



St. Charles Episcopal Church

THE PULSE

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

INFORMATION, CALENDAR, AND PRAYER LISTS October 23, 2025 - October 30, 2025



Grateful to God for our church home

Stewardship 2026



2026 Stewardship Testimonial

I came to St. Charles Episcopal Church around 16 years ago, seeking a new church home to start fresh. A warm invitation to join choir had me hooked – I am still there, singing, playing hand bells, violin, and turning pages for Mark, our organist. I had visited previously and got chills as I sat in my pew – good chills- I knew and know I made the right choice. I pledged what I could at that time and continue to do so. I watched and participated in the many ways our church serves the community: Spaghetti Dinner, Lazarus House, Hesed House, Carroll Towers. I have volunteered in Spaghetti Dinner, served and given my time and talent in Vestry (not so scary), Altar Guild (still there), Daughters of the King (go sisters!), EFM (a work in progress), Fundraising Committee (we don't chase after you, really!), Lector, Intercessor, Worship Committee (boy we had some l-o-n-g meetings!), Building/Grounds Committee, and Newcomers Committee.

As you consider pledging this year, may you give as you can financially, but know that your time and talent are just as valuable to our church community. Pledging is my way of saying "Thank You" for our church home. May it be so for you.

~ Regan Jancauskas

View the 2026 Stewardship Campaign Letter [HERE](#)
View the 2026 Pledge card [HERE](#)

THIS SATURDAY: Anti-Racism Training to be held at SCEC

The National Episcopal Church has mandated that all lay leadership at the congregational level be required to take anti-racism training. To that directive, the Anti-Racism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be hosting a half-day training pilot here at St. Charles Episcopal Church this **Saturday, October 25th at 9:30 am**. The training is approximately 4-5 hours long and includes a working lunch. The Commission will pick up the entire cost of the training and lunch.

If you would like to avail yourself of this wonderful opportunity, please contact [Melinda Oakey](#), [Kathy Heikkinen](#), or [Edward Manning](#) for more information.

Vestry Openings 2026

The Vestry will have three openings in January when the current member terms are done. If you are interested in learning more about the Vestry or interested in joining the Vestry, please contact Sue Riffer (sbriffer1437@gmail.com) or Katie Thomson (katie.thomson@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

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:

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, Oct 26, 2025 service bulletin.
The service bulletins are also on our [website](#).

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR October 26, 2025

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp25_RCL.html

• Joel 2:23-32 • Psalm 65 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

A Prayer

As Rev. Brian Sauder, CEO & President at Faith in Place, stated in their recent Keynote Session:

"We gather tonight in yet another moment when we see evil oppression manifesting on our streets and repetitive and sadistic horror that is designed to pull us away from our deepest spiritual values. It is in these moments that it is all the more important to gather together. In each other we find strength. It's how we practice our core spiritual commitments: nonviolent peacemaking, turning again over and over toward the good we all hold, and cultivating an active and joyful resistance."

~submitted by the Racial Justice Committee

Women's Lunch November 10th

All women of St. Charles Episcopal Church are invited to join us at the next Ladies Lunch:



- Monday, November 10th at 11:30 a.m.
- Nosh in Geneva - 22 North 3rd Street
- RSVP to Carole Woods at cararsieca@att.net | text or call 630-463-2507



Bakers and Drivers Needed for Free Spaghetti Dinner

Bakers and Drivers are needed for Lazarus House & Carroll Towers for **Nov and Dec**. Please sign up to help out with this important outreach. Thank you from the FSD ministry.

Minutes from September Vestry Meeting

Minutes approved at this month's meeting, can be found using this link: [Vestry Minutes September 2025](#). Paper copies of minutes from all meetings can be found in the binders in our library.



THIS FRIDAY: Geneva Church Event Information About Immigrant Detentions & Deportations, the Trust Act, and First Amendment Rights

Nearly every day we hear of houses, apartment buildings, and businesses being raided, and people being taken outside of courthouses or when they drop their kids off at school by agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). Immigrant detentions and deportations, without the benefit of the due process of law, have become the norm in the Chicago area and around the country. This has caused many to question these practices and a lot of confusion exists regarding immigrant's rights and the role of law enforcement.

To address some of these questions and clear up some of the confusion, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva is inviting the community to attend a special free presentation on **Friday, October 24, at 7 p.m. at the church's historical building, 102 S 2nd St in downtown Geneva**. The meeting will be available via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87570981155>

Co-sponsored by the Church's Social Justice Team, St Charles Episcopal Church's Racial Justice Committee, and the Congregational Church of Batavia, this presentation will address the current issues facing immigrants in Illinois.

Rebecca Glenberg, Chief Supervising Litigation Council: First Amendment at the

ACLU-IL, will explain what immigrants are up against concerning federal vs local laws, the Illinois TRUST Act, what rights immigrants possess under the law, and the First Amendment Rights that apply.

“I think many people are confused about the unprecedented actions that are being taken against immigrants in our communities,” said Sherry Wilson, UUSG’s Social Justice Co-Chair. This presentation is designed to inform attendees about these issues and actions.

The presentation will last about 60 minutes with ample time for questions and answers.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Zoe Ulaszek, Regan Jancauskas, Chris Robinson, Jody Rullman, Larry Dirst, Lydia Downey, Carol Foster, Marcia Priddy, Lisel Ulaszek, Katie Anderson, Hugh Robinson

If you have an October 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, Oct 23

"The Pulse" is emailed

1:00 p.m. Energy Audit

3:00 p.m. Cleaning company

4:00 p.m. Sandwich Board

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

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

Friday, Oct 24

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Oct 25

9:30 a.m. Anti-Racism Training - Ludtke Hall

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Oct 26

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service with The Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell

Healing Prayer available at this service

11:30 a.m. Adult Formation - Ludtke Hall

4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, Oct 27

5:30 p.m. AA meeting

Tuesday, Oct 28

11:00 a.m. Scripture Study on Zoom (contact: [Deacon Steve](#))

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

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 29

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

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, Oct 30

"The Pulse" is emailed

9:15 a.m. FRVI Meeting - Ludtke Hall

3:00 p.m. Cleaning company

8:30 p.m. Compline on Zoom

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

This information may also be found on the church [calendar](#).

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

For Healing and Intercession

Scott J., Tom & Sharon M., Tina B., Judy M., Betsy B., Julia R., Drew P., John E., Carol K., Philip D., Willow, Shirley, Mark D., Deacon Steve, and Stacy J. 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, 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@stcharlesepiscopal.org

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

***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



*Pulse submissions are due to the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday.
All submissions are subject to editing.*

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