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The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe Elected 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Join the Churchwide Virtual Celebration

The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect

Sean Rowe Nov. 2, 2024

In this historic and joyful season, we invite you to pray for guidance for our church and our new presiding bishop as he leads us in envisioning the reign of God in our midst. May our celebration unite us as a sacramental community, and may we be filled with new energy to bear witness to God's work of redemption.

Who: Everyone is invited!

What: The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th presiding bishop with a smaller, simpler investiture service aimed at reducing carbon footprint and increasing churchwide virtual participation.

When: Nov. 2, with a prelude featuring a "roll call" of dioceses starting at 9:30 a.m. ET. The service itself starts at 11 a.m. ET. (7 a.m. Alaska time)

Where: The service will be livestreamed on [this page](#) and on [The Episcopal Church's Facebook page](#). A recording will be posted and distributed after the service.

How can I participate? Churches, dioceses, small groups, seminaries, and other Episcopal communities are encouraged to organize watch parties to participate in real time with Episcopalians around the world.

[Find and download customizable invitation assets.](#)



14 in all:

Four in Anchorage

One each in

Cordova, Eagle River,
Homer, Kenai,
Kodiak, Palmer,
Seward, Talkeetna,
Valdez and Wasilla




Revision and Renew... Revitalizing Our Ministries GENESIS II COME AND EXPLORE...

Re-Vision and Renew

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE REV THOMAS BRACKETT,
OUR DIOCESAN CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER and
STEVE MATTHEWS, GENESIS II CONSULTANT
ON ZOOM FOR A DEEPER EXPLORATION OF GENESIS II

September 22, 2024 1-2:30 p.m. Zoom: 885 2322 4888 / 788662 ([Join](#))

September 29, 2024 1-2:30 p.m. Zoom: 879 9658 5308 / 469576 ([Join](#))



Christ Church
invites you to
join them in person,
(12:30 lunch)
Sept. 22 and Sept.
29th for community
zooming of these
Genesis II Explorations
Lunch provided
(5101 O'Malley Road)
Please RSVP your
attendance to:
Christchurchak@gmail.com



The Rev. Thomas Brackett
Manager for Church Planting
& Mission Development
Presiding Bishop's Staff



Steve Matthews
Genesis II Consultant
for Redevelopment

Redeveloping for Sustained Vitality

"Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew"



The Practicing Communities of Genesis II:

A Three Path Invitation: The Practicing Communities of Genesis II, provide this framework by accompanying churches (five or more) within a diocese for up to 24 months. At the end of every six to seven month interval, churches and Genesis leadership will discern whether or not to continue this ever deepening "pilgrimage of transformation."

The Coaching Cohorts of Genesis II:

A Six Month Journey for Churches Experiencing Decline: This six-month Cohort program offers a structured and supportive environment for churches to explore faithful and empowered ways to address challenges of decline and options for moving forward.

Churches form teams of five or more members and we begin with five or more cohorts within each diocese. We are working on the development of these cohorts now. Please scan the QR code or contact The Rev. Katherine Hunt for more information, or bring your questions to our Diocesan Convention 2024.



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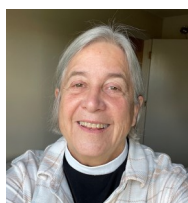
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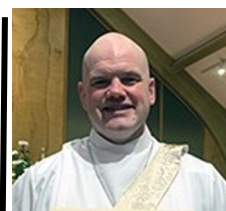
Revision and Renew... Revitalizing Our Ministries COME AND EXPLORE... Genesis II - South Central

We welcome The Rev. Gail Loken and The Rev. Jake Lambers as Genesis II liaisons working within the South Central Deanery as we continue to explore and develop Genesis II. We will be working as a network team.

- Rev. Katherine Hunt,
Genesis II Diocesan Coordinator



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A Case For Love

"A Case for Love," a feature-length documentary inspired by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's message of love, will be released Oct. 1 on all cable, satellite, and digital platforms where films can be rented or purchased.

Produced by Episcopalian - led Grace-Based Films, "A Case for Love" premiered in theaters on Jan. 23. Two free screenings were offered during the 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this summer.

The film includes interviews with Curry and other public figures. Well-timed for this election season, "A Case for Love" also features individual stories on the importance of acting out of love for one another instead of indifference, hate and ignorance.



*Is love still alive?

- *What does unselfish love look like?
- *How can we take the challenge of a daily act of unselfish love for the next 30 days?
- *Better yet, how about as a Prayer Discipline?

Learn more about the film and its accompanying free material for Christian formation classes by visiting www.acaseforlovemovie.com.

DEANERY NEWS

FROM THE BISHOP



Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime
VIII Bishop of Alaska

49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

Diocesan Clergy Conference: All Saint's

**Starts: Wednesday, October 2 – 1:00 p.m.
Concludes: Thursday, October 3 by 12:30 p.m.**

Guest Consultant: The Rev. Tom Brackett



49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

"Sailing to Different Shores"

"...Let us go across to the other side of the lake. ..." Mark 4:35-40 GNT

Thursday, October 3 - Saturday October 5, 2024

Hosted by: All Saints, Anchorage Alaska

Our gratitude to All Saints in Anchorage AK for hosting the 49th Convention of the Diocese of Alaska. They are busy preparing and finalizing details. We look forward to gathering from across the Diocese and hope to have every community where there is an Episcopal congregation represented. Diocesan convention is a time for official business, such as elections, resolutions, and budget AND it is a time for renewing friendships, sharing stories, singing, praying, learning, and worshipping God together.

This year we are delighted to have two guest speakers, The Rev. Tom Brackett who will share with us opportunities of Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew, and The Rev. Elizabeth Riley who will share opportunities to better understand and grow in the use of social media as a tool for evangelism.

In our theme text from Mark, Jesus and the disciples depart by boat to the other side of the sea of Galilee. As we embark on any voyage of change it is good to remember that we must start just as we are--who we are and where we are with bold clarity and honesty. "There were other boats with him" ^{Mk 4:36}, reminding us that any voyage of change or renewal is best made with others. In the midst of any voyage of change or new life, fears like storms are sure to rise. But Jesus calms the storms, and we are encouraged to press on in faith and hope into new life.

Registration Closed on September 11, 2024

Diocesan Convention 2024



For more details, please check out the 2024 Convention & Clergy Conference page on our website: [2024 Convention and Clergy Conference – Episcopal Diocese of Alaska \(episcopalak.org\)](https://episcopalalaska.org/2024-convention-and-clergy-conference)

FROM THE DEAN



Greetings, South Central Deanery!

I hope you all had a wonderful fun filled Summer. With the leaves changing and the cool crisp air in the mornings, we all know what is coming our way. We don't need to see a White Raven to know that Winter is coming. AJ Sullivan turned in her resignation as Deanery Treasurer and the Deanery Board appointed Carol Batson (All Saints) to fill the vacancy until we can elect someone to finish AJ's term at our Deanery meeting. We all thank AJ for stepping up and supporting our Deanery. We will miss her at our Executive Meetings but understand that she needs to focus on herself. I, like most of you, have had family visit Alaska this year. My niece and her family were here in July and my nephew from Florida came up for his first visit to Alaska in September for his father's (my brother) funeral. Even though it was a sad time we were able to take him to see the sights that South Central has to offer.



I pray you all are well and look forward to seeing you at the Convention at All Saints. Peg Fisher Dean, South Central Deanery

Yours in Christ,

Peg Fisher,

Dean

South Central Deanery



St. Peter's Seward

St. Peter's Seward is resuming weekly worship services; we had suspended weekly Sunday worship and began worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran (ELCA) in Seward last October.

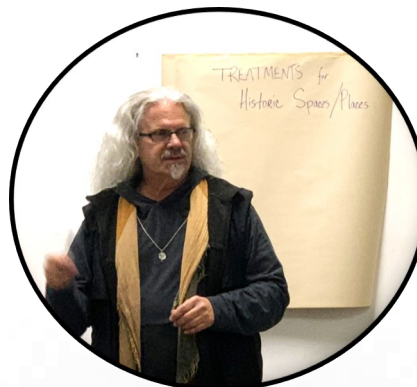
We are offering Friday Evening Prayer at 5:30pm each week. And, we are again offering Sunday worship services at 9am.

Friday Evening Prayer in Seward

...A way to mark the end of the week before entering into the week-end....

St. Peter's in Seward is now offering a service of Evening Prayer every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer is one of the Daily Offices of the Episcopal Church. It marks the time that we conclude our regular daily activities and transition into "our time" to spend with others or in solitude, before retiring. Everyone is welcome!

Join Us, Taste, and See!



Todd Mashlan, Licensed Worship Leader

The Prayer Corner

by Georgia Knazovich (St. David's) on location in Australia

Traveling Prayer

Dear Lord, blend our hearts and minds together as we move about your lovely planet and look for the good and differences in each other. May we lend our hands to those in need and respond with joyful noise to the delights along the way. Keep us open to the possibility of making new friends and sharing in experiences we have never known. At the end of our travels let us return home with a new appreciation of your glorious and vibrant world.



Greetings from down under. This is an amazing world and of course it is raining in Melbourne! -Georgia



Creation Care

Love God, Love God's World—a free Nine session curriculum for small groups in your parish. Includes Facilitator's Guide, access to videos and materials.

Christ Church will be offering the Creation Care Curriculum via Zoom on Wednesday Evenings, beginning October 9th at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by October 5th to Christchurchak@gmail.com to receive your registration packet and zoom link. Facilitated by The Rev. Katherine Hunt and The Rev. Gail Loken.

"Love God, Love God's World"

Creation Care Curriculum from the Episcopal Church

Love God, Love God's World is a nine-session, film-based curriculum, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience.

Sessions include compelling films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions—each written by different contributors who draw from their own contexts and experiences. Participants will also discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve.

We hope everyone who participates in the curriculum becomes:

- Comfortable speaking about their faith, care of creation, and climate change
- Personally transformed and invited into different levels of personal and collective engagement on creation care and eco-justice
- Confident about where to find creation care resources and information.

For more information, [click here](#).

St. Augustine's Solar Update



Submitted by Judy Mullikin

Added solar panels in 2024



CO2 reduction

295 lb

Offset equivalent to 2 Trees

☀ Produced

184.1 kWh

24% lower*

🏠 Consumed

23.0 kWh

20% higher*

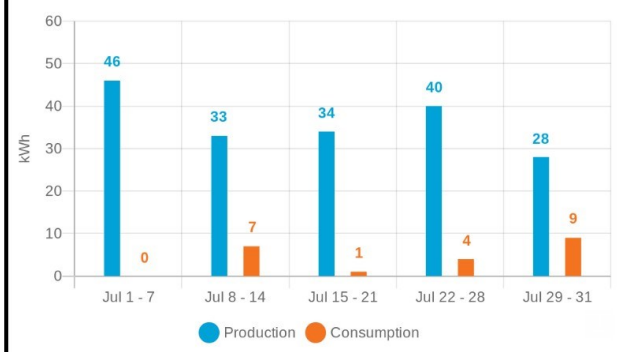
★ Grid energy

17.6 kWh

Imported

178.7 kWh

Exported



Creation Care...



THE BEACON

Be "The Beacon"...

- *Share YOUR Light
- *Submit Articles
- *Join the volunteer staff
- *Be a proof reader
- *Hunt down articles
- *Find and share resources.

South Central News is published every other month. You may submit articles to...

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SCD Committee Monthly Meetings

Join us on Zoom the second Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

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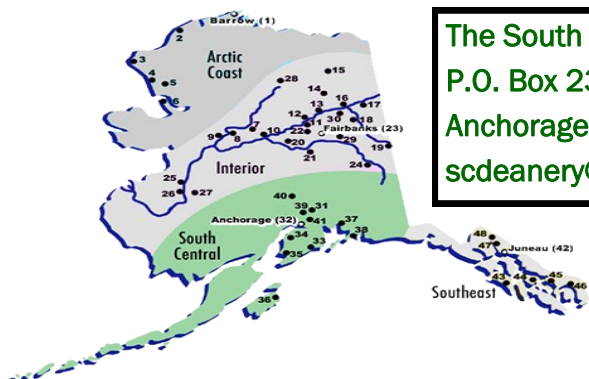
October 14, 2024
November 11, 2024

The Beacon November Deadline:

November 7, 2024

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If you would like your Christmas schedule included in the next edition, please submit a Word or Publisher document along with a photo (jpeg) of your church.



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