



St. Charles Episcopal Church

THE PULSE



*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."
Luke 24:5-6*

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS May 15, 2025 - May 22, 2025

Search Committee Update

We are happy to announce that we have completed the Parish Profile and it is going to the Vestry for approval later this week! Once the Vestry approves it, we will then forward it to Andrea Mysen, Canon to the Ordinary, for final approval. We should be on track to have our Parish Profile available to the public in June. We are super excited and hope that you are too! If you have any questions, please reach out to the Search Committee.

St. Charles Episcopal Church Vestry Agenda Monday, May 19th 7:00 p.m.



- Opening Prayer
- Consent Agenda
- Blue Frost plan agreement for boilers/air conditioners
- Closing Prayer

Visitors to Vestry Meetings

The Vestry welcomes guests to Vestry Meetings. A Vestry Meeting Policy was approved in March 2021 that explains how visitors may attend, ask to have items added to the agenda, and make presentations. **The Vestry meets every month on the third Monday at 7:00 pm on Zoom.** The agenda is posted in Pulse the week before the meeting and includes a link to the [Vestry Meeting Policy](#). If you have questions or would like to suggest an item for the agenda, please contact one of the Wardens.

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:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@StCharlesEpiscopalChurchStChar>

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

View prior services [HERE](#)



CHURCH SERVICE BULLETINS

Please click [HERE](#) to access our Sunday, May 18, 2025 service bulletin.
The service bulletins are also on our [website](#).


SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR May 18, 2025

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Easter/CEaster5_RCL.html

• Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 • Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 13:31-35

Racial Justice Committee Underground Railroad Presentation by Connie Martin

St. Charles Episcopal Church, in conjunction with the Anti Racism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, presents Ms. Connie Martin (MA, Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speaker) to speak on *Pre Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad*. Her talk will take place on **Thursday, June 5th from 7-8:30 pm at St. Charles Episcopal Church**.



Connie Martin Presents:
Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

"Mind-blowing," "Highly-lauded" 60 minutes of historical information from research on family history, sharing secret codes as a 6th generation descendant of enslaved Africans in Kentucky. Who began the Underground Railroad? Learn the untold American history of secret safe routes throughout our counties in Illinois. Freedom seekers successfully escaped from slavery in the South; many using abolitionists who assisted them to Canada.

This multimedia slide presentation with exhibition of family handmade quilt replicas can be booked virtual zoom, or in-person.

Book your event today!

Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speaker shares family stories with hidden messages in the patterns of quilts used on the Underground Railroad.

FB: Connie Martin Quilt Presentations
Website: www.ihumanities.org/connie-martin
Cell: 630.486.0862
Email: conniemartinpcwarquilts@yahoo.com

Register at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC48A5AC22A3FBC52-56646614-precivil>

Sunday, June 8th - Save the Date!

Please put **Sunday, June 8th** on your calendar and plan to attend that day. It will be a day of celebration:

- It is the Feast of Pentecost - The Rev. Andrea Mysen is celebrating and preaching.
- Connor Anderson, the 2025 Ludtke Scholarship recipient, will be honored.
- Katie Anderson's confirmation will be celebrated (This is happening on the first Sunday of June at St. Mark's Geneva).

Kat Hari will be getting two cakes. FYI June birthday's will be moved to the third Sunday, so you can also have a cake that day as well.

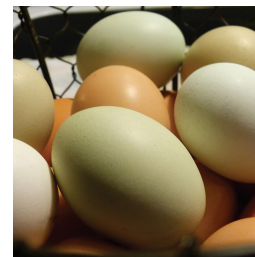
Volunteers Needed for Watering



Wanted: Outside plant watering needed for the potted plants. Please see [Kat Hari](#) if interested in keeping our grounds beautiful during the spring/summer months.

Eggs for Eastertide

Look for the Hesus House Egg Carton on the table in Ludtke Hall. With the higher cost of eggs, St. Charles Episcopal Church is one of the few breakfast providers that still offer eggs. Purchasing an “egg” from the carton will help offset the higher cost.



There is also an “Easter Basket” containing “paper eggs” with suggested donations for needed projects. If you’re able, we welcome your participation. Thank you. Please contact [Kathy Knobel](#) if you have any questions.

Name Tag Reminder

Our church will be seeing visitors every week for Sunday service for the next few months, including our supply priests, now that Rev. Fran is gone. Please remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings. If you need a name tag please sign your name on the sheet near the name tags in the hallway. If you forget your name tag or can’t find it, please wear a temporary tag. Let’s make our guests feel welcome!



SCEC Education Survey

This survey is in response to educational interests voiced in the church-wide Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) that was taken in November 2024. In the CAT, opportunities for education and spiritual growth showed up as needing to be addressed. Please take the 5-to-10-minute survey to let the SCEC Education committee know what you are looking for in Christian education and spiritual growth. We can then offer you the courses, discussions, books and fellowship you want. We request your name so that we can respond to you personally after a plan is implemented. **The survey will close on Sunday June 1st, 2025.** Paper surveys will be available in Ludtke Hall.

Survey link [HERE](#)

Thanks ~ SCEC Education Committee:
Deacon Steve, Katie Thomson, Robin Weaver, Kathy Heikkinen, Kathy Knobel, and Bill Yeck

A Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on Episcopal Migration Ministries

On Monday, May 12, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe [shared a letter](#) outlining significant changes to Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), including the decision to conclude refugee resettlement grant agreements with the U.S. government at the end of September. EMM had previously scaled back its staff following the suspension of the federal refugee resettlement



program.

“As Christians, we must be guided not by political vagaries, but by the sure and certain knowledge that the kingdom of God is revealed to us in the struggles of those on the margins,” Rowe said. “Jesus tells us to care for the poor and vulnerable as we would care for him, and we must follow that command. Right now, what that means is ending our participation in the federal government’s refugee resettlement program and investing our resources in serving migrants in other ways.”

Read the letter and FAQ online in **English and Spanish**.

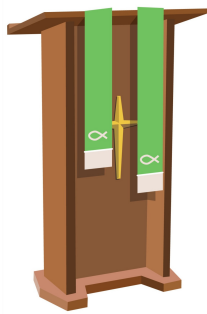


MAY BIRTHDAYS

Diane Edwards, Aidan Birk, Bill Stepien

If you have a May 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.



Supply Priest Schedule May & June 2025

May 18 - Rev. Barbara Wilson
May 25 - Rev. Dr. Mary Milano
June 1 - Rev. Suzann Holding
June 8 - Rev. Andrea Mysen
June 15 - Rev. Joann Lagman
June 22 - Rev. Suzann Holding
June 29 - Rev. Dr. Mary Milano

This information may also be found on the church **calendar**.

Parish Admin Out of Office

The Parish Admin will be out of the office beginning Monday, May 19th and will return on Monday, June 2nd.

During this time **the Parish Office will remain open**. Emails and phone messages will be checked daily, so please feel free to leave a message. If you will be sending emails for the Pulse, Weekly Whispering, and the church calendar, please continue to send your emails to parishadmin@stcharlesepisopal.org. There will be people appointed to cover the Parish Admin job duties during this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Warden **Katie Thomson** or Jr. Warden **Sue Riffer**.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15

"The Pulse" is emailed

3:00 p.m. Cleaning company

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

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

Friday, May 16

11:00 a.m. AGO exams in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Hesed House lunch prep

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, May 17

3:00 a.m. Hesed House breakfast prep

5:00 a.m. Hesed House breakfast serve

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

11:00 a.m. Ronald Koenig funeral

Sunday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the Rev. Barbara Wilson

Monday, May 12

5:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting - SCEC Library

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, May 20

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

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

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Ludtke Hall

Thursday, May 21

"The Pulse" is emailed

5:30 p.m. Search Committee Meeting - SCEC library

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., Tina B., Buzz H., Judy M., Betsy B., Julia R., Drew P., John E., Carol K., Philip D., and Kathy H. 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.



CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer requests may be emailed to:

prayer@stcharleseiscopal.org

For prayers from the Daughters of the King,

send prayer requests to: scecdok@gmail.com



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Shellie Morgan, Parish Administrator ParishAdmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org

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