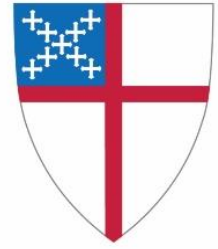




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*From our Rector*

May the Holy Spirit be with you!

We are entering May and we celebrate Mother's Day and Pentecost this month. For all our ladies of the congregation, we have a special gift for you on Sat/Sunday May 10-11 to honor our maternal care-givers in our lives. Moms, those who have been "like mom" (friends, aunts, grandmothers, cousins, etc...) and including moms of our fur babies are held up on that weekend to say thank you for all your love, care, patience, and guidance over the years.

On May 18-19 we celebrate the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples after Jesus' resurrection and gave them the courage and confidence to continue Jesus' teaching to the people. We, likewise, have this Spirit within us to help us face whatever life brings us. To celebrate, we encourage everyone to wear RED on that weekend in church... We hope to see a sea of RED out there in the congregation.

One of the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit on that Pentecost Day with the disciples was that they began to speak in languages that the people in the crowd were familiar with and could understand, even though these disciples had no acquaintance with those languages. It has happened that sometimes this sort of miraculous speaking in tongues occurs in certain situations. I think that one of the other ways that we overlook how the Holy Spirit can help us speak in ways that other people understand is when we are able to share our understanding of God or God's Word, or God's Ways. Any time we talk with someone who struggles to know God and we are given words or experiences that allow us to bring comprehension to someone else is also a potential gift of the Holy Spirit. Remember Jesus telling his disciples "... don't worry about what you will say. You will be given the right words when the time comes. But you will not really be the ones speaking. Your words will come from the Holy Spirit."

To put it in Star Wars terminology... "The Force will be with you."

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev. Allison Cornell



## Episcopal Jedi

May 4<sup>th</sup> is Star Wars Day: “May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!”

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### **Rev. Allison’s update on filming as extras for the Chosen:**

On Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, I returned from the set location for the Chosen near Goshen Utah. Robin, Karen (Robin’s sister), and I were selected to be extras again for this Christian series that focuses on not just Jesus’ life with his disciples but specifically on his disciples to give these people we know by name from the Bible more depth of character. The series creator and director Dallas Jenkins, uses the Bible, Bible scholars, and creative license to bring the disciples personalities to life.

As extras, we joined with about 600 other people to be the background actors in scenes for what we call Holy Week. Extras are asked to create and bring their own costumes (with design advice given by the Chosen wardrobe department). We also provide our own transportation and lodging. While on the set, the Chosen staff provide us with meals, snacks, beverages, sunscreen, electrolytes, a tent to rest in between scene shots, and port-a-potties.

If you have not had the opportunity to be an extra for any sort of filming, it is basically being told to move around in certain locations (for us this week, mainly street/alley ways or plaza/market place) in crisscross patterns that will make the background look very busy. As these scenes take place in Jerusalem during Passover, there is expected to be thousands of people in town for the holy days celebrations.

The director tells us to start moving and we move for some period of time and then they call “Cut”. We stop and often the next thing we are told is “Reset”.... meaning go back to the same starting places. We then shoot again, cut, reset. Eventually, when the director thinks it came out the way that he wants it, we hear “Camera moves”. Which means they liked what they got from that angle, and we reset and shoot again from a different camera angle. During our shoot we don’t say anything. The postproduction will add in crowd noise with our movement.

We did get to see some of the main cast actors from a distance and during our lunch break on day two some of the actors stopped by our table. We got a photo with our table group with the actors who play Nathaniel, Veronica, and the man healed by Jesus at the pool of Bethesda. On the set we saw several cast actors at a distance including the characters of Atticus, Andrew, Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Leonidas, and Tamar. Robin and Karen who stayed thru Friday also got to shoot with the actor portraying Jesus.



Day one end of day returning props



Day two start of day

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Chaplain Keith Saare Ordained Episcopal Priest April 25th 2024 Be sure to offer your blessings for Chaplain Keith Saare who has been ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. Chaplain Keith traveled to Baltimore for a Chaplain's conference April 21 to 27 and while he was at the conference, he was ordained to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church. We are delighted to have Rev. Keith be able to serve with us as his schedule with the Army at Ft. Huachuca allows and are even more excited for this next step in his ministry for God and God's people. Keith will be serving as preacher and celebrant at the Lord's Supper May 1st, 4th, and 5th and later in June when Rev. Allison is on vacation.



Laying on of hands to Ordain Rev. Keith Saare Stole



Rev. Keith Saare ordained and vested in Priest

## MAY EVENTS

- **First Friday Film Night – Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5.30 in the Ed Bldg.** We will be watching “The Most Reluctant Convert: The untold story of C.S. Lewis”. Salad supper provided. Bring your own beverage. Invite a friend to come along!
- **Second Saturday Supper – Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** We decided to go to Tombstone Brewery in the West End of Sierra Vista for our next gathering. Their menu is available at this link: [https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DCwplacx7irWVqd0IaxDAzjbs25kI8XogyEVJ7A\\_0LY/export?format=pdf](https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DCwplacx7irWVqd0IaxDAzjbs25kI8XogyEVJ7A_0LY/export?format=pdf) Address is: 332 N Garden Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
- **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day** – All the ladies of the church are invited to be present in worship on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> to receive a small token of appreciation for their maternal care of those in their lives (including our fur babies). Sunday we will have a lasagna and salad lunch following the worship. Come and share some fellowship time with us and let us serve you lunch!



- **PENTECOST WEEKEND** - May 18-19. Be sure to wear your RED clothing to celebrate God’s Holy Spirit active with God’s people!!!
- **Episcopal 101 classes on Saturdays: May 4<sup>th</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup> (No class May 11<sup>th</sup>) May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am in the Sierra Vista Library meeting rooms.** Topic for May 4<sup>th</sup> is “The Bible and the Episcopal Church”. Learn about the Episcopal Church our beliefs and practices. Invite your curious friends.
- **Rev. Keith Saare will preside over worship and preach Saturday and Sunday May 4-5,** as we welcome him in his newly ordained role as priest in the Episcopal Church. Come and celebrate Keith’s call to the priesthood!



## *From Our Reverend Deacon*

The month of May brings us Mother's Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Pentecost on the 19<sup>th</sup>. What a glorious celebration time. Last year, Rev. Allison gifted all the ladies with packets of seeds on Mother's Day. After potting mine, they grew and bloomed so pretty in pots on the patio. What surprise does she have for us this time? We will have to wait and see!

Pentecost has always been one of my favorite HOLY DAYS. The power of the Holy Spirit descending on all present had to be the most spectacular sight. And then, all the disciples spoke in the language understood by each person present. That was truly the greatest gathering ever reported anywhere at any time in history. We are all descendants of that gathering and, by the grace of God, we continue the work commissioned to the original apostles by spreading HIS WORD to those who will hear.

This month we also honor those brave men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. Memorial Day is a time for prayer and remembrance. Afterwards, many of us choose to have barbecues and parties. Let us all have a safe, prayerful Memorial Day 2024.

Reverend Dottie Gutwein, Deacon

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## *From our Treasurer*

With the weather warming up after some spring rain, we have got WEEDS. Last year we were able to do so much for the church buildings, the repairs, the upgrades. This year I have been able to recruit my landscaper to come to St. Stephen's and begin what will be a several phase process. He and his men will be there the end of May to clear the trees of mistletoe (which is a virus that becomes lethal), and to clear the land around the corner of Martingale/Cardinal. We are beginning to create plans for various phases of this project.

If you have ideas for me, please let me know! The Carswell family chose to remember Ann with a tree, and we may be able to stretch that into a Memorial Garden area between the buildings. We will ask their permission, of course.

Anne Roth

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Many of you who were present for the April BIRTHDAY SUNDAY asked for the recipe for this delicious cake that Andrea Akin made -

## **MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE WITH PINEAPPLE FROSTING**

**Mandarin Orange Cake with Pineapple Frosting** is so light and refreshing and begins with a **cake mix** and mandarin oranges, then topped with a frosting made with crushed pineapple and vanilla pudding. Also known as **Pig Pickin' cake**, this simple cake recipe is absolutely amazing!

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Cook Time 35 minutes mins

Total Time 45 minutes mins

Course: Cake

Cuisine: American

Keyword: mandarin orange cake

Servings: 12 servings

Author: Jessica & Nellie

### **Ingredients**

- **Cake:**
  - 1 yellow cake mix
  - 1/2 cup oil
  - 4 eggs
  - 11 oz can mandarin oranges with the juice
- **Frosting:**
  - 8 oz Cool Whip
  - 1 sm. can crushed pineapple 8 oz
  - 1 sm. pkg vanilla instant pudding

### **Instructions**

1. For cake: Mix all ingredients together and bake at 350 for 35 minutes. If you make the cake in a bundt pan (rather than a 9X13), the cook time will be closer to 45 minutes.
2. Once the cake is cooled, mix the pineapple and pudding together. Let set for a few minutes until slightly thickened and then fold in the Cool Whip. Spread on cake and keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Enjoy

## Notes

*\*UPDATE: The last couple of times I have made this cake, I have used coconut oil and it's perfect for this cake. You really can't taste much of the coconut flavor - I was kind of hoping that the flavor would be a little stronger because it would pair so well with the oranges and pineapple! But the consistency is still the same and I like to feel like it makes the cake just a little bit healthier too!*

*Notes: If you are using a bundt pan, make sure that you spray the pan VERY well. It's so disappointing to make the perfect cake and then have it get stuck in the pan and fall out in chunks! If it still doesn't come out easily, you can use a knife to go around the edges (carefully!) to loosen the cake and help it come out in one gorgeous piece. Good luck!*

*Also, this cake needs to stay refrigerated. I think that's part of why this is my favorite summer cake - it's served cold!*



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## May 2024 Lay Ministry Teams Schedule

***NOTE: If you are unable to serve at the appointed time and day, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Please notify Robin of substitutions***

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Jeff Speer                      Lector – Tim Holsenback                      Alter guild – Jeff Speer

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Robin StClair                      Lector – Sandra Calhoun                      Alter Guild – Robin StClair

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Tim Holsonback                      Lector – Jeff Speer                      Altar Guild – Tim Holsonback

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Jeff Speer                      Lector – Tim Holsenback                      Alter guild – Jeff Speer

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### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – MJ Mahland                      Lector – Nancy Rea                      Alter Guild – Deb Ash                      Deacon - Dottie Gutwein

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Nancy Rea                      Lector – Doris Millard                      Alter Guild – Nancy Rea                      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Robin StClair                      Lector –Peggy Brown                      Altar Guild – Robin StClair                      Deacon - Dottie Gutwein

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

LEM – Wilma Swartz                      Lector – Ann Crandall                      Alter Guild -Deb Ash                      Deacon - Dottie Gutwein

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	2	3 <b>Film Night</b> <b>'The Most Reluctant Convert'</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>In the Ed Bldg</b>	4 5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
5 10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Live Stream)	6	7 Bible Study (Proverbs) 5 pm Via Zoom	8 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	9	10	11 5.00 pm Service followed by <b>Supper at Tombstone Brewing</b> <b>6.30pm</b>
12 <b>Mother's Day</b> 10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Live Stream)	13	14 Bible Study (Proverbs) 5 pm Via Zoom	15 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	16	17	18 5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
19 10am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Live Stream)	20	21 Bible Study (Proverbs) 5 pm Via Zoom	22 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	23	24 <b>Newsletter Articles Due For June Issue</b>	25 5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
26 10am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Live Stream)	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 Bible Study (Proverbs) 5 pm Via Zoom	29 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	30		



<b>Jerry Fine</b>	<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Joe DePaul</b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tim Holsenback</b>	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Alesia Ash</b>	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tony Roselli</b>	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mark Sowards</b>	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> will be "**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**" celebrating everyone who has a birthday in the month of May. A cake will be present for all to enjoy!



**From our Kitchen Koordinator** – March and April kept us quite busy in the kitchen with all the celebrations. Birthday Sundays, St Patrick’s Day, Easter. Now we have more coming up in May and June. I could do with an assistant as Andrea Akin is unable to commit now as she has to work on most Sundays. Also, Koffee Kitty is feeling a little lonely and is looking for some attention. If you are able, please make a donation to enable us to keep our stock of snacks and drinks up for our Fellowship time after the service.

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**From the Editor** - Well it’s actually happening! Chet has booked our flights and we really are going to make that long awaited trip to England. We’ll be touching down at London Heathrow on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to catching up with family and old friends over there. Not looking forward to sorting the house over there out and getting it ready for selling! We’ll then put it in the hands of an agent and all being well we should be back here by September. I shall be continuing with the newsletter whilst there.

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