*We are looking for someone to volunteer to run the live streaming of our service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Bell at 215-275-6502.*

## *Recycling at St. Paul's*

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.





## ***Chrism Mass & Renewal of Vows*** ***April 4, 2023 at 10:00 am*** ***St. James Cathedral, Fresno***

During this liturgy, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

This liturgy is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests and deacons is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the priests and deacons of the diocese renew their vow of obedience to the Diocesan Bishop and their commitment to serve all God's people.

At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to congregations of the diocese for use in the coming year.

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship afterwards.

RSVP to Canon Anna by April 1

[cannonanna@diosanjoaquin.org](mailto:cannonanna@diosanjoaquin.org)



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## ***Vibrant Belief***

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.

—Madeleine L'Engle, *The Rock That Is Higher*

## *Financial Report for February 2023*

	Jan-23	Feb-23
Operating		
Income:	18,963.00	12,433.93
Facility Use:	7,050.00	7,950.00
Fundraisers:	0.00	257.66
Outreach:	0.00	
Restricted		
Income:	1,491.00	825.00
Total		
Income:	27,504.00	21,466.59
Expenses:	24,879.51	22,614.41
Net		
Income/loss	2,624.49	-1,147.82

## *Check Out Our Web Page!*

Our web page has been redesigned!. Zoe Statzer has done an amazing job in redoing St. Paul's webpage. It is still in the same place and it looks wonderful!

Thank you Zoe!!!



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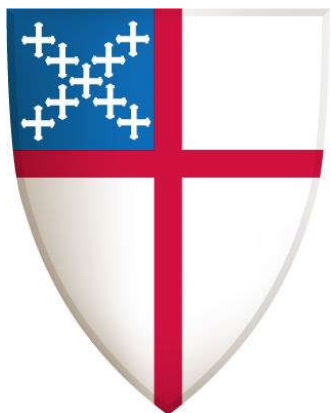


## *Sharing the Load*

In 1969 the Hollies released “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother.” Do you know the story behind that song title?

Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan’s Home for Boys, predecessor to the Boys Town organization. Soon several older residents started carrying young Howard — with his heavy leg braces — especially up stairs. Father Flanagan once saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it was hard work. Reuben replied, “He ain’t heavy, Father. He’s my brother.” Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

All of us have been “carried” at some point, and we’ve likely “carried” someone else. The Hollies’ song declares: “His welfare is my concern.” Jesus said it this way: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The load isn’t too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.



*Vickie's Confirmation*

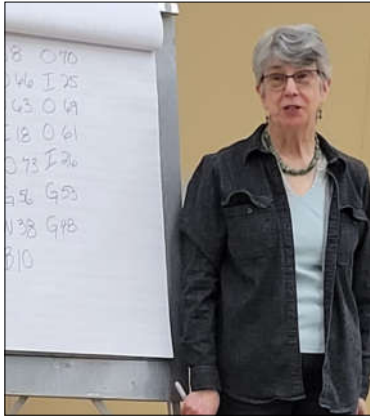


*St. Paul's new Vestry*

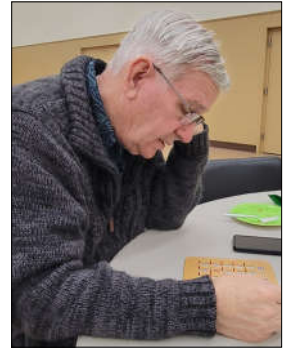




Luis Martinez invited the Knit 1 Pray 2 group to Denair high school to demonstrate knitting to the students during their supporting mental health day. Elaine Paradis was the teacher and Gayle Ivy was there to assist. Terrance Goodpasture and Sarah Hartmann were the support team. It was a wonderful afternoon.

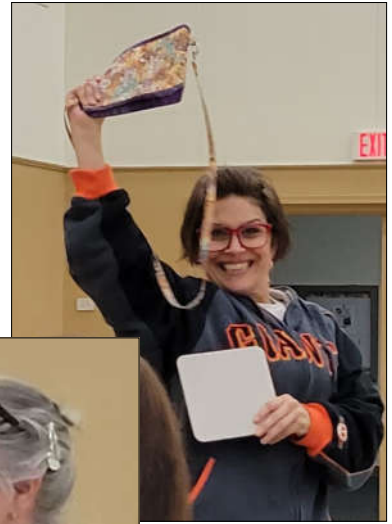


We had so  
**MUCH**  
**FUN!!!**



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## ***BINGO Game Night***

The first (maybe annual.....maybe.....) Bingo game was enjoyed by twenty-two lucky people, Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Admission was free with canned goods for Interfaith Ministries. Once again, the people of St. Paul's showed their generosity with 4 big bags and boxes of non-

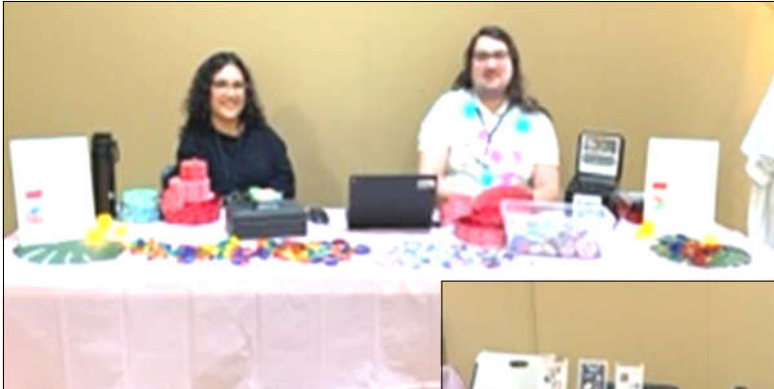
perishable items to help stock the shelves at Interfaith Ministries.

Food provided by attendees included a variety of appetizers and desserts. Not only are we generous, but we know how to cook well. Many also contributed fun and useful prizes, delighting those who spent their evening together.

Special thanks to all who helped make this first game night a success-set-up, baking, cooking, calling the numbers, providing prizes, and clean-up. Watch for information about another fun-filled evening!



# Spring Fling Dance





# ***CO2 Emission Reduction***

Thought for the Month of April

Within the foreseeable future, the internet will be the biggest source of pollution on earth. Internet use is leaving a larger ecological footprint than we think: its CO2-emissions are 1,5 larger than those of air traffic.

Half of this carbon footprint comes from the internet users, the other half from the network and data centers. With the following tips, you can considerably reduce your impact.

## **Optimize your email usage**

- ◆ Monitor the size of the e-mails you send: reduce the size of your attachments or compress them.
- ◆ Do not forward chain mail, petitions, humorous images, fakes, hoaxes and other rumors.
- ◆ Do not send replies such as "OK" or "Thank you!"
- ◆ Regularly delete emails that have been dealt with, and don't forget to empty the bin.
- ◆ Unsubscribe from newsletters you don't read.

Chuck Sheaffer, Care of Creation representative



## ***Concerned About Falling***

Healthy Aging is presenting a course, every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am April 4 through May 23.

The eight week course will help you learn to reduce fears about falling. There will be small group discussions and a session with a physical therapist. Space is limited to 12 older adults. For more information or to register, please call Healthy Aging Association at 209-525-4670.

## ***Volunteers Needed***

I am looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, readers and ushers on Sunday's. If you are interested, PLEASE let me know! Think about making a commitment for just one Sunday a month. - Jeni



## *Meetings, News and Needs*

- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- ☞ Paint and Succulents Day - Want to create something beautiful for all seasons? Need help or encouragement with painting and planting? In June come paint a flower pot guided by a local artist and fill it with lovely succulent plants while learning about them. All materials will be included to decorate the pot and finish it with a variety of plants. More details to come, including the date and time.
- ☞ Mark your calendars the Halloween party is back! October 28th. More information to come but this will give you some time to start planning your costume.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative)
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for the Shower Shuttle, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with the food giveaway the first Wednesday of each month please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners please contact Linda Lowe
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two please contact Gayle Ivy

## *Recipe from BINGO Night*

If you were at BINGO Night and were lucky enough to pick up one (or more) of Linda's DELICIOUS Fruit Preserve bars, maybe you were thinking the same thing as me, and that would be, "I want that recipe!"

Linda was kind enough to send it to me and here it is for all of you .

### Fruit Preserves Almond Squares

#### Base:

1 box yellow cake mix with pudding included  
½ cup butter, melted  
½ cup finely chopped almonds

Middle: 1 cup fruit preserves (apricot, blackberry, or other)

#### Filling:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
¼ cup sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 egg  
1/3 cup fruit preserves  
½ cup flaked coconut

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, generously grease a 9x13 baking pan.
2. Combine cake mix and butter at low speed until crumbly. Stir in chopped almonds. Reserve 1 cup mixture for filling.
3. Press remaining base mixture in bottom of prepared pan.
4. Carefully spread 1 cup preserves over base.
5. In the same bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, flour, salt, vanilla and egg until well mixed. Blend in 1/3 cup preserves at low speed. Carefully spread filling mixture over base.
6. Combine reserved base mixture and coconut. Sprinkle over filling.
7. Bake for 30-40 minutes until golden brown and set in the center.

Cool completely and refrigerate. Cut into bars after a few hours.



We have a box at the altar railing for donations to help the Easter Bunny collect all the necessary goodies for our Easter Egg Hunt this year. The Easter Bunny is in need of wrapped candy, stickers and little toys that will fit in the eggs. You can also contribute monetarily if you wish.

We will celebrate Easter on April 9th and will be purchasing lilies to have at the altar. If you would like to donate a lily in honor of, or in remembrance of a loved one or event, please let Jeni, in the church office know. Your donation can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark it “for lilies”



### *Missing Birthdays*

I’ve noticed, when I’m working on the Epistle, that I am missing many members birthdays. If you have been going to St. Paul’s for a while and have seen your birthday listed in the Epistle, no need to worry, I have your dates. If you started attending in the last 3 or 4 years, then I probably don’t have your birthday or anniversary dates. It is nice as a church family to be able to celebrate these special days, so please send me an email message ([cbshea@pacbell.net](mailto:cbshea@pacbell.net)) with your dates, or catch me sometime after church, because I would love to be able to enter your names in the Epistle so we can all celebrate your special days with you!



Thanks, Cherie Sheaffer

# Kid's Page

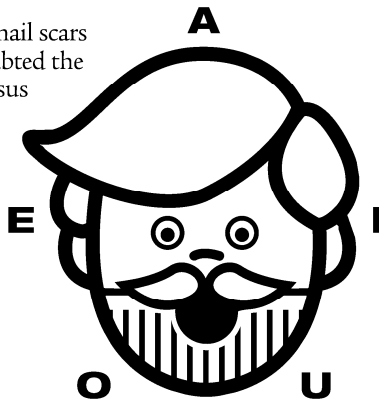


## SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

**Directions:**

Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete  
John 20:29, NIV.



"B \_ c \_ \_ s \_ \_ y \_ \_ h \_ v \_ s \_ \_ n m \_ ,  
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**JOHN 20:29, NIV**

# Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



**What you need:**

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

**What you do:**

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV



**Michael B. Curry**, our Presiding Bishop  
**David Rice**, our Bishop & **Anna Carmichael**, our Canon

**Armed Forces**



**Tom Allen**, Wyoming Air National Guard  
**Melissa Allen**, U. S. Air Force  
**Brandon Alonzo**, U. S. Air Force  
**Christopher Bradley**, U. S. Navy  
**T. J. Browning**, U. S. Navy  
**Jay Colón**, U. S. Air Force  
**Brandon Cox**, Texas Air National Guard

**Cheryl Edelman**, U. S. Army  
**Jenavieve Johnston**, U. S. Air Force  
**Jorgito Fuentes**, U. S. Navy  
**Johnny Olmos**, U. S. Coast Guard  
**Cole Medeiros**, U. S. Navy  
**Nate Wallace**, U. S. Air Force R  
**Carson Repan**, U. S. Air Force

If you have any updates or new names for the Armed Forces list, please let Cherie Sheaffer know.

*Please pray for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ.*

*God of wisdom and love, help me and all others who are struggling with difficult circumstances find direction and strength to face our challenges. Give us the assurance that underneath us are your everlasting arms, which will sustain us through everything we face day and night. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

*April Birthdays*

Rosalie Carmody - 7  
Gayle Ivy - 7  
Zoe Statzer - 11  
Amy Su - 11  
Céili Jeanne West - 18  
Theresa Grieshaber - 21  
Silmia Thorn-Sermeno - 30



*April Anniversaries*

Mary & Andy Su - 16

If your birthday or anniversary is in April and you aren't listed here, please let Cherie Sheaffer know. We don't want to leave anyone out.

# Upcoming Events



Church office hours  
By appointment only.

- Apr 2-9 Holy Week
- Apr 2 Palm Sunday
- Apr 6 Maundy Thursday
- Apr 7 Good Friday
- Apr 8 Easter Vigil at St. Francis, Turlock 7pm
- Apr 9 Easter Sunday
- Apr 9 Easter Egg Hunt, after the service
- Apr 26 Administrative Professional's Day
- Apr 29 Love Modesto
- May 14 Salvation Army Shelter Dinner

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