



St. Charles Episcopal Church

THE PULSE

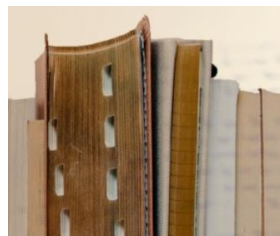


"Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who activates them in everyone." ~1 Corinthians 12:4-6

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS January 30, 2025 - February 6, 2025



Please note that **red or blue italicized words** are links to emails, websites, and documents.
If viewing on your **cell phone** you may need to click to expand in order to see the Pulse in its entirety.



From the Rector

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Charles Episcopal Church,

This Sunday February 2 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. This Feast marks the day when Jesus was presented to the temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as Candlemas, as traditionally on this day the candles of the church are blessed.

We will begin our service in Ludtke Hall with the blessing and lighting of candles and process into the church. The Feast of the Presentation is a celebration of the light of Christ coming into the world. I hope you can all join us.

Deacon Steve Lowe will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday February 9th. Deacon Steve will be preaching that day and we will hold a festive coffee hour for this special occasion. Please mark your calendar!

A visitation and funeral services for Sara Lawrence will be held at Malone Funeral home in Geneva this Saturday, Feb. 1. Please see more information below in this newsletter.

See you all on Sunday,

Rev. Fran

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join us on Sundays at our 9:30 a.m. morning service. We'd love to see you there!



Watch the livestream of the service here:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIL/>

YouTube: [St Charles Episcopal Church, St. Charles, Illinois - YouTube](#)

View this Sunday's, February 2, 2025 service bulletin [HERE](#) or on our [website](#)

View our January 26, 2025 service [HERE](#)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR February 2, 2025

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyDays/Present_RCL.html

• Malachi 3:1-4 • Psalm 84:1-8 • Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

Search Committee Update 1/30/25

The Search Committee is at a crucial step in the data-gathering process. We've completed the written survey, and the committee wants to thank the many parishioners who completed it. The next step is to have small group meetings to get more in-depth information as to the future vision of St. Charles Episcopal Church, and, specifically, what traits we want in our next Rector.

We have set up a series of small group opportunities:

- **Sunday, February 2nd:** Two groups meeting after coffee hour from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (SCEC Library, Choir Room)
- **Sunday, February 9th:** Two groups meeting after coffee hour from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (SCEC Library, Choir Room)
- **Wednesday, February 5th:** One group meeting from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (SCEC Library)
- **Sunday, February 16th:** One group meeting after coffee hour from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (SCEC Library)
- **Thursday, February 20th:** A meeting at 6:30 pm via Zoom for those who are unable to attend any of the in-person meetings. *****waiting to confirm time of zoom meeting**

Sign-up sheets are on the table in Ludtke Hall, or you can call the church, or anyone on the Search Committee (Jan Hoffman, Victoria Skyles, Kathy Knobel, Ed Manning, Melinda Oakey, and Bo Smith) to let them know which small group session you want to join. These meetings are very important, and we would greatly appreciate your input!

Lenten Book Study

Sign-up Deadline is January 31st

The DOK is offering a Lenten Book Study. We will explore “The Disciple’s Way”, a publication of Forward Movement. Its daily devotions come from FM writers from the year the organization started and includes reflections by current-day theologians and scholars. The group will meet on Saturdays, from 10-11 am, beginning on March 8 and ending on April 12. The cost of the book is \$12 each for quantities less than 10. Purchasing more than 10 copies reduces the price to \$7 each. The text is also available for e-readers.

If you wish to purchase a book, please contact *Katie Thomson* **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025**. This will allow sufficient time for ordering and distributing the books. The reading schedule and zoom link will be sent at a later date.

Green Team and Racial Justice February Meetings

The Green Team will meet in the SCEC Library this Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend in person, request a zoom link by asking *Diana Brown* or *Robin Weaver*.

The Racial Justice Committee will meet on Saturday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in person. If you are unable to attend in person, request a zoom link by contacting *Robin Weaver*, *Ed Manning* or *Kathy Heikkinen*. All are welcome to attend.

“Love God, Love God’s World”

This is a nine-session, small group, film-based program, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry. SCEC will offer it, via Zoom, beginning Thursday, February 13. It is a wonderful program. There are no books, just articles and videos. No charge.

Sessions will begin on Zoom at 6:30 PM and end by 8:15 PM. Session dates are:

- February 13, 20, 27
- March 6, 13, 20, 27
- April 3, 10

Care of God’s holy creation, and ourselves, is now front and center as we solidify our spiritual foundation, respect nature and advocate for the earth and all living things.

Any questions? Ask Katie Thomson *kthomson@sbcglabal.net* or Robin Weaver *rweaver3333@gmail.com* and sign up with one of them.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>

Spaghetti Dinner Ministry Update

Thanks to all who help in this endeavor! We served **173 meals** last night which is 12 more than last year. Thanks again to all who support FSD.(Free Spaghetti Dinner) ~Dallas

Rest in Peace ~ Sara Lawrence March 7, 1928 - December 16, 2024

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. at the Malone Funeral Home, 324 East State St (Rt. 38) Geneva,

Illinois, with Minister Al Patten officiating.

Interment is anticipated to be a private event.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to:
Northern Illinois Food Bank, 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva, IL
60134 <https://solvehungertoday.org>

For more information: 630-232-8233 or www.malonefh.com
To view Sara's obituary, please click [HERE](#)



May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Miller, James Weaver, Laura Graf, Bill Yeck

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Abby Stepien, Kathryn Manning, Diana Brown, Marina Morrow,
Connie Copeland, Betty Zupke

*If you have a January or February birthday and were not included in this list,
please let us know right away!*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your
servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in
wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the
days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan 30

"The Pulse" is emailed

6:30 p.m. Sacred Ground

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

Friday, Jan 31

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Feb 1

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

9:30 a.m. Green Team Meeting - SCEC Library

Sunday, Feb 2

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the Rev. Fran Holliday

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ

11:00 a.m. Rector Search Small Groups - SCEC Library, Choir Room

Monday, Feb 3

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 4

1:30 p.m. Scripture Study on Zoom (contact: [Kathy Heikkinen](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 865 3516 0570 Passcode: 702460

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 5

1:00 p.m. Staff Lunch

6:00 p.m. Men's Group on Zoom (contact: [Bill Yeck](#))

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 812 7665 5611 Password: 702450

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Ludtke Hall

Thursday, Feb 6

"The Pulse" is emailed

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - SCEC Library

1:30 p.m. Sacred Ground - St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church, Elgin

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 829 1768 3846 Passcode: 619810

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

For Healing and Intercession

Scott J., Tom & Sharon M., Laura S., Tina B., Buzz H., Judy M., Carol T., Betsy B., Deacon Steve, Barney G., Bob, Chris R., Meredith W. and family, Julia R, Jeff R., Tim P., and Drew P. We also include all those being prayed for by the Daughters of the King.



For Our Search Committee

We pray especially for our Search Committee that they will be unified together with love and have respect for everyone's input, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit, receiving guidance and wisdom from God and the courage to act where God leads, and that they may undertake this work with Joy.

We pray for our parish during this time of our search for a new Priest, that we may show forth patience and trust for those chosen to lead the process.

For Those Who have died

Sara Lawrence, Darlene Gillis, Eugene (cousin of Charles and Linda Boerner)



CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer requests may be emailed to:

prayer@stcharlesepiscopal.org

For prayers from the Daughters of the King, send prayer requests to: scecdok@gmail.com

The Rev. Fran Holliday RevFran@stcharlesepiscopal.org

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe deaconsteve@theloweclan.net

Katie Thomson, Sr. Warden katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net

Mark Downey, Director of Music mdowney807@gmail.com

Shellie Morgan, Parish Administrator ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org

Follow us on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesEpiscopalIL/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkOLnNX1LQtRJKXJi1h_QBw

DONATE

All are welcome here!

You are loved - no exceptions!

St. Charles Episcopal Church is part of the Diocese of Chicago, the Episcopal Church of the USA, and the international Anglican Communion. We are listed as an Affirming Church on gaychurch.org



994 N. Fifth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174-1227
Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(630) 584-2596
www.stcharlesepiscopal.org

St Charles Episcopal Church | 994 N. 5th Ave. | SAINT CHARLES, IL 60174 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!