

THE QUILL

Homecoming, 2010



Out and About Or Home on the Range By Mthr. Vicki

Outing for Needlers of Bede: Ten Needlers will be attending the Los Angeles County Fair on Saturday, September 19, to visit the exhibit hall for needlework. We expect to be truly inspired by the fine craftsmanship always on display at this fair. If you have field trip ideas you would like to suggest, please contact Mthr. Vicki either by phone (310) 625-7364 or by e-mail (vickimour@aol.com).

Kids of Bede Movie Night: Kids of Bede will meet at the Dugre's home on Saturday, October 16, at 4:00 p.m. for movie and pizza night. We will be watching *E.T.* Friends and relatives are more than welcome, and so are the

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Canon Jim's Jottings

I am writing my column as I am preparing to lead 49 others on a pilgrimage which will include the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. This once-a-decade event is viewed by over 20,000 people a week for its five-month run in the quaint town in an alpine valley. Our tour will also see Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Munich, Lucerne (Switz.) and Heidelberg. We will devote a Wednesday evening to the trip in the fall. After my pilgrims depart, I will spend several days in Cologne with our former assistant, the Rev. Holger Läske, and then spend most of the remaining time in Belgium – in Bruges and Brussels with day trips to Ghent, Bouillon, Tournai & Dinant.

EDUCATION

Breakfast and Bible commenced on September 7 with the study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons. **Church School** commenced on September 12 with Sunday morning classes for our young people. The **Wednesday evening class** commences on September 22. This fall, we will be reading "A Worship of Theology" by the Rev. Louis Weil. It is the twelfth and final book in "The New Church's Teaching Series" and this will mark our completion of the entire series. I think that in itself is quite an accomplishment! When that class is completed, we will begin a 36-part lecture series on Church History: "The History of Christianity in the Reformation Era" with lectures by Prof. Brad Gregory of Stanford University. In October, it is very likely that we will begin another session of **Via Media** following the 10 a.m. service

SHARING WITH ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Josh and I met during the summer and we have come up with a plan of events that mixes some of what we have done with some new things. On Lenten Wednesdays, each congregation will present what they would normally do, so we will celebrate the Eucharist on March 23 and April 6 and during Holy Week will lead the beautiful and meditative

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Tenebrae service. We have also suggested that our "green committees" work together.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

For the last four years, we have worked with the Natural Church Development to evaluate St. Bede's using an inventory that looks at a number of aspects of our common life. We took the initial survey in September, 2006. When we received the results, the Vestry set up a strategic plan to address the results. Having completed that process, we again took the survey in February, 2010.

Natural Church Development looks at an inventory which assesses the Parish in eight areas: Empowering Leadership, Gift-oriented Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Functional Structures, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Small Groups, Need-oriented Evangelism, and Loving Relationships. The inventory is taken by 30 people in the parish + the Rector (that is the number set by NCD) who spend an hour answering the questions. This inventory establishes a baseline for small-group discussions on all of these areas, but with a special focus on what NCD calls "The Minimum Factor" – the area perceived as needing the most work. [At both times, the committee working on this asked a representative group of people w/representation from 8 & 10 a.m., male and female, old and young, married & single.]

The 2006 survey showed that we were strongest in Loving Relationships and Effective Structures and lowest in Passionate Spirituality and Need-oriented Evangelism. The results of the 2010 survey showed that the parish had grown in all of the categories; the strongest now being Loving Relationships and Empowering Leadership and the lowest remaining Passionate Spirituality and Need-oriented Evangelism. However, several things to note:

**our scores had gone up in all areas, some quite significantly;

**all of our category scores were in the "healthy" or "excellent" range

**the NCD materials say that "15% of churches will score more than 65" – our average score was 65 and we scored higher than 65 in five categories!

**our diocesan "coach" or mentor said that we had done as well or better than any other results he had

seen.

I am very satisfied with the time and money we have invested in this process. I think that we should again revisit this process during the period – I would hope some years hence – when the parish is looking for a new Rector. I think it will help prospective candidates to evaluate the needs of the parish and the skill-set they have.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk with me or our committee: Nancy Mills, Liz Mohler & Michael Gallagher

PICTURES AND DIRECTORIES

Parishioner Penny Jennings has provided her services for several sessions to take individual and family pictures. This fall, she will be working with Carly Portalupi to put together a parish directory.

To view photos already taken go to <http://stbedesphotos.shutterfly.com/> (password is "grandview"). If you do not want your photo on the website, let me know.

We MAY have one more make-up day after Homecoming Sunday.

ONWARD

I will be away on the last weekend of September performing a wedding in Minneapolis and also on the fourth weekend of October when my friend and seminary classmate Michael Vono will be consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande (New Mexico & far west Texas).

In Christ,

Jim Newman



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parents! A good time will be had by all. Please plan to bring \$4.00 per person for food. The Dugre's address is in the St. Bede's Roster. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

Movie Night for Parishioners of St. Bede: We will meet on Sunday, October 24, at 4:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner and movie. We will be watching *Pride and Prejudice* with Keira Knightley and Matthew MacFadyen. This is a wonderful time for fellowship and entertainment. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364. Our December movie night is scheduled for Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m., movie to be determined. Stay tuned.

Women of Bede

Join us and refresh awhile. Women of Bede have enjoyed two monthly get togethers this summer and we look forward to many more! Our schedule for the fall is September 26, October 17, November 21, and December 12. We meet from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Please join us for coffee and bring a brown bag lunch if you're hungry. We meet for devotion, spiritual check-in, topic discussion, and fellowship. This group is open to all women of St. Bede's and is not just designed for those who went on retreat. We'd love to have you join us! Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

Save the date: June 3 – 5, 2011. Women of Bede will meet for their Second **Annual Retreat** at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. Our retreat will again offer three different plans: a two night stay, a one night stay, or a commuter special. More details and sign-up opportunities will be offered in the New Year but mark your calendars NOW!

Needlers of Bede

We have been enjoying fine fellowship while knitting, crocheting, or looming but now it's time to really put the pedal to the metal. Our **Christmas commitment to Hillside** is **60 items** for the children in residence (30 girls and 30 boys)!! We need to have our scarves and hats finished and at St. Bede's by our **December 12** meeting. We will gather in the sanctuary for a special send-off for our workmanship as we ask God's blessings on

our offerings to the children. If you are making scarves, we suggest that your dimensions be about 5 inches wide by 60 inches long. If you need yarn, we are happy to supply it. If you know of friends, relatives, or other parishioners who might be interested in helping, please have them contact Mthr. Vicki either by phone (310) 625-7364 or by e-mail (vickimour@aol.com). We would love to include others on our team! Your presence is not necessary at our gatherings but of course we would always love to have you. Our fall meetings are: September 26, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, and December 12 in Luther Hall from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School

Back to school also means back to Sunday School. We began our Sunday School year on September 12 and will continue until June 26, 2011 with the following exceptions:

November 28 and December 26, 2010 and January 2, April 24, and May 29, 2011. Our teachers will once again be Adelaide Vaughn, Samira Tamer, Kathy Hartley, Kathy Fairchild, and Kim Hudson. There will be one difference this year, Mthr. Vicki will meet with children, 10 years old and older, once a month or once every two months, to discuss big questions about God and church. This is to help supplement the children's ideas of faith and to help them develop their own sense of ministry. Mthr. Vicki will have a first meeting with these children in Luther Hall on October 17 during regular Sunday School time. Parents will be apprised of future meeting dates. The Sunday School will also be presenting their Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 p.m. Service on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24.



Lutheran-Episcopal Plans for 2010-11

St. Bede's and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church have announced plans for their joint activities in 2010-11. Pastor Josh & Fr. Jim met in July to look at our opportunities. The Lutheran & Episcopal Churches have been in full communion since 2000 and our two congregations have worked together for most of the decade before that. We shared Thanksgiving Eve for many years and we more recently begun to celebrate Shrove Tuesday at St. Andrew's.

The events planned in 2010-11 are as follows:

November 24: Thanksgiving Eve at St. Andrew's (soup sampler at 6.30 pm & Eucharist following).

December 1, 8 & 15: Advent Study at St. Bede's (Salad supper at 6.30, Eucharist at 7; study at 7.40: Raymond Brown's book, *An Adult Christ at Christmas*)

January 16: Pulpit exchange at the main eucharistic worship

March 8: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Andrew's, 6.30 p.m.

March 9: Ash Wednesday (Noon at St. Andrew's; 7p.m. at St. Bede's)

Joint Lenten study of a book to be announced (introduction after the evening service on Ash Wednesday)

March 16, 23 & 30; April 6 & 13 - shared evenings of light supper at 6.30 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. & study at 7.30 p.m.

- at St. Andrew's: March 16 & 30 and April 13
- at St. Bede's: March 23 and April 6 (Eucharist) & April 20 (Tenebrae)

April 22: Good Friday (Noon at St. Bede's; 7.30 p.m at St. Andrew's)

We have asked our two "green committees" to look at some shared events and we have been invited to share with St. Andrew's in their annual July 4th "pig fest" (more details on that in the new year).

Saint John's Guild Annual Membership Drive

St. John's Guild Invites you to join us! We meet the second Wednesday of the month in Luther Hall

Lunch is followed by a business meeting. Come and see what we do!

Ina Klem, President
Saint John's Guild





We need you for the 2010-2011 Sisters of Bede venue series!

Save The DATE! The annual Party of Parties, sponsored by the Sisters of Bede, will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in Luther Hall. It will be a Mexican Fiesta! This is the kick-off dinner for the 2010-2011 venue series hosted by parishioners throughout the year. At this party, you will have the opportunity to sign up for the venues you wish to attend.

*The Sisters invite you to sponsor an event! You can sponsor an event individually, with a couple of friends, or another family. You can host at your home or in Luther Hall, or in a restaurant. An event can be a dinner, a cooking class, dancing lessons, or an excursion to your favorite place. Feel free to be creative! **If you would like to host an event in Luther Hall, please notify us of the date and time by August 29th so we can ensure the hall will be available.***

Pick a theme, create a menu, choose a date, time, and place; decide how many guests you can host, and an appropriate charge. Events last year were priced from \$15.00 - \$75.00. Proceeds from these events will be given to the church and its charities. If you have any questions, or need ideas, please see one of the Sisters.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Daphne Moote or Annette Graw

ASAP!

Host(s): _____

Date: _____ *Time:* _____ *Phone #* _____

Address: _____

Theme: _____

Max # Guests: _____ *Price:* _____

Menu: _____

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School and Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:
9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:
Book: Series: "A Theology of Worship" by Prof. Louis Weil
9/22 Which Theology? A Recovery of Baptismal Ecclesiology
9/29 Who Celebrates? Liturgy as the Work of the People
10/6 Whose Culture? Liturgy in a Multicultural Church
10/13 Whose Music? The Arts as Embodied Prayer
10/20 Whose Sacraments? Celebrating the Signs of Baptismal Faith
Lecture Series: "The History of Christianity in the Reformation Era"
10/27 Early Modern Christianity - A Larger View
11/3 The Landscape of Late Medieval Life
11/10 Late Medieval Christendom - Beliefs, Practices & Institutions - 1
11/17 Late Medieval Christendom - Beliefs, Practices & Institutions - 2

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:

10/18 - *Life Among the Lutherans*, G. Keillor

ST. BEDE'S STAFF & VESTRY

STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian
ASSOCIATED CLERGY: The Rev. Giovan King
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile
VERGER: Michael Gallagher
HEAD SACRISTAN: Jeannette Young
FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam
SEXTON: Joaquin Perez

VESTRY

Rea Crane ('12) - Senior Warden
Carly Portalupi ('11) - Junior Warden
Sharon Arthur ('11) Christoph Dugré ('12)
Michael Mullins ('11) Liz Mohler ('12)
Dean Pace ('11) Alice Short ('12)
Gina Turella ('12)
Annette Graw - Clerk
Christoph Dugré ('12) - Treasurer
Jennine Townsend - Financial Secretary
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION
Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) ('11)
Jerry Hornof (A)/Frank Basile (A) - ('12)
Gina Turella (A)/Carly Portalupi (D) - ('12)

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