

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



September Issue

August 31 2023

On the rare occasions I've been at home this spring and summer I'm able to sit on our back patio for Morning Prayer enjoying the singing of the birds, the waterfalls of our pond, and the koi fish who are usually still asleep, hardly moving.

We've been blessed over the years with a prolific number of koi, having given away over 150 fish to various places. Even so, we still have more than 30 fish cruising our pond. I don't know the exact number because they keep moving as I try to count them. (Something in the numbers part of my mind finds that rather disjuncting.)

This spring we gave four of our fish away to friends, but after the recent spawning we've counted 5 or 6 more new fry zipping around amongst their bigger cousins (or are they parents?).

The colors of our koi are pleasing to the eye. They range from an inky blue to all white, all orange, and some with spots and coverings of various colors. When you watch them enough you notice individual characteristics that are comical. Some like to play with stones, extracting algae from the surfaces, while others climb up on the planters looking for an extra treat. For those who've ever had aquariums, watching fish swim about has a calming effect (that, incidentally, lowers blood pressure!).

As I was watching the fish, I wondered if God watches us in a similar manner. We are many diverse colors, with many different characteristics, and

yet all precious in the eyes of the caretaker.

This month we remember the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington, DC, where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared God's Continuing Dream. Dr. King said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

This remembrance of the March for Justice contrasted with the harsh reality of continuing racism in our country. Another news report emerged of a young, disturbed white man walking into a Dollar General Store in Jacksonville, FL, and commencing to murder people for no other reason than the color of their skin: Angela Michelle Carr, 52, a grandmother, who was working as an Uber driver; Anolt Joseph Laguerre Jr., 19, who had just graduated high school; and Jerrald De'Shaun Gallion, 29, a father with a young daughter.

All of these people were working to support their families yet were murdered by a young white man who was consumed by an evil hatred of others.

It's easy, in these times of mass-marketed evil, to become despairing and dejected in the face of these tragedies. Yet this is the same evil Jesus faced in his time, and which led to his execution. On Easter Sunday, though, and on every Sunday, hope is re-born with the promise that God will eventually set things right. This doesn't



mean we should just sit back and shake our heads. If we have the hope of Christ, then we have the love of Christ. And if we have the love of Christ, we are meant to carry that love out into the world seeing all the variety of people around us as God's precious children. As St. Paul says, faith, hope, and love are the greatest of gifts. Sometimes just a warm smile and "Hello" can make a difference for those who feel alone. How do you share your gifts?

Peace,

Deacon Greg



Have You Considered Being an Acolyte?



Since the time of Christ, acolytes have been an important part of a Christian service from torch lighting, processional cross carrying, and assisting the priests in preparing the communion table.

Having an active roll in the worship services is not only fun but also a richly rewarding experience that will stay with you for your entire life.

To anyone interested in becoming an acolyte, we are holding an initial meeting following church on Sunday September 10. We will essentially go over details including a schedule of training, etc.

If you have any questions or are interested and can't attend please contact Nancy Silva at nnsilvalcs@gmail.com or Niniv Tamimi at ninivtamimi@sbcglobal.net.

Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's 2023

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION

The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, September 9th, at Modesto's Graceada Park. Registration will begin at 8 am, Opening Ceremony at 9 am, with the Walk starting at 9:30. The 1-mile circuit goes around Graceada

and Enslin Parks. The 3-mile circuit starts along the parks, goes out the Virginia Corridor to Roseburg Square and back to Graceada Park.

The Walk is a free event but also a fundraiser. Funds are used to assist persons experiencing dementia, their caregivers, and the research needed to find better treatments and the cure for Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia. Donations to the "Stan Seniors and Lady's Friends" Team may be made through this link:

[2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Modesto, CA: Ms. Linda Lowe | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

While supplies last, a 16 oz. jar of Linda's Mixed Berry Jam is available for a donation of \$10. Cash and checks made to the Alzheimer's Association accepted for jam and to support the Modesto Walk.

For more information, contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937, or lwlowe@outlook.com.



Commission on Ministry, Day of Discernment

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023

Have you ever wondered what the Church means when she speaks about discernment? As a Christian, do you reflect on how you might be called to serve God's kingdom and his people? Do you have questions about ordination, what it means and how it happens? If so, the *Day of Discernment* is for you. This event is sponsored annually by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and is a time to explore and reflect on these questions. Also, if you are discerning a vocation to the ordained ministry, the *Day of Discernment* is the first official step in the process of discernment.

The next Day of Discernment is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 9th, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. We will meet at St. James' Cathedral (4147 E. Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726) and all participants will need to register by Sept 1. You may register by emailing Fr. Luis Rodriguez at frluis@stpaulsbak.org. He will get back to you with further details. You may also contact him if you have any questions.

Blessed With Work

In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, "No, dear, that's okay. I'm blessed with work."

Here's a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour.

Although this snippet had little to do with the movie's plot, I've always remembered Marty's words. But I don't think I've ever claimed to be "blessed with work." By contrast, I often sigh as I'm dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, "To enjoy your work . . . is indeed a gift from God." In what ways are you "blessed with work"? —Janna Firestone

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& BLESSED

LODI'S FIRST
**MULTICULTURAL
FOOD TRUCK
FESTIVAL**



Saturday, October 21st 2023
11:00 am to 6:00 pm
1055 S Sacramento St
Lodi, CA 95240



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of St. John the Baptist
www.stjohnsoflodi.org

***Information from St. John's
Episcopal Church, Lodi***

St. John's Lodi - Fall Study Series

St. John's Episcopal Church in Lodi will be having a Fall Study Series titled Columbus and Us: It's Complicated. The first speaker will be Deacon Tom Hampson. The other two speakers are David Stuart and Tina Campbell. Please review the PDF file that I am attaching to the Epistle. The file will give you all the dates and times, locations and a review of each speaker and topic. Sorry but there isn't room to put it all in our Epistle. - Cherie

**CREATION CARE
NATIVE PLANT PRESENTATION**



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 AT 12:00 -1:00 P.M.
@ ST JOHN'S LODI
1055 S. LOWER SACRAMENTO RD**



Salvation Army Shelter Dinner, Sep 24

The next time that the Salvation Army Dinner Team will cook and serve dinner at the Shelter in downtown Modesto will be Sunday, September 24th. The menu has not been determined but will undoubtedly include chocolate chip cookies and milk. This may be the chance to provide a hearty casserole, steamed vegies, and green salad to accompany the favorite dessert items. All ideas are gratefully considered! We continue to serve 120-140 guests and staff, regardless of the weather.

For the team, meeting the people and providing delicious meals that are appreciated, is a great blessing. Please contact [Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937](mailto:LindaLowe@outlook.com) or lwlowe@outlook.com for more information.

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

September Ministry Schedule

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Nancy S Christine J	Judy T Steph HW	Joyce B Sarah H	Barbara V Ann M
Intercessor	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B
Greeters	Christine J Ishmael H	Sarah H Carolyn L	Ishmael H Phil M	Sarah H Christine J
Ushers	Phil M		Phil M	David L
Vestry Rep	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B

Vegetable Garden!



On Sunday September the 17th right after the service, we will be planting vegetables in our newly created vegetable garden on the south side of the church. We would like to invite our youth to help with the planting. If you have questions or would like to help, please call Chuck Sheaffer at 209-765-1214.

Priest Search Update

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Vestry/Search Committee. Cn. Anna and Bishop David are acutely aware of the need for a new priest to be called to St. Paul's. They are actively pursuing their connections and using the available sites to promote the ministry opportunity that exists in Modesto and with St. Paul's. The process has many parts to it, and the Vestry/Search Committee members appreciate everyone's patience as those parts are worked out. Please continue to pray, including this prayer from our Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Value of Solid Relationships



“Most of life's great moments — the ones that resonate in our hearts and minds — involve other people,” writes John C. Maxwell in *Today Matters*. “Rarely do we experience these times alone. And even when we do, our first inclination is to share them with others.”

Maxwell then poses this challenge: “Think back to the most important experiences of your life, the highest highs, the greatest victories, the most daunting obstacles overcome. How many happened to you alone? I bet there are very few. When you understand that being connected to others is one of life's greatest joys, you realize that life's best comes when you initiate and invest in solid relationships.”



Meetings, News and Needs

- ☉ If you feel called to give to the crisis in Maui, we have put the Episcopal Relief Fund information on our website, saintpaulsmoesto.org. Please pray for the survivors, families that have lost loved ones, for the rescue workers and all involved in this tragedy!
- ☉ The Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's will be on Saturday, Sept 9. If you are interested in participating or supporting, please contact Linda Lowe for information
- ☉ Rev. Kathie Galicia has offered to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Day of Discernment.
- ☉ If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- ☉ 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.
- ☉ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☉ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- ☉ Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ☉ If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- ☉ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☉ 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.
- ☉ 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.
- ☪ There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☪ If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson jthork2404@aol.com



Listen to the Loving Voice

Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. That is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

“I came,” says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, “that [you] may have life and have it abundantly” (v. 10, NRSV). —Heidi Hyland Mann



Our Annual Parish Picnic

A huge thank you to Sarah Hartmann and the Stewardship Committee for the fun and delicious picnic, Sunday, August 27th. The weather was perfect-warm and a little breezy, lovely for late August. The food was true picnic fare-hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, fruit, finger vegies, and the best part.....root beer floats!

The raffle prizes were awarded to John Ewing and Chuck Sheaffer. Everyone took home lovely succulent plants in mini-planters, a means to remind everyone that the theme for the Stewardship Campaign is "Rooted in Abundance". A wide variety of tempting desserts were auctioned, providing lasting memories of a great afternoon.

A great time was had by all!



Our Winner!





Vestry Re-Cap, August 2023

The Vestry met via Zoom, Thursday, Aug 24th. Here's a brief re-cap of items discussed:

- ◇ The Minutes for the July Vestry Meeting were approved.
- ◇ The Profit and Loss Statement for June 2023 was approved as presented. Due to continuing generous support from the congregation and careful use of resources, all obligations continue to be met.
- ◇ Junior Warden's Report: One wall in the priest's restroom needs to be repaired. Carolyn List and Vickie Winchester will report on the repair next month.
- ◇ Due to recurring issues in the front parking lot, and driveway behind the parish hall, a plan was approved to install chains across the entrances to the front parking lot, and signs marking the driveway behind the parish hall as private property. The chains will be opened for all services and events in the church and be closed when the church is not in use.
- ◇ Plans for new pew cards/envelopes are progressing. These will replace the Guest Book as the means to provide the opportunity for new parishioners to supply contact information. Current parishioners may also use them to convey needs or prayer requests.
- ◇ Events
 1. Sarah Hartmann reported on the plans for the Parish Picnic, Sunday, August 27th.
 2. Fundraiser-Raffle tickets are currently available for a prize to be awarded at the Parish Picnic.
 3. Dessert Auction-Part of the Parish Picnic.
 4. Nancy Silva and Niniv Tamimi will conduct the Acolyte Organizing Meeting, Sunday, September 10th, after the service.
 5. St. Paul's and MoPride will be sponsoring a Halloween Party, in the Parish Hall, October 28th. Vickie Winchester volunteered to assist with the plans.

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6. Annual Diocesan Convention, November 10-11, at ECCO. Delegates include Claudine Romegialli, Vickie Winchester, and Sarah Hartmann. The Deanery meetings will be announced soon. Chuck Sheaffer will be providing the music for the Convention. All other members are welcome to attend-check out the information on the Diocesan website. <https://www.diosanjoaquin.org>.

◆ Help Needed

1. Assistant needed for the weekly Livestream of the Services-contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937.
2. Coffee Hour - Look for announcements about regular and special Coffee Hours
3. Sunday School helpers needed-contact Chuck Sheaffer for details.
4. The annual Cookie Walk will be December 9 & 10. Contact Linda Lowe for details and to help, 209-496-3937.

Please continue to pray for the Vestry/Search Committee.



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, <https://www.diosanjoaquin.org>. The “Friday Reflection” is available through the “News and Resources” link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your in-box, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.



Prayer and Praise

as of 8-27-2023

Praise and Thanksgiving For:

☞ The **Munroe's** as their health is improving, please continue praying for healing and comfort.

☞ **James Himes** (Christine Jayne's Son), his vision has shown improvement, please contin-

ue to pray for healing.

☞ **Ralph**, Linda Lowe's brother, for the work that God has done in his life.

☞ **Craig Persons** for the success of his surgery, please pray for healing, comfort, strength and peace.

Please Pray for Healing and Comfort for:

☞ **Alexander**, Kathie Galicia's newborn grandson, who has pneumonia.

☞ **Paige Cano** that her second eye surgery was successful and for healing, comfort and peace.

☞ **Neil**, Rev Lyn's brother that he will be well enough to come home from the hospital, and for a full recovery

☞ **Stephanie Gilmer** for recovery from Covid.

☞ **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** for healing, comfort, strength and peace. Please pray that his medical team will be able to stop his internal bleeding during his surgery on the 8th. Pray for his recovery and healing.

☞ **Canon Anna** for healing, comfort and peace as she recuperates.

☞ **Celina Bridges**, friend of Sarah Hartmann, Ellen and Joyce Bell. Please pray for continued healing, comfort, strength and courage. Celina's surgery went very well and she is recuperating.

☞ **Ulli**, friend of Doug and Allison Cox, as he had to have an additional operation today as the previous operation did not stop the brain bleed. Please pray for a successful operation and that the surgeons are able to stop the bleed. Please pray for his family and friends for healing, comfort, peace and strength.

☞ **Christine Judd**, prayers for continued healing, comfort, strength and

peace.

- ✧ **Robin Magenot**, Deacon George and Paige's daughter, for healing, comfort and strength.
- ✧ **Suzu Cano** for healing, comfort, strength, and peace.
- ✧ **Sarah Manfredoni**, Deacon George and Paige's, great-grandson's mother, healing, strength, courage and peace. Please pray for the family for loving support.
- ✧ **Theresa Norling-Doede**, Deacon George and Paige's friend, for healing, strength, courage, comfort and peace as she faces a new illness. Pray for the Cano family as they need strength as they pray for Theresa.
- ✧ **Joan Miller** (St. Francis Parishioner) please prayer for healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through treatment.
- ✧ **Susan Sell**, please prayer for healing, comfort, strength and guidance as she faces medical challenges.
- ✧ **Ann Mootz's sister-in-law** for endurance, strength and a complete recovery. Please pray for peace for her family and friends.
- ✧ **Elaine Paradis**, please pray for continuing healing and strength.
- ✧ **Carol Collier**, please pray for continuing healing and comfort.
- ✧ **Darla** for permanent housing and healing, peace, comfort and guidance.
- ✧ **Theresa Grieshaber** as she awaits surgery on September 22.
- ✧ **Bonnie Palmer** for her healing, comfort and strength.
- ✧ **Aunt Mudge**, Linda Lowe's Blessed Aunt, she shredded a muscle and will be going to a rehabilitation facility to heal.
- ✧ **Al Spina**, husband of Kim Gerber Spina and Nell Gerber's son-in-law. He has been diagnosed with severe health issues. Please pray for healing, strength, courage, peace and patience and prayers for his family.
- ✧ The people of **Ukraine** for peace and healing.
- ✧ The people of **Hawaii**, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui. See info under Meetings, News and Needs for how you can help.
- ✧ Pray for the **leaders of all nations** for wisdom.



Instruments of Connection

Following Jesus involves much more than attending worship, as Pastor Stan Purdum points out in a sermon titled “The Hug”:

“The spiritual life, in addition to some outwardly religious and inwardly devotional acts, also includes such mundane activities as sending thank-you notes for gifts received, returning phone calls, greeting fellow worshipers Sunday after Sunday, surprising our spouse with a spontaneous act of appreciation, helping out at funeral dinners, seeking common ground during disagreements, listening to our children, working at not being a grouch, visiting friends and relatives and, perhaps, even sending an electronic hug. All those things are instruments of connection. The spiritual aspect is the intentionality behind them.”

*Who, Me? Yes, **You!***

The Bible is filled with people who don’t feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he’s doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: “When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the ‘I don’t care’ blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: ‘And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’” (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. “God always has his person,” he writes, also citing the book of Esther. “When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work.”

Lucado continues: “[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you.”

Financial Report for July 2023

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Operating							
Income:	18,963.00	12,433.93	15,679.90	16,643.04	18,284.34	13,785.17	16,571.41
Facility Use:	7,050.00	7,950.00	10,900.00	6,000.00	6,300.00	6,000.00	7,380.00
Fundraisers:	0.00	257.66	0.00	0.00	72.44	573.80	193.00
Outreach:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted							
Income:	1,491.00	825.00	864.00	810.00	932.24	780.00	705.01
Total							
Income:	27,504.00	21,466.59	27,443.90	23,453.04	25,589.02	21,138.97	24,849.41
Expenses:	24,879.51	22,614.41	34,779.36	26,551.43	18,484.40	19,787.42	24,520.33
Net							
Income/loss:	2,624.49	-1,147.82	-7,335.46	-3,098.39	7,104.62	1,351.55	329.08

Thank
You



The stewardship and picnic planning committee want to thank everyone for coming to our parish picnic last Sunday. We all had a great time out on the lawn enjoying the delicious food and tasty root beer floats. Our stewardship theme for this year “Rooted in Abundance” was on clear display last

week with our wonderful fellowship and the amazing time and talent of all of those who helped behind the scenes to make the picnic happen.



Kid's Page



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.



What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

Sunday School is Starting October First

Starting Sunday, October 1st, in-person Sunday school for our youth, elementary through high School will resume. The youth are invited to gather in the Sunday School room, inside the main sanctuary after the processional hymn. They will return to the regular service during the offertory hymn.

We will need two adult volunteers to lead the Sunday School each week. Please let Chuck Sheaffer know if you are willing to help. You can call at 209-765-1214 or email cbshea@pacbell.net. All volunteers will be required to take the safeguarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions.



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 like our vegetable garden.





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.*

September Birthdays

Hennie Van Konynenburg - 7
Diane Keller - 13
Barbara Vassell - 15
Maggie Su - 21
Pal Cassagio - 22
Bob Jensen - 23



September Anniversaries

Chuck & Cherie Sheaffer - 9
Bob & Clare Jensen - 25

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



September 2023						
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Church office hours
By appointment only.

- Sept 3 Stanislaus Food Initiative Sunday (former Interfaith Ministries)
- Sept 4 Labor Day
- Sept 6 Food Distribution
- Sept 9 Day of Discernment
- Sept 9 Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Sept 10 Acolyte Training
- Sept 10 National Grandparent's Day
- Sept 11 Patriot Day
- Sept 15 - Oct 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept 18 Knit 1 Pray 2
- Sept 23 First day of Autumn
- Sept 24 Salvation Army Dinner
- Oct 1 Sunday School starts



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Holy Eucharist at 10 am in the church
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