



Saint Michael Herald

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

July 2006

Dear friends,

Our diocese has a program of mutual support for new clergy called Fresh Start. We meet about once a month to discuss issues we face as clergy called to new ministries. At the meeting in May, I was struck by the great gifts that God has given the clergy in the group. Bishop Jerry Lamb was there, along with Bishop-elect Barry Beisner, and Dean Brian Baker of Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento.

There was a wonderful feeling of energy and excitement about the new thing God is doing in this diocese. We have a bishop and a bishop-elect who are both compassionate and deeply committed to serving God in this diocese. The new parish clergy bring wonderful gifts to the ministry of the diocese. God has wonderful things in store for us as the ministries of the diocese blossom and bear fruit.

I was also struck by the excitement surrounding the election of our new Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori. I have heard Bishop Jefferts Schori preach, and I know that she is a remarkable leader, a charismatic preacher, and a compassionate, reconciling, and warm person. I know that she is the right person to lead our church at this time, and I thank God that the House of Bishops elected her. God has wonderful things in store for us in the ministries of our national church.

I was also struck by the excitement in our own parish as we discussed the visions and ideas for the parish at the Vision Forum on June 11. Eighty-five ideas were submitted in response to my question: *If resources were unlimited, what would you like to see our church doing over the next three years?* Those

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who attended the Vision Forum selected goals to consider for 2006 and 2007. I have included those goals, with the goals in bold italics that the group thought were most important. God is doing wonderful things here in this parish.

The Vestry also had a great work session with the Rev. Eric Duff on June 17. He led us through a discussion of our goals, and we selected 5 goals to focus on for the coming year. These are goals that we can accomplish, and that will lead our parish into new and exciting ministry. God has wonderful things in store for us in our community.

God has blessed us as individuals and as a church with great gifts. We are blessed with our tradition, with our liturgy, with our elders, and with our youth. We are blessed with new leaders who bring new energy, ideas, and excitement to the work of reconciliation in the world. We are blessed in this parish with new ideas, and new energy to accomplish them. The spirit is moving. Christ is alive in us. God has wonderful things in store for us. Praise be to God!

Your brother in Christ,
Bill+

Installation Service for the new Rector

Please keep on your calendars the date for the institution service for our Rector, Father Bill. The service will be August 5, 2006, at 11:00 AM, with a reception afterwards at the church.



VESTRY NEWS

At the annual retreat on August 17th, the Vestry

- 1) selected goals for the coming year, which are listed in this newsletter (page 5).
- 2) appointed Frank Engelhardt to fill out the term of Mary Ann Shols, who resigned at the April Vestry meeting.

from the Senior Warden

Hello again! My husband and I just returned from a wonderful auto trip --a loop really--which included visits to relatives in South Dakota and Illinois. We attended church in Fort Bridger, Wyoming and at St Paul's in Springfield, IL. But, it was good to be home and see so many of you in church Sunday morning!

Some of those people are new or visitors. This time of year we see many new faces in "our" pews. Please remember to go up to those people after church and introduce yourself and find out about them and their needs (which we can perhaps meet). Have them fill out a visitor card...or if they are new and local there are golden colored newcomer sheets to fill out near the door of the Sacristy.

Ahead of us is a great opportunity: Father Bill's installation as Rector here. At this time we will be able to display St Michael's to its best advantage to visiting clergy and local people. This will not just be about Father Bill, but about the renewal of church life at St Michael and Angels and the commitment of each of us to our church. Plans are already in the making. Join in and help!

A message that awaited me after our trip is that Father Bill has accepted my resignation as Senior Warden. I am returning to some of the commitments I had before January 2005 plus able to work in new programs. I have enjoyed wearing the Senior Warden pin and helping the parish through interesting times this past year and a half. Please support the next Senior Warden as you have supported me. I am very aware of my shortcomings of not writing the thank you notes I should ...So here goes: thank you; THANK YOU; Thank You. You all said "yes" and "okay" and "I will" so many times to me. You are a great bunch of people. Thanks especially for the prayers for me and for the Vestry and the calling process. Thank you!!!!

Sandi Smith

GOALS FOR 2006

Goals for St. Michael's from the Parish Vision Forum June 11

(The most important goals from the forum are in bold italics)

1. *Be a church where everyone is safe, welcomed, and included, their gifts are honored and developed, and where servant ministry is modeled*
2. *Budget for a paid organist*
3. *Offer parenting classes for parents of infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and elementary students*
4. Offer Education for Ministry class for lay ministers
5. Begin Godly Play Sunday School for children through 3rd grade
6. Begin dinner gatherings of 8 to 10 people for food and fellowship
7. Begin monthly potlucks with programs or activities for all ages
8. Offer Bible study/prayer small groups for whole parish
9. Begin a St. Michael's Fourth Day group

Produce a pamphlet about the church for the brochure racks at local hotels.

Do you have a "green thumb"? **C**



. . . or a "brown glove"?
. . . or whatever you call the desire to help beautify our parish grounds.

Saturday, July 8th will be our next Landscaping Gathering.

Please make plans to join us. We are all anxious to see our long awaited dreams for the new area between Larsen and Townsend Halls a reality!

Mark your calendar and come over for couple of hours of clean fun and dirty hands.

Saturday, July 8th 9 AM. – Noon

HELP WANTED!!!

Do you love to look through old photos and historical documents? St. Michael's needs your help! Father Bill and the office volunteers are sorting through files and cubbies around the church, trying to consolidate all our parish files. Many of our files are outdated documents that can be thrown out, but hidden among those are some historical treasures. The thing is, we need someone with an interest in preserving history to sort through those documents and organize them. If you are interested, please let the office staff know.

Vestry Goals for 2006

FROM THE VESTRY RETREAT AT ANNIE DICKSON'S HOUSE JUNE 17, 2006

- I- Have a successful Stewardship Program
 - 1. Focus on year round stewardship education
 - 2. Emphasize proportional giving rather than a dollar goal.
 - 3. Stewardship goal: 70 households commit on average 4% of income

Timing:

- 1. Kick off dinner and celebration on St. Michael's Day (Sept. 29)
- 2. Educate between now and September
 - a. Produce a flier about church
 - b. Include information on proportional giving
 - c. Training for callers in September
 - d. Conclude program with budget complete by Dec. 3
- II. Create Worship Committee
 - Timing: First meeting in early July
 - 1. Plan the Institution of the new Rector service for Aug 5
 - 2. Meet at least seasonally
 - a. Plan music and worship liturgy
 - b. Broaden the type of music ministries
 - c. Propose changes to worship schedule
 - d. Consider Taize, rock & other non-traditional services
 - e. Involve children more broadly in worship of church
- III. Start monthly parish potlucks
 - 1. Potlucks will be primarily for fun and fellowship
 - 2. Activities might include Hymn sing or speakers
 - Timing: Committee to meet by August, 1st potluck in September
- IV. Create Outreach committee
 - Timing: First meeting by the end of June
 - 1. Decide how to spend \$1200 per year for outreach
 - 2. Determine outreach needs of the community
 - 3. Organize parish outreach activities – eg: sack lunches on Saturdays
 - 4. Help schedule speakers on outreach
- V. Develop youth and children ministry
 - 1. Begin Godly Play Sunday School program in September
 - 2. Make recommendation to Vestry on use of buildings for youth ministry by September 1

Implement program for faith development in families – 1st session by December 31st.

GOALS FOR 2007

1. *Call a music minister to lead vibrant and varied music ministry*
 2. *Commit at least 0.7 % of our parish budget for global poverty relief*
 3. *Start an after school program for middle school students*
 4. *Begin monthly youth nights*
 5. *Select a 3rd world community for child sponsorships and other aid*
 6. *Invite speakers from charitable organizations*
 7. *Build a play structure/climbing wall in the courtyard*
 8. *Offer workshop on wills, trusts, power of attorney*
 9. Coordinate charity projects with local congregations
 10. Spend more for missions than on building
 11. Install French doors/windows on north side Larsen Hall
 12. Build partition wall, paint church office
 13. Finish courtyard landscaping project
 14. Bring meals to members who are experiencing a crisis in their lives
 15. Provide meals for the homeless with Trinity Lutheran
 16. Serve at Hospitality House or Project Sanctuary once each month.
 17. Form adult and youth choirs
 18. Pair up newcomers with parishioners for fun and fellowship
 19. Sandwich board sign out on street with programs and announcements
 20. Provide a variety of Christian Education offerings for adults
 21. Update parish website with current and timely information
 22. Pay off the arrears in apportionment to the diocese
 23. Welcome and integrate Latinos into the local and parish community
 24. Provide Big Brother/Big Sisters mentors for children of incarcerated parents
 25. Sponsor counseling, tutoring, art and music classes for foster kids, Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
 26. Become involved in community planning for disasters
- Become involved in support of community-based non-profit support system for children, elders, and families

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ELECTS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDING BISHOP

The Episcopal Church, 30 years after it allowed women to become priests and bishops, has elected a woman as its Presiding Bishop. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 52, bishop of Nevada, was elected on the fifth ballot June 18 by her colleagues in the House of Bishops from a slate of seven nominees. The House of Deputies confirmed the election the same day, as is required by church law. The election took place during the church's 75th General Convention, meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The 26th Presiding Bishop-elect will be the first woman to hold the top post in the church's nearly 400-year history. Her nine year term officially begins November 1; she will be invested and seated November 4 during a liturgy at Washington National Cathedral. She will succeed Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold.

An airplane pilot and former oceanographer, Jefferts Schori addressed deputies and visitors who gathered in the Columbus Convention Center in both Spanish and English. She thanked the other nominees and emphasized her passion for mission. She also offered a vision of reconciliation and actualization of the reign of God.

The Presiding Bishop-elect's vision to lead the church comes out of the prophet Isaiah's vision of the reign of God and

as eradicating poverty and hunger.

"The poor are fed, the good news is preached, those who are ostracized and in prison are set free, the blind receive sight," Jefferts Schori said June 18 during a news conference following her election.

The committee charged with nominating bishops for the position issued a call for nominees in March 2004. It said the church was seeking bishops who are "intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, living out their lives in the Spirit and articulating zeal for the Gospel."

The Presiding Bishop is the key leader in articulating the vision and mission of the church, and assessing its work, as well as advocates for social justice in this country and in the world. The Presiding Bishop "will lead us into the reality of a multicultural church," the committee said.

As our chief pastor, the Presiding Bishop is our chief preacher and liturgical leader, and oversees the pastoral care and spiritual wellness of bishops.

The Presiding Bishop is a leader in the Anglican Communion and in this role takes the title of Primate, from the Latin for leader. The Primate works to improve the human condition and works toward the reconciliation of all persons as we live out the Gospel.

From NewsLink, by Episcopal News Service
Information on the election Presiding Bishop and other General Convention news:
www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/gc2006news/



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The Episcopal Diocese
of Northern California

Fr. Bill Osborne, Rector
The Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb, Bishop

What's happening at St. Michaels



Landscaping Workparty	9:00 AM-NOON	July 8 th
St. Veronica's Guild Luncheon	NOON	July 17 th
INSTALLATION OF NEW RECTOR Reception to follow	11 AM	August 5 th

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July Birthdays

2-Jun Holly Skinner
5-Jun Joyce Dempsey
6-Jun Morgan Cooper
12-Jun Barbara Gardner
13-Jun Terri Hudson
15-Jun Beverly Bumstead
16-Jun Tom Charters
16-Jun Stella Martin
16-Jun Barbara Thomas
16-Jun Barbara Everett
17-Jun Fr. Jamie Knutsen
19-Jun Packie Turner
21-Jun Barbara Clark
26-Jun Cookie Holmes

July Anniversaries

1-Jun David & Lynne Duncan
1-Jun Justin & Cameron Martin
3-Jun Scott & Lynette Smith
5-Jun Duffy & Krystn Fairlee
13-Jun Barbara & Mark Gardner
13-Jun Don & Barbara Thomas
20-Jun Bob & Brooke-Anne Crawford
20-Jun Steven & Maryanne Baroni
30-Jun Fr. Max & Dena Nye

July Refreshments

4-June Marcia Waters
11-June Bruce & Kay Leaman
18-June St. Veronica's Guild
25-June Jim & Anne Blanton

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