

Ongoing Events

- Sundays:** Holy Eucharist: 8:30 am
Godly Play: 8:30 am, Hospitality room (grades K to 6)
Nursery Care: 8:30 am to noon
Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am
Preschool Class: 10:30 am, Nursery (ages 3 and 4)
Godly Play: 10:30 am, Hospitality room (grades K to 6)
Men's BBQ: 5:00 pm, church (first, alternate months)
Youth Group: 6:30 to 8:00 pm, church
- Mondays:** Morning Prayer: 8:30 am, chapel (Monday - Friday)
Yoga for Christians: 9:30 am, Patsy Gorczyca
Cursillo Men's group: Noon, Frank Pegg
Cursillo Women's group: Noon, Marilyn Cook
Evening Prayer: 5:30 pm, chapel (Monday-Friday)
- Tuesdays:** Study Group II: 9:15 am, Ruth Diekman
(second and fourth)
Yoga for Christians: 7:30 pm, Patsy Gorczyca
- Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 to 8:30 pm, church
- Thursdays:** Holy Eucharist: 12:10 pm, chapel
Fellowship Ministries: 7:00 pm, Mary Knutsen and Kathy Girard
(third)
Compassion Ministries: 6:30 pm, Hospitality Room (first)
- Fridays:** Singles' Supper Club: 6:00 pm, Susan Burke
(fourth, alternate months)



Events In October

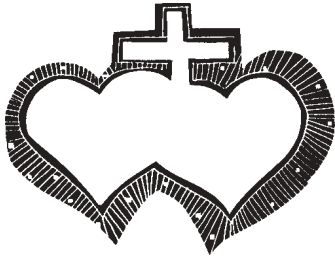
Thursday, October 4:	Little School of the Lord's Service for Beginners, 6:30 pm
Friday, October 5 to Sunday, October 7:	All Parish Retreat
Saturday, October 6:	Confirmation Class, 10:00 am
Thursday, October 11:	Little School of the Lord's Service for Beginners, 6:30 pm
Saturday, October 13:	Confirmation Class, 10:00 am
Monday, October 15:	Newsletter deadline
Thursday, October 18:	Little School of the Lord's Service for Beginners, 6:30 pm
Friday, October 19:	Cooking for Salvation Army
Saturday, October 20:	Confirmation Class, 10:00 am
Sunday, October 21:	World Awareness Service, chapel, 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 25:	Little School of the Lord's Service for Beginners, 6:30 pm
Saturday, October 27:	Unique Boutique, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 28:	Bishop Visits, 8:30 and 10:30 am services
Thursday, November 1:	Little School of the Lord's Service for Beginners, 6:30 pm
Sunday, November 4:	All Parish Meeting, 3:00 pm

(Please call the church office, 369-3381, for specifics on any of the above.)



October Anniversaries

- 1: Barbara and Walter Wolterstorff
- 3: Jennifer and Ed Bond
Jennifer and Greg Tudor
- 4: Priscilla and Roscoe Brownfield
- 11: Claire and Jack Stone



October Birthdays

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| 3: John Cook | 14: Elizabeth Diekman |
| 4: David Diekman
Richard Williams | Gerry Pinder
Juanita Sommer |
| 5: Susan Burke | 16: Laura Holzer |
| 7: Debbie Clark | Karly Johnson |
| Melissa Culbertson | 19: Julie Holzer |
| Karen Martin | 20: Moe Gritsch |
| 9: Peter Burkett | 21: Austin Bronson
Charles Jennings |
| Jordan Kennedy | 22: Josh Hutchison
Jacob Johnson |
| 10: Kyle Urban | 23: Rosemary Cress
Catherine Holzer |
| 12: Sara Heberle
Katie Kendall
Mike Newsome | David Martin
Nathaniel Wright |
| 13: Barbara Jones
Chris Wied | |



Editor's Corner

At work, people around me are very busy. Their days are crammed with meetings and memos, phone calls and frantic co-workers, reports and reminders. They scramble from one meeting to the next and use various ways of coping with all the things that must be done. Knowing how busy God must be, I can't help but wonder how God keeps track of everything and makes each piece of life's puzzle fit. Oh, yes, I know He's busy.

I related my husband's small miracle to you last month, and I have proof that my husband wasn't the only one in God's care. Our own Ruth Diekman wrote to tell me of an air conditioner miracle of her own. Their AC needed a part, and when her husband went to order it, the fix-it place let them know the bad news. This part was no longer available.

Another part might be made to work. Though this was not the best option, it was, at least, an option. At that time, a service man came into the shop and noticed Ruth's husband ordering the may-work part. He produced one, like a magician, that he had just saved from an air conditioner that had been replaced. He provided the used part at no charge and the Diekmans' air conditioner is now working perfectly.

What told that service man to keep that piece? As we all know, "it" wasn't a what, but a who. God was with my husband, with Ruth's husband, and even with that lone service man, replacing an air conditioner somewhere in town.

Is there any doubt how busy God must be?

Michelle Hakala

A Historic American Pipe Organ for St. John's

We are excited to announce that by the time you read this, St. John's will be home to a pipe organ!

From the beginning, our building design was planned to house a pipe organ. Only last month, through Robin's organ professor, David Dahl, an available instrument was brought to our attention at a very inexpensive price. After having a meeting with representation from The Arts at St. Johns, music staff, and former organist and friend of the parish, Jon Townsend, it was decided to pursue this further. We then began looking for a donor or pair of donors to pay for the instrument, moving and installation. After that was secured, it was up to the vestry of St. John's to approve, which they did at their September meeting. We will be receiving a tracker pipe organ built by A.B Felgemaker (Erie, Pennsylvania) opus 951, built in approximately 1910 (the same year as our historic chapel) and restored in 1990 by Frans W.M. Bosman & Associates (Mid-Columbia Pipe Organ Works). The organ will be purchased in memory of Carol Marie Krengel by the Krengel families in Lodi, Sacramento and Palm Desert, California. Carol appreciated many forms of classical music with a special love for organ music. Along with the purchase and installation of the organ there will be a fund established for the care and maintenance of the Felgemaker organ.

Our options when looking for an organ have been to commission a new instrument to fit our space, or find a used or historic one that also would stand below or surround our great east window. The Felgemaker organ fits below the window and within the space we have, without remodeling our building. It is both historic and unique to Lodi and to this area. As a tracker pipe organ, it works through mechanical means; the only electricity involved is the small blower that provides wind. This puts the organist in direct contact with how and when the organ plays each note. It is modest in size, only 10 ranks or 10 sounds, but more than adequate in our building for our needs. It is also quite beautiful in its craftsmanship and design. However, we understand from its age and previous installations that it might need some exterior work on its case or cabinet-like exterior.

This is an exciting time for St. John's, but also a time to give thanks for the many blessings that come to us, even in this time of transition. The Arts at St. John's will be formulating plans for an inaugural organ concert in the coming months, so be looking for that announcement.

"Praise the Lord with harp (and organ too):
sing unto him with the psaltery
and an instrument of ten strings (or ranks).
Sing unto him a new song;
Play skillfully with a loud noise..."
Psalm 33 (altered)

Randy Knutson



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Adornment Of The Liturgy

October 7

Mrs. Grace Arlin in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Arthur; her brother, Dr. Richard Arthur Jr; her husband, Dr. Elliott Adams; and her son, Richard A. Adams.

Frank Pegg in loving memory of his wife, Joyce, on the anniversary of her death, October 3rd.

Ann Rogers for her family members.

Bob and Donna Hoffman in loving memory of their daughter, Kimberly Crespi, for her birthday, October 3; and their twin granddaughters, Tessara and Samantha Crespi, for their birthdays, October 16.

Marilyn Thompson in loving memory of Joe for their anniversary, October 6.

Lois Johnson and the Knutson family in loving memory of Garland Johnson, their husband, father, and grandfather for his birthday, October 5.

October 14

Dorothy Snyder in loving memory of her sister, Evelyn Simonton, for her birthday, October 11.

Patricia Fehling in loving memory of her father, Charles Lambert, for his birthday, October 14.

Mrs. Jack Brooks in loving memory of her dad, Thomas R. Carroll, for his birthday, October 16.

October 21

John and Edyth Ledbetter for her parents' anniversary and and in thanksgiving for their example of a loving family; and in celebration of Austin Bronson's birthday.

Dorothy Snyder in loving memory of her father, Alexander Chappius, for his birthday, October 25.

October 28

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Furey and family in loving memory of James Armand Furey on the anniversary of his death, October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Diekman in loving memory of his parents, Marie and Herman Diekman.

Mrs. Jack Brooks in loving memory of her grandparents, Orrin and Birddie Wilson and Patrick and Ada Carroll, for their October 29 wedding anniversaries.



Liturgical Notes

As a way of including all of our priests, active and retired, able to celebrate the Eucharist, the leadership at St. John's is considering using the practice of Concelebration upon occasion. Here is the Episcopal understanding from the Episcopal Church, USA website:

Concelebration: joint celebration of the Eucharist by a chief celebrant and one or more concelebrants. Concelebration may or may not include recitation of all or part of the eucharistic prayer by the concelebrants. In the early church, the bishop typically served as chief celebrant and was flanked by priests who joined in the celebration. The bishop alone spoke the eucharistic prayer, which did not have a fixed form. The concelebrants extended their hands over the oblations and prayed silently. This pattern of concelebration is described in the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus (c. 225). The practice of verbal concelebration developed in Rome in the seventh century. The necessity of verbal participation by the concelebrants has been a subject of dispute. Concelebration may express the unity of the church and the collegiality of the ordained ministries represented in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Concelebrants may wear matching or similar chasubles and stand in a semicircle with the chief celebrant in the center. At times, concelebrants have alternated in pronouncing sections of the eucharistic prayer. Concelebrants may extend their hands toward the bread and wine and may join the chief celebrant in reading the institution narrative and the invocation of the Holy Spirit. Concelebrants should share in the breaking of the bread at the fraction.

The Book of Common Prayer notes that it is appropriate for other priests to stand with the celebrant at the altar, joining in the consecration of the gifts, breaking the bread, and distributing communion (p. 354). At the Ordination of a Bishop, the new bishop serves as chief celebrant while other bishops and presbyters serve as concelebrants (p. 522). At the Ordination of a Priest, the bishop serves as chief celebrant while the newly ordained priest and other presbyters serve as concelebrants (p. 535). The bishop also serves as chief celebrant at a Celebration of New Ministry, joined by the new priest and other priests of the diocese "as an expression of the collegiality of the ministry in which they share" (p. 558).



Altar Guild

We have been enjoying some beautiful eucharistic linens brought from New Orleans by the five ladies who went to help Katrina victims in New Orleans: Pat Fehling, Paula Saubolle, Sharon Farnsworth, Margie Hickey and Linda Harkins. Please receive our grateful thank you! The linens certainly add a special touch to our holy Eucharist services.

Bless all of you,
Julie Buchmiller

Thirty Years Ago

Thirty years ago, two young college students decided to challenge themselves and break the rules. They had studied their craft for a whole year, and even though the usual pattern was to wait until their third year to spread their wings, they were eager to get out and try their skills. They felt very sure about their abilities and were true students - true disciples of their craft. So they went out looking for positions. Having found them, they then needed better shoes and some nicer clothes, so they would be presentable. They were "green" and needed to find out a lot, but they did a good job that first year out and learned how to work with people and use their new skills as they were studying Basic Conducting.

The year was 1977 and these two young men were Choral Conducting students in Tacoma, Washington at PLU. They were college roommates, studying the same courses, many times in the same classes, and in a mostly friendly competition with each other. They began directing choirs that year, in smaller churches and being paid a small amount for it. One of those college students is now your Music Director, Randy Knutson, at St. John's and the other, after waiting many years in the second position spot is the Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Geoffrey Boers, at the University of Washington in Seattle. Both are also happy in their lives and still in the process of learning about life, people, God and music.



Coffee Hour

We give thanks to the following people for hosting Coffee Hour after Sunday service: Gretchen Nelson, Barbara Jones, Greg Wright, all the Fortenbury family, The Arts at St. John's, Caroline and Tom Ramonda, Claire Stone and Rosemary and Richard Cress.

A big thanks once again to all who help in the kitchen!

God Bless,
Kathy Girard



Helping Hands

Thank you to Sara Heberle and Lorraine Stevens for providing assistance in September. Helping Hands for the month of October will be Kathy Munson, 334-0296, and Barbara Jones, 368-6361.

If you know of a family or individual who is in need of a meal, please call Kathy, Barbara or myself.

Donna Lind, 333-7396
Coordinator

St. John's Small Groups

We are all grateful for cooler days giving us increased energy and new resolve. Please check with the small group leaders for current plans and activities that may be of interest to you. Leaders will gladly supply information about their group. You will be welcomed and are encouraged to join one or more of the groups.

Yoga for Christians resumes on Monday, October 1. The regular meeting schedule will be Monday mornings at 9:30 am and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Please call Patsy Gorczyca, 367-1812, for details.

Singles Supper Club will meet at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 26, at the home of Nancy Hammond, 367-4943. Please save that date and call Nancy for details and your reservation. Sara Heberle, 368-5744, has assumed the role of Convener.

Study Group II meets at the church on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 9:15 am. The current study book is, *A Wing and a Prayer*, by Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori. Please call me for further information. New participants will be gladly welcomed.

The Bridge Tournament play for 2007-2008 has begun. Please contact Sara Heberle, 368-5744, or me for information. This activity fosters friendship and fellowship and provides modest financial support for activities of our church.

Cursillo Reunion Groups meet on Mondays at noon year-round. The men's group contact is Frank Pegg, 369-9610; the women's group contact is Marilyn Cook, 334-3197. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

St. Margaret's Group is on hiatus during October. Please call Claire Lima, 334-4047, for information about the group.

Women of Faith Study Group will be on hiatus during October. The regular meeting schedule will resume on Thursday, November 1, at 9:00 am, at the home of Barbara Jones. The study is 2 Samuel. For more information please call Barbara Jones, 368-6361, or Gretchen Nelson, 369-3952.

Reminder: New groups may be formed whenever an interest and leadership is identified. Please don't hesitate to make suggestions.

Ruth Diekman, 369-2938
Small Groups Coordinator



Search Committee

Your search committee meets frequently, developing a profile of our community, church, and congregation to be used to advertise for the position of rector. This process involves research into the demographics of Lodi, the history of St. John the Baptist parish and the demographics of the current congregation.

From time to time we will be asking you to assist us in our research by completing surveys about yourselves, your areas of interest in our church programs, and your liturgical preferences. We will wish to ascertain your expectations of the new rector including relationships to your goals, skills, and personal attributes.

Our Search Committee members are available to answer any questions you may have concerning this process. We thank you for your prayers.

Vanadeane Brooks



Notes From The Church Mouse

Mark your calendar! The Bishop is planning his parish visit Sunday, October 28.

We grieve with the family of Rosemary and Richard Cress on the death of their mother, Mildred.

Mike and Marlys Williams were honored with a plaque of appreciation for all their support for the Children's Dreamworks organization. Congratulations!

We rejoice with Kathy and Jay Bell on the marriage of their daughter, Laurel. She married Troy Gibson in September.

Anne and Jim Reeve were blessed with a grandson August 31. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Paul Alves on the birth of their son, Conner Ward Alves!

Join us in wishing Charlyn's husband, John Lauchland, a very happy 90th birthday!

Sara Heberle will be celebrating 75 years with the Girl Scouts and her troop will be at the city council meeting celebrating 95 years of the Girl Scouts!



St. John's Fall Education

October 4 - November 15

(need not be present every week to attend)



Little School of the Lord's Service

Seven week course discussing *Matthew Chapter 6*
every Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our mission is to celebrate and extend the love of Christ from within the Episcopal tradition.



Unique Boutique Update

The Unique Boutique is on track and headed for St John's on Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Everyone is excited to be hosting a great variety of crafts and talents. We are short on space but have pushed that to the limit, because of the great response!

We have everything from bonsai to jewelry, jams to authors. Yes, authors! We will have two well-known children's book authors signing books. We'll have door prizes and an all-day snack bar.

Come enjoy the crafts of the community and the talents of our own members. For more information, please contact Mary Knutsen, 366-2449.

Linen Ladies

The Linen Ladies launder and iron the linens for the priest and altar. We would like two more volunteers to help out once a month. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Nelson, 369-3952, or Barbara Jones, 368-6361.

Spaghetti On The Go!

From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 27, we will be offering spaghetti take-out dinners. We will be selling tickets for the next three Sundays. The meal includes Father Tony's famous spaghetti sauce, fresh tossed salad, and bread.

Come by the Unique Boutique, shop and then take home dinner. Only \$6.00 per meal!

Chapel Plants

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase all our plants, drip system supplies and have a professional gardener come in to weed and fertilize the grounds. A heartfelt thank you to all the donations we received, to the men and women who helped plant and set up the drip system. Thanks to Gwin Paden and Rich Shook for organizing this endeavor. The Chapel grounds look wonderful. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and devoted congregation.

Message from the Senior Warden

As you read this October newsletter, you will notice the level of activity at St. John's beginning to increase. You will read reports giving more detail, but here are a few of the events:

October 5 - 7	Parish Retreat led by Father Basil
October 4 - November 15	Education series led by Father Basil
October 7	Kick-off of Operating and Building Funds Stewardship Campaign
October 27	Unique Boutique at St. John's
October 28	Bishop's visit for Confirmation
November 4	Parish meeting to elect vestry and Convention delegates
November 18	Pre-Convention Deanery meeting for delegates in Manteca
December 7 - 8	Diocesan Convention in Fresno

Your vestry is presently at work recruiting parishioners to run for election to the vestry and for Convention delegates. St. John's needs your support during this time of transition, so if you have any interest in representing our parish, please contact me or any vestry member. The elections will be held at the November 4 Parish Meeting.

When your vestry called Father Basil to St. John's, part of our agreement was that our parish would provide him with housing. Because it took some time to do that, Yvonne Schildt graciously offered her home to the vestry for the interim period. In late August, we were able to find an adequate apartment for Father Basil and with the help of some parishioners, furnish it. On behalf of St. John's Parish and the vestry, I would like to say "Thank you, Yvonne," for your continued gracious support of St. John's.

You will notice something new located under the stained glass window on the east wall. The historic tracker pipe organ, which was built in 1910 (restored in 1990), now has a new home at St. John's, because of the dedicated effort and desire of our Robin Knutson. The organ has been funded by memorials in memory of Carol Krengel by the extended families of Pete and Barbara Krengel. Your vestry accepted this gift and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Krengel family. Thank you also to Robin; St. John's is looking forward to your first concert on the tracker pipe organ.

Your Search Committee continues the important work of developing a profile of St. John's parish and of our community. This profile is a very important piece of information which will be used in the search process. At the appropriate times the committee will continue to seek input from our parish members. I ask that you continue to include each Search Committee member in your prayers.

I ask that you continue to lovingly support St. John's with both your treasures and your time. During this period of uneasiness and transition, continue to pray for St. John's, our priests, our bishop, our diocese, the National Church and your vestry. And finally, I will again remind you to joyfully volunteer.

John Ledbetter, Senior Warden

Unique Boutique

Message From The (Interim) Rector



It is really astonishing how much is happening here at St John's. Suddenly, from Heaven itself it seems, we have an organ – as a gift! Gone is the scheme to spend over \$700,000 on a custom-made organ, in some remote future; one we could probably never afford. The organ itself is a gift, the only expense being transport and setup costs. The owner happened to have a slot in his program that offered immediate action, an offer too good to miss. Hence the haste. To Robin and Randy, who introduced the scheme hesitantly and cautiously, it seemed too much of a dream to be real. They brought it to the Thursday planning meeting, to the "hard heads" concerned with finance, and after much consideration, it was agreed to present it for the approval of the vestry. Meanwhile, various members of the congregation were consulted and a very generous donor was found to cover the setup cost. The vestry, ultra cautious as they must be, gave it their blessing. So, who doesn't believe in miracles?

We now have a Confirmation Class of ten and we look forward to our Bishop, John-David, coming for a Visitation on Sunday, October 28. Details of that day will be announced later but I hope the principal Eucharist will be at 10:30 am, with an encouragement for all to attend to support the candidates; perhaps with a said Eucharist at 8:30 am for those unable to do so.

In addition to two recent Baptisms, we now have some new enquirers, both for Baptism and to join our congregation. It has always been my belief that growth in numbers and growth in renewal must go hand in hand, rooted in personal prayer and the corporate worship of the Eucharistic community. As I said in a recent sermon, we must beware of a desire for "experience" of the "sacred" that makes God subservient to our needs. Isn't there something phoney about feeling "special" at the expense of others? In God's eyes each one of us is special. No, like the primitive Christian Church, it is we who must be subservient to God alone and to his purposes; be prepared to serve, at whatever cost to ourselves, Him whom we adore. That very adoration is itself a gift from God and the greatest gift of all is God himself. The Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ is God's way of making himself freely available to everyone – saint and sinner, hero and coward – that is the nature of Grace. Remember, "while we were still sinners God loved us." [cf Romans 5 v8]

With love and prayer, in Christ,
Basil+





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