

**St. Augustine Episcopal Church**  
*A Safe Place for People Seeking God*



# **The Canterbury Tales**

## **June & July**

### **2024**

**FROM YOUR PASTOR**



#### **Letter From the Pastor**

*Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have in mind  
for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace,*

*not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.*

## **We Have a Strategic God**

God's people are called to think strategically about the future. We see this in the book of Nehemiah. The people lived in exile. The Babylonians took many of the Israelites into captivity but released them from captivity fifty years later. The book of Nehemiah is set after their release from captivity. Nehemiah is a Jewish man who went to live in Persia after gaining his freedom. He became a high official in the Persian court. God had plans for Nehemiah because things in Jerusalem were not good.

Back in Jerusalem, the Temple had been rebuilt a few years before. Another Jewish man, Zerubbabel, asked the King of Persia to help rebuild the Temple. They rebuilt the Temple. However, the city was being destroyed and the Temple was being attacked regularly.

Nehemiah hears about the attacks. When Nehemiah hears that the Temple and the people are being robbed and beaten, he is distressed and moved to act. When the Babylonians destroyed the city, they also took down the wall that surrounded the city. Ancient city walls acted as a protection from daily raids. But Jerusalem was without a wall. So Nehemiah decides they must rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.

Nehemiah immediately begins to think of a strategy to help Jerusalem. He employs strategy in several ways. First, Nehemiah petitions the King of Persia to help again. He reminds the King that he helped rebuild the Temple and all his work is now being destroyed. Then, he asks the King for permission to lead a team to rebuild Jerusalem's wall. Next, he asks for supplies and people to finish the project.

When they arrive in Jerusalem, the situation is worse than they thought. Whenever the Jews make progress in rebuilding, enemies attack and destroy any gained progress. Nehemiah enacts strategy again. He strategically recruits Jewish workers to join the Persian workers so they can build the wall quicker. He then devises a plan to provide security as they work. He provides weapons for the workers, so they have a hammer in one hand and a sword in the other. He must also protect their work in progress, or their enemies will destroy it each night. He also reminds the people of who they are by reestablishing worship in the Temple. In addition he needs to decide how to support the people while they work. Each stage requires him to approach problems with strategic and creative thinking.

St. Augustine understands strategic thinking. We are busy strategically making plans for the future. We are following in Nehemiah's footsteps in building God's work. The Vestry, Stewardship, Outreach and the Marketing Team are working on plans. We are facing new possibilities. Since we are selling the three parcels of land, we are in conversation about the possibilities for our future. The Vestry is working on strategic plans, goals, and objectives for our future.

Strategic plans are necessary because they help us to decide on a direction to focus our efforts. Without that focus we can work in a thousand directions without going anywhere. A strategic plan will allow us to work towards a common goal. We can align our resources towards that goal and prioritize where our resources go. We are currently working on clearly defined goals and objectives. We are also creating action plans to go with those objectives. The Vestry's strategic plan and goals are laid out below. Please read them. We will be discussing the details of this goals with the whole congregation. We are interested in your feedback and input. There will be collective meetings to hear from you about the plans. St. Augustine has big things planned for our future to continue in our mission and vision. I cannot wait to see what God does with us!

May God continue to work through us,  
Pastor Anny+

## St. Augustine Episcopal Church

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### STRATEGIC PLAN

- Re-imagine current/remaining property
  - Review and tour property for potential development
  - Canvas parishioners for new ideas for use of the property
  - Develop a program to be presented to focus groups
  - Identify constraints for potential new utilizations
- Increase community involvement outside of the church four times a year
  - Identify possible new partners
  - Partner with other groups in the community
  - Review events we have done in the past and evaluate the impact
  - Support the choir in their endeavors beyond the church
- Grow our family households by 25% each year for the next two years
  - Assess ways to grow and reach new members

- Utilize social media to increase visibility
- Develop a survey for the purpose of creating a parishioner database
- Assess current protocols for Invite-Welcome-Connect
- Provide training for all leadership in the “Welcome” process
- Raise \$60,000 a year, above current pledge income, for the next two years
- Evaluate the feasibility for a capital campaign
- Implement the resulting strategy of the feasibility study
- Develop a structure for a matching fund program

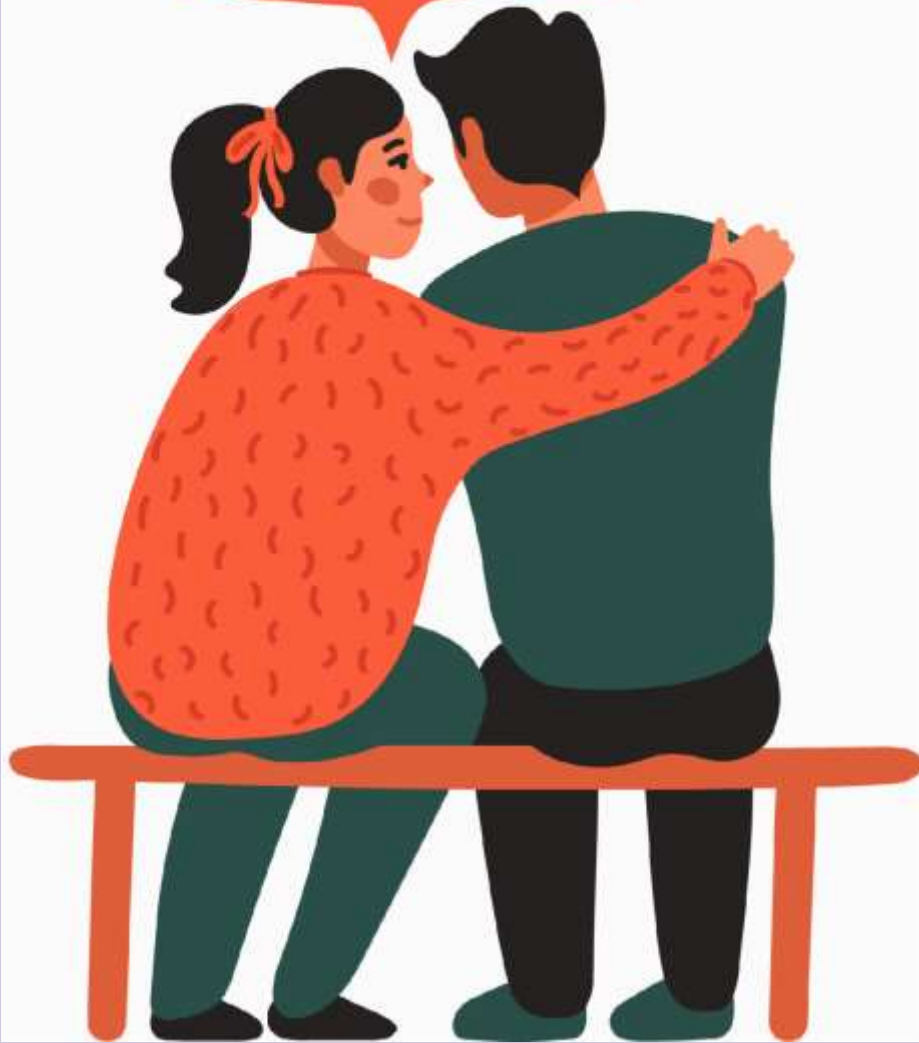


The 2024 Vestry met in February for a retreat. During this retreat, the team developed the above goals for 2024/2025. Over the past several months, at each Vestry meeting the team has worked on the objectives.

## ***ONGOING ACTIVITIES***

### **Grief Group**

The Grief Group meets on  
Tuesdays 11:30 - 1:00. If you  
need someone to speak with,  
call Pastor Anny.

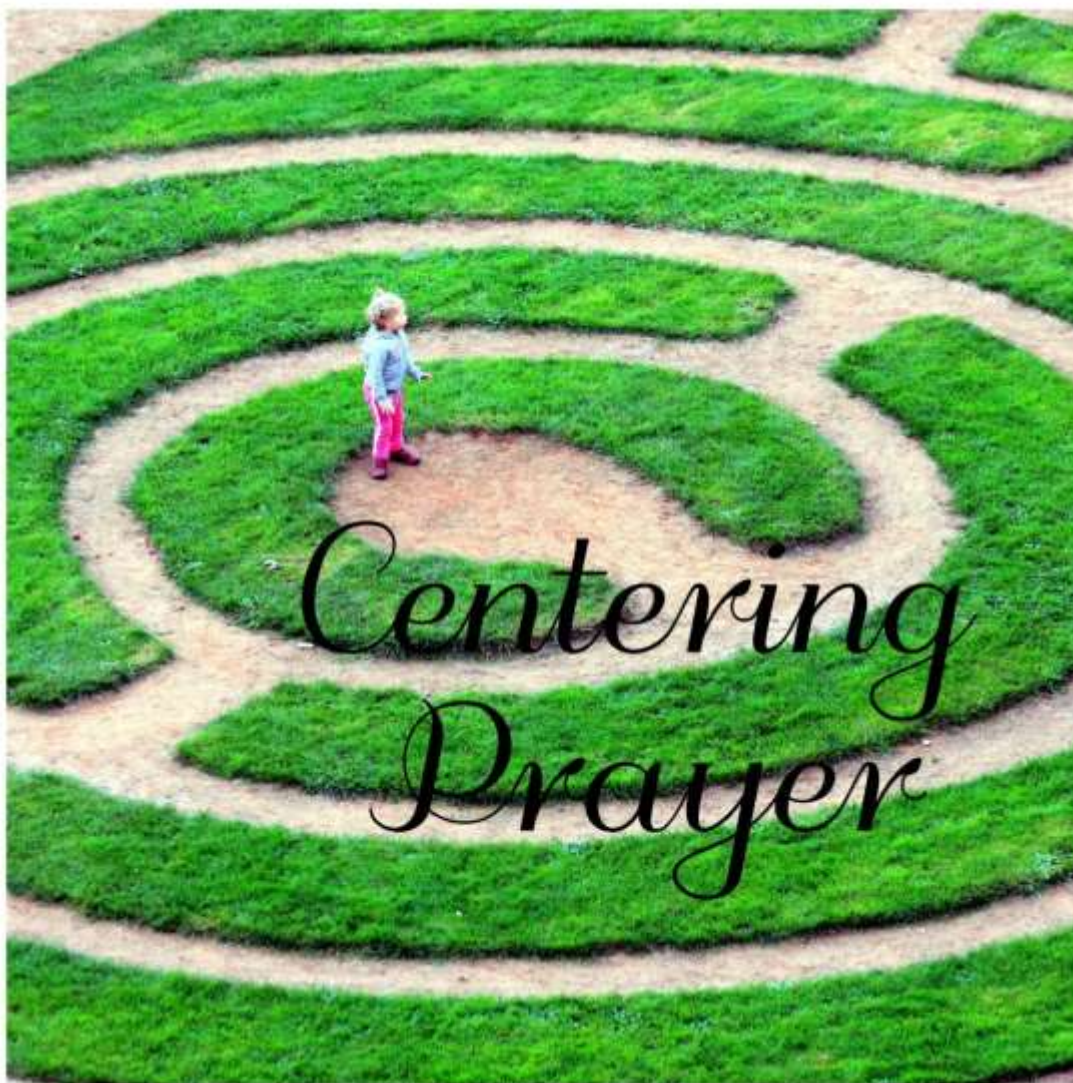


**Beginning to Belong**





Beginning to Belong New Seekers Class.  
Everyone Welcome!  
Third Sunday 11:30-12:30.  
In the nursery.



Held twice each week in the Sanctuary. Monday: 5:00pm to 6:30pm & Friday: Noon to 1pm. **All Are Welcome!**



# YOGA DEVOTION

Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.  
Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

*Yoga Devotion will return in the Fall. Have a relaxing summer.*

## Small Groups 2024



2 Options

Faith Fellowship  
Journey to Jesus

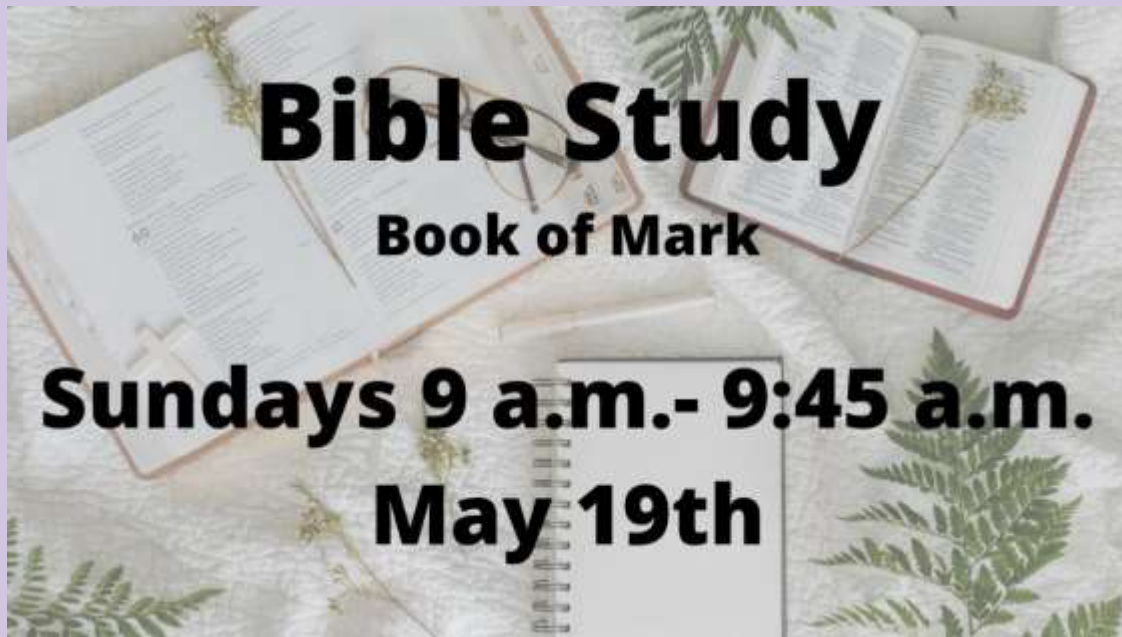
ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Open Table  
Groups

FOOD, FUN, & FRIENDSHIP

It is never too late to join any one of the small groups. It is an easy way to get to know more parishioners in a relaxed environment. Contact Beth Sulc for complete information.





The Book of Mark will be studied through the remainder of this year. Pastor Anny will lead this group with in depth explanations. This book study goes along with our sermon series. The study will be held in the classroom. There is plenty of room and time to ask questions and learn.



**Ministry Moment**



Did  
you  
know  
???

## *a ministry moment...*

April 7, 2024: Ministry Moment:  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Pastor Anny called two members of the parish to speak about two important ministries.

Jack Buffington is the long-time coordinator for Lay Eucharistic Ministers. The purpose of a Lay Eucharistic Minister is to assist Pastor Anny in serving bread and wine during communion.

Lucy Martin recently assumed responsibility as the coordinator for Lay Eucharistic Visitors. The purpose for a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the bread and wine to members of the parish who are unable to attend church on Sunday, usually for medical reasons. The Lay Eucharistic Visitor should have the ability to listen, be discreet, maintain confidences, and provide spiritual company. The Lay Eucharistic Visitor serves approximately three weeks during a two-month period. Lucy was commissioned by Pastor Anny during the service.

If you are interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Visitor, please contact Jack Buffington, Lucy Martin or Pastor Anny.

We thank all who are called to this important ministry.



**April Ray's Kids Sunday**







### **Ray's Games: Hide and Go Sheep**

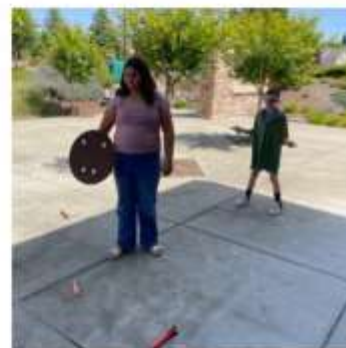
On Sunday, April 28, 2024, Ray Genato hosted a fun, educational activity for the St. Augustine kids. Ray hid small sheep toys around the church property and the object was for the kids to be good shepherds, find their lost sheep, hook the sheep to the staff, and return the sheep to safety.

The kids made their own hooked staff. The staff was a long stick with a hook used by shepherds to guide sheep and protect them from harm. Each kid was given a compass and directions to find their lost sheep. Then the kids scattered over the church property to find the sheep. The kids were able to find their sheep and bring them home to safety.

The symbolism involved was explained to the kids identifying Christ as our Good Shepherd. The straight part of the staff is the symbol of authority and righteous rule. The curved part of the staff is symbolic of reaching out to draw people to Christ and to prevent the sheep from straying. The staff signifies qualities such as boundaries, trustworthiness and sacrifice. The staff shows the shepherd is a good provider.

## May Ray's Kids Sunday





Ray Genato began an “Armor of God” series on May 26, 2024. This is the first session which dealt with faith. The kids made shields (symbolizing their faith) to protect themselves. They also made Nerf arrows to symbolize the bad things that can happen to shoot their way. They, of course, are protected by their faith, the Armor of God.

For details about these upcoming special events and our regularly scheduled Parish events, read the Weekly E-Bulletin or **click the button below** and **scroll down** to the online Church calendar.

**St Augustine Church Calendar**

**St Augustine Past Services**

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**April 2024**

**KAIROS April 11-14**





## Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Retreat – Volunteers &  
Participants at Graduation



Why Kairos?



- 45+ years of prison ministry experience & success
- Established programs, training & presentations
- Institutional prison contacts & operational knowledge
- Understanding of inmates and their unique needs
- Experience preparing & managing prison volunteers
- A very rewarding experience for volunteers

\* Interested? [Kairosprisonministry.org](http://Kairosprisonministry.org)

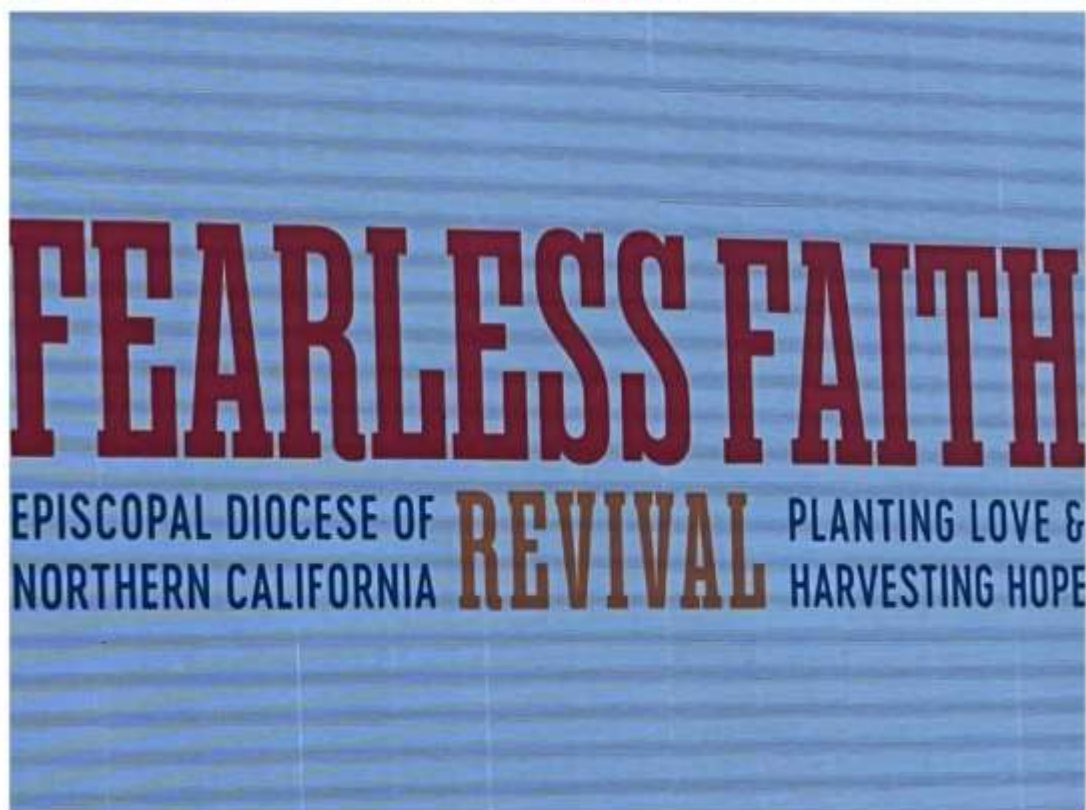
Contact Steve Mershon if you want more information or would like to be part of this incredible ministry.

**Spring Concert by St Augustine Choir**



On April 21, 2024, the St Augustine Choir were joined by several ladies from our Daughters of the King chapter. Many rehearsals resulted in a wonderful, well-received concert. The concert was filled with uplifting, Spring tunes familiar to all. It comprised tunes from, "The Sound of Music," Bridge Over Troubled Water," as well as some from our hymnal such as, "The Green Blade Riseth."

We visited four of the local assisted living facilities. We even saw some of our own parishioners! Soloists include Sharon Taylor, Christine Hohmann, Don Lonsbrough and Lucy Martin on harmonica.



On April 26 and 27, 2024, the Episcopal Diocese of N California celebrated God's Love, Creation, and Vision for our church and Diocese at the Fearless Faith Revival. We invited Episcopal Church Leaders from around the country to share their vision in workshops, testimony, and worship. The Fearless Faith Revival was the highlight event in the evening. Set outdoors on the beautiful campus of St. John's Church in Roseville, the worship service featured uplifting music, prayer and preaching by our special guest, Bishop Daniel Gutierrez of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. This casual, spirit-filled service ended with a call to prayer and service.



## Reverend Scott Gunn - Guest Preacher April 28, 2024



Rev. Gunn visited Northern California to participate in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, Fearless Faith Revival, held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville, on April 27, 2024. At the request of Pastor Anny, he was kind enough to preach at St. Augustine on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Gunn is the Executive Director of Forward Movement, a ministry of the Episcopal Church since 1935, which offers resources to assist people in their walk with Jesus Christ. He is a Deputy to the General Convention, he is on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and he is a priest associate at Christ Church, Glendale, Ohio. His latest book is, "The Way of Love: A Practical Guide to Following Jesus."

The basic message conveyed by Rev. Gunn is that it is easy to get caught up in today's news and forget about the need to abide in Jesus. We need to remember to fulfill his command: love one another as he loved us. Love thy neighbor as yourself. Seek your neighbor's well-being. Rev. Gunn said that one way to do that is to commit to prayer. Love your friends and your enemies by praying for them. Put love first. It's the way Jesus intends for us to live.



# Months in Review

## May 2024



Outreach Fundraiser

The Outreach committee works on behalf of St Augustine parishioners to facilitate helping those who are in need. The current entities that we serve are: The Salt Mine, The Gathering Inn, Acres of Hope, Kairos, The Alliance, Haiti/Headcorp/St Luc/ Jonas and the Orphanage and the Days For Girls.

The Cinco de Mayo FUNdraiser held on May 4, 2024 was very successful. There was a silent auction with many sought after items. We enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner by Edible Express, owner Julie Dalli. Last but not least, a not to be missed incredible dessert auction. Delectable desserts were made by our parishioners and auctioned off by our top notch Senior Warden, Peggy Doyle. The evening was lots of fun. If you are interested in more information or would like to be an advocate for an entity, please get in touch with anyone on the committee. We can always use more help on the committee.







## ROGATION SUNDAY





Pastor Anny gave the sermon on Rogation Sunday. We pray for the land, the seeds we have planted, our neighbors, our work and labor, our parish, and our spiritual region. We asked for God's blessing for our work as stewards or trustees for his creation.

Pastor Anny and Deacon Lew led the congregation on a procession outside the church. We prayed on the patio. We proceeded to the street and prayed for our neighbors and the community.



## Mother's Day 2024

In the sermon on Love, Pastor Anny specifically welcomed the women on Mother's Day. Deacon-in-Training Joannie Cahill gave the sermon. She began her sermon with a story about a woman named "Monique". Monique epitomized courage, which means that some things are more important than fear. Monique took her 2-year-old son to a photography store. After the photographs, she returned to her car just as a gunfight broke out between two rival gangs. Monique threw her body over her son to protect him. She died, but her son survived.

Monique's actions could be described by Jesus as a mother's fearless love. Jesus taught us to love fearlessly, and he commissioned us to carry this love into the world. His teachings continued to his death. He was thinking about us and his expectation for us to love the world. Love is more important than fear.

## PENTECOST







Please thank Christine Hohmann for her time and talent in creating the many banners and hangings around our parish year round. Every church season has a different color and the theme is enhanced by these tapestries. They are truly works of art! We are so blessed.



# Baptism

## Sophia Froncek

A Baptism was held on Pentecost Sunday. Our own, sweet Sophia Froncek, daughter of Katie and Matthew Froncek, was baptized on May 19<sup>th</sup>, officially becoming a part of the family of God. The Officiant was Rev. Anny Genato. The Baptismal Officiant was Rev. Kathy Trapani, Sophia's grandmother.



## DOK and Days for Girls collaboration





Photos by Eva Soto. Thanks to the ladies at Whitney HS for helping.





Period poverty is a term used to describe the struggle that many women and girls face because they lack access to adequate menstrual health management supplies and education, and it can have serious health, social and economic consequences.

Days for Girls provides holistic menstrual health education, increases access to menstrual products, trains Social Entrepreneurs and advances global menstrual equity through partnerships with governments and health coalitions.

The Days for Girls (DfG) Pad is a washable, reusable, beautiful menstrual health product that's built to last. The patented design, which includes a protective shield and absorbent liner, is backed by the latest menstrual health research and a decade of feedback from women



around the world. It is a truly sustainable solution that menstruators can count on month after month, for up to three years.

Adapts easily to an individual's flow and requires little water for washing and dries quickly. Soft, super-absorbent cotton flannel with a moisture barrier.

Colorful fabric increases user confidence while hiding stains. Wings snap securely around underwear. Tri-fold liner design adds up to six layers of protection. Unfolds into a broad open surface area for easy washing and discreet drying. Proven to last several years.

The Daughters of the King at St Augustine and the Rocklin area chapter of Days for Girls led by Karen Wilkes and Lori Clement as well as a Whitney HS club collaborated on May 19, 2024. There were approximately 25 women of various ages working for two hours to improve the lives of women near and far. They were cutting fabric, tracing around templates and organizing fabric to be sewn. There were also ladies who took pieces of the project home to work on!

If you were unable to attend but would like to be part of this incredible project, please call Deb Hughes to donate or get more information.



Will be rescheduled soon!



Book study: [The First Paul – Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon](#)

The first chapter, Appealing or Appalling, maybe pun intended, expressing the controversial nature of Paul's writings. Someone recently said to me, 'Paul is not my friend.' I, however, consider Paul my friend. I am drawn to his deep theological discussions and his practical thoughts about being Christian.

We expect to begin the study in May and will continue for five weeks. We will meet Fridays at 1 pm at the church. The book is available on Amazon. If the book isn't in your budget, I have some spare copies.

Registration is not necessary; you can just show up. I will have a sign-up sheet so I can get emails to send study questions.

Exact dates will be announced shortly.

Rich Wampler

**GRADUATIONS**



**Luke Doyle**

Luke is graduating from TK. Next is Kindergarten. He and his parents are looking forward to his future.

**Carter Cooper**

Carter is graduating from John Adams Academy in Lincoln from 8th grade. He will attend Whitney High School in the fall. Carter was recognized both years of middle school for following the core values! Congratulations and best of luck!





**Aubrey Cooper**

Aubrey is graduating from Sunset Ranch Elementary from 6th grade. She will attend John Adams Academy in Lincoln in the fall. Aubrey made the Girls Academy 2012 Girls team with the Blues FC. It has been her personal goal to make the top team and she achieved it! Congratulations and best of luck!



### **Noelani Dorr**

Noelani is graduating from Rocklin High School. She will be attending Alabama University in the fall. Her parents Daniel Dorr, Linh Tran and her sister Malia Dorr are very proud of her accomplishments.





**SAVE THE DATE**



## Coming Up in June

Graduation Sunday	6/9
Father's Day	6/16
Juneteenth	6/23
Kid's Sunday	6/23
Pride Sunday	6/30
Parish Quorum	6/30

# BUNCO FUNdraiser



**Saturday, June 29**

**11:30am - 12:30pm lunch (optional)**

**12:30pm - 2:30pm game and raffle**

**Tickets on sale 6/2:**

**Bunco \$25**

**Luncheon \$10**

**couples & singles  
welcome**

**Prizes and raffle!**



# Direction

JOIN A JOURNEY LED BY PASTOR ANNY

## Discernment

THE PROCESS OF INTENTIONALLY BECOMING AWARE OF HOW GOD IS PRESENT, ACTIVE AND CALLING SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND WITH INCREASINGLY GREATER FAITHFULNESS.

TRAVEL TIPS:  
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR  
DECISION MAKING

JULY 12-14, 3-5PM TO 11AM  
MERCY CENTER AUBURN

TICKET SALES MAY 19 THRU JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>  
CONTACT: DEB HUGHES

### HARD DECISIONS ?

WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU HAVE  
TWO GOOD CHOICES, WHICH WAY DO  
YOU GO?

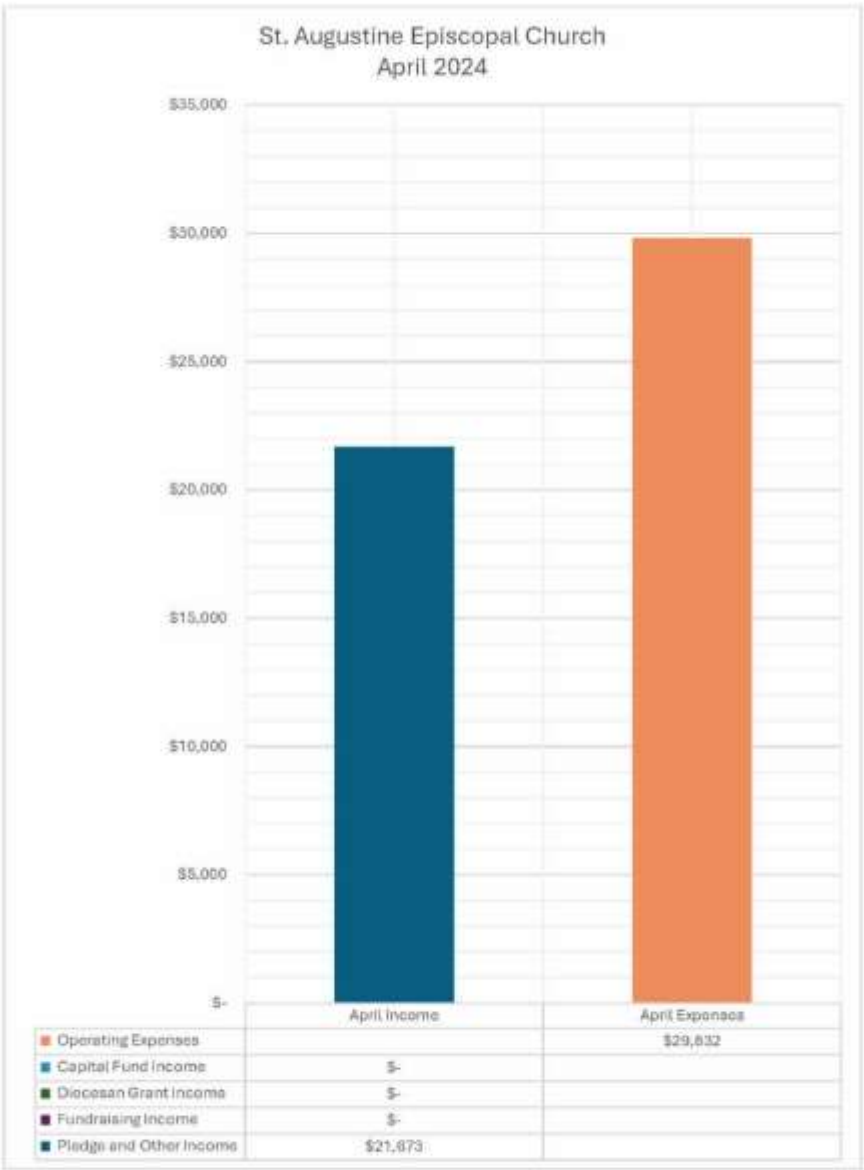
PSALM 25:4 LORD SHOWING THE  
RIGHT PATH. POINT OUT THE ROAD  
FOR ME TO FOLLOW.

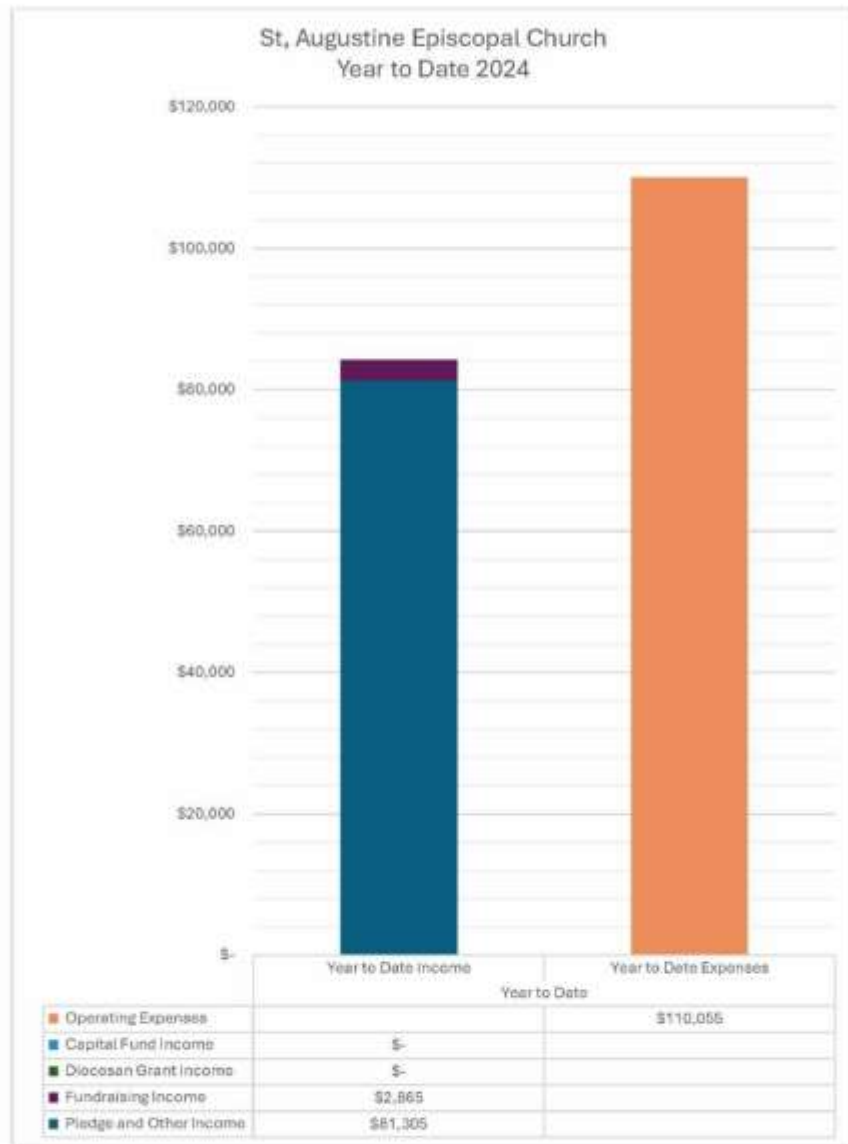
WHAT ROLES DO DESIRE, PASSION,  
MOTIVATION, LOVE AND HATE PLAY?

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: SEE PASTOR ANNY

Bob Deering, Treasurer

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April 2024





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**OR**  
**Click on the 'Donate' button below.**

## DONATION

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## GET to KNOW...

### Peggy Doyle

**Place of Birth:** *Palo Alto, CA*  
*I moved to CA in 1958. I have only lived in CA.*

**My occupation is:** *RETIRED!*  
**My occupation before retirement**  
*was 25 plus years of marketing/  
business development in  
healthcare.*

**Hobbies:** *Crafts of all kinds*

**Favorite Sports Team:** *San Francisco*

*Giants, although I don't watch a lot of sports.*

**Favorite Restaurant:** *Q1227*

**Favorite Movie:** *You've Got Mail*

**Favorite TV program:** *Amazing Race but I'm not much of a TV watcher.*

**Favorite band:** *Little River Band*

**Last Concert Attended:** *Kenny Loggins*

**Last good book read:** *Must Love Flowers; author - Debbie Macomber.*

**Favorite vacation spot:** *Anywhere in Europe!*

**Favorite Bible verse:** *Psalm 118:24*





## St Francis of Assisi presents...Beloved Pet

**Name:** *La Ren In The News*

**Call Name:** *Tucker*

**Breed:** *Papillon (Phalene to be precise)*

**Age:** *10 Months*

**Owners:** *Dave and Deb Hughes*

**Favorite snack:** *Loves food*

**Favorite toy:** *Squeaky dog toy that looks like a Christmas Package.*

**I like to:** *Spin, run, jump, eat fast and learn how to do dog things from Remy.*



## The Canterbury Jester



This is a new feature in Canterbury Tales. Some readers agree that an appropriate joke, cartoon, or humor would be a good fit. We present, *The Canterbury Jester*.

A German Shepherd, a Doberman and a cat died. In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in. The German Shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master." "Good!" said God. "Sit at my right side."

“Doberman, what do you believe in?” asked God. The Doberman answered, “I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master.” “Aha,” said God. “You may sit to my left.” Then God looked at the cat and asked, “And what do you believe in?” The cat replied, “I believe you are sitting in my seat.”

## JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS



### June Birthdays

June 2 Elliana Titley  
June 3 Fernando Sandoval  
June 4 Camille Grabowski  
June 8 Gersson Bran  
Lucy Martin  
June 13 Jim Tilton  
June 16 Carol Wilson  
June 17 Pat Boudreaux  
Barbette Mylar  
Bill Schloetter  
June 19 Collin Cooper  
June 20 Kristen Cichocki  
June 24 Louise Weston  
June 25 June Meredith  
June 27 Joan Buckmaster

### July Birthdays

July 2 Lucas Diaz  
July 4 Pastor Anny  
July 8 Carol Geiger  
Sofia Sandoval  
Kathleen Rhoads  
July 9 Cristina Billikopf  
July 11 Peggy Doyle  
July 12 William Titley  
Deacon Joanie  
July 13 Diego Sandoval  
July 16 James Schmidt  
July 19 Sandra Burgner  
Aubrey Cooper  
Linda Carr  
July 21 Kyle Sisk



June 28 Reg Underwood

Matt Diaz  
July 25 Don Lonsbrough  
July 27 Anna Sellers  
July 29 Jeff Cichocki  
Jeannie Craig  
July 30 Rob Shonk  
Sherry Ross  
July 31 Mary Ann McKay

## June and July ANNIVERSARIES



### June Anniversaries

10 Jon & Laura Titley  
20 Rich & Rhonda Wampler  
21 Matt & Kara Diaz  
John & Sarah (Patti) Carroz  
25 Ian & Louse Weston  
28 Steve & Sharon Mershon  
John & Kathleen Quigley

### July Anniversaries

3 Jack & Kathy Dillon  
7 Jack & Jane Buffington  
27 Chris & Natalie Cooper  
31 Bill & Paulette Schloetter

## May Memorials

In Loving Memory

**Janet Marie Dixon Dickens**

**November 24, 1956 - March 6, 2024**

**Memorial Service:**

**April 28, 2024**



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