



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 23, 2025 - January 30, 2025**



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Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Charles Episcopal Church,

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our 2025 Annual Meeting. Thank you to those who made presentations, and brought food for our brunch. I also want to extend a special thanks to Shellie Morgan, who put together a new Annual Report with a new format and pictures.

If you missed the 2025 Annual Meeting you may still pick up an Annual Report in Ludtke Hall or click [HERE](#) to read it.

Thank you to those who ran and were elected by the parish to the Vestry. Your leadership is extremely important to this parish and I am grateful for your willingness to serve.

Here is a list of the current Vestry members:

Katie Thomson Senior Warden (2026)
Sue Riffer Junior Warden (2027)

Melinda Oakey (2026)
Bill Yeck (2026)
Regan Jancauskas (2027)
Deb Sturges (2027)
Robin Weaver (2028)
Kathy Heikkinen (2028)

Elected to a two year Treasurer's term: Bill Yeck, Assistant Treasurer: Dan Hoffman.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Vestry to ask questions. Below is a link to the December 2024 Vestry Minutes which were approved at our Jan. 20, 2025 meeting. There is also a hard copy of the minutes in a binder in the library for your convenience.

I will see you all on Sunday,

Rev. Fran

Minutes from Prior Vestry Meetings

Minutes approved for December 17, 2024 may be viewed [HERE](#)
Minutes approved for January 7, 2025 may be viewed [HERE](#)
Paper copies of minutes from all meetings can be found in the binders in our library.

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, January 26, 2025 service bulletin [HERE](#) or on our [website](#)

View our January 19, 2025 service [HERE](#)



SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR January 26, 2025

https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpi3_RCL.html •
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a • Luke 4:14-21

Search Committee Update

The next step in the search for our next priest is participating in small group sessions. We have signup sheets in Ludtke Hall with five dates to choose from and one Zoom option. The dates are as follows:

- Sunday February 2nd at 11am
- Sunday February 9th at 11am

- Wednesday, February 5th at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30pm
- The Zoom call will take place on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm

The only thing you need to bring to these sessions are your thoughts and insights. You can anticipate the meetings to last about 1 ½ hours. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Search Committee.

We want to hear from you – your opinion matters!

Lenten Book Study

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.



Ladies Lunch - Monday, January 27th

The women of St. Charles Episcopal Church are invited to lunch:

- Nosh - Geneva
- Monday, January 27th
- 11:30 a.m.

Please join us! RSVP to Carole Woods at 630-463-2507

Green Team and Racial Justice February Meetings

The Green Team will meet in the SCEC Library on 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 AM 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/>



Ludtke Scholarship Recipient Thank You

We received a delightful update and thank-you letter from Ludtke Scholarship Recipient, Mac Paul. Please click [HERE](#) to view the letter.

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.

Bishop Mariann Budde pleads for mercy for those who are afraid

[Episcopal News Service] Washington Bishop Mariann Budde, in *her Jan. 21 sermon* at Washington National Cathedral's Service of Prayer for the Nation, called on all Americans to strive for a renewed unity based in honesty, humility and respect for human dignity – and she directed her final words to President Donald Trump, who was seated in the front row.



Read the full article from Episcopal News Service [HERE](#)
Watch Bishop Budde's homily [HERE](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Miller, James Weaver, Laura Graf, Bill Yeck

If you have a January 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 23

"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 24

9:00 a.m. Co-Chairs of Racial Justice in Ludtke Hall

5:30 p.m. Al Anon

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Jan 26

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

11:00 a.m. Newcomers Committee Meeting - SCEC Library

Monday, Jan 27

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 28

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, Jan 29

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

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, Jan 30

"The Pulse" is emailed

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., and Tim 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

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