



# The Beacon

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

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term **beginning Nov. 1.**

Rowe was chosen from among five nominees on the first ballot. Following his election by the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies confirmed the election.

Election voting results in the House of Bishops by ballot, with names listed alphabetically, were as follows:

- The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker: 24
- The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe: 9
- The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez: 17
- The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe: 89
- The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright: 19

Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

Known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church, Rowe serves as parliamentarian for the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church Executive Council; chair of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and as a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, and Constitution and Canons. He also serves on the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2018, he became the first bishop to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church.

Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

The presiding bishop takes office on Nov. 1. Details about the transition and celebration will be announced after General Convention.



**14 in all:**

**Four in Anchorage**

**One each in**

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



**TOGETHER  
IN LOVE**  
THE Episcopal CHURCH

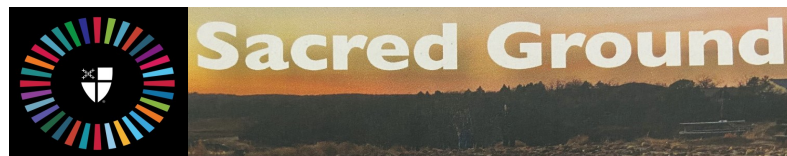
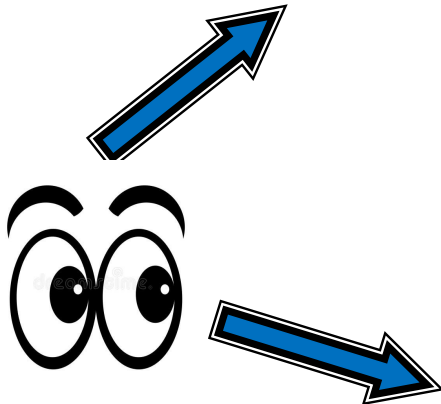


**LOUIS  
VILLE  
KY '24**

For additional information please click on each topic...



Guided and inspired by the framework of Becoming Beloved Community, Episcopalians are taking intentional steps to form loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God and one another, and to heal and transform injustice and brokenness in ourselves, our churches, institutions, and society. [Learn More Here.](#)

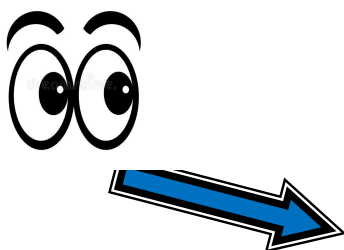
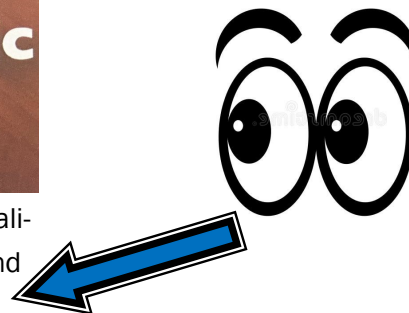


Sacred Ground is a dialogue series on race, racism, and whiteness—grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of U.S. history, while weaving in threads of personal and family stories.

[You can reach the Sacred Ground webpage by clicking here.](#)



Social justice and advocacy engagement is the work of Episcopalians in building community networks for justice by connecting and mobilizing people “from the pews to the public square”. [Click](#)



Click [here](#) to visit the Episcopal Gender Justice Office webpage to learn more and to sign up to receive their newsletter.

## FROM THE BISHOP



Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime  
 VIII Bishop of Alaska

## 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

Please be sure to register for our upcoming Diocesan Convention. On-line registration is now open. See details below...

All Saint's Church —Anchorage is hosting this year.  
 Please call Fr. David Terwilliger (907) 279-3924  
 or Peg Fisher, SCD, Dean, (907) 301-2120 to  
 provide support and volunteer.



## 49<sup>th</sup> 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

Clergy Conference: Wednesday, October 2 – Thursday, October 3  
 Starts at 1:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends by 12:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our gratitude to All Saints in Anchorage AK for hosting the 49<sup>th</sup> 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.

A Convention mailing went out this week to all our congregations, including registration forms, draft schedules, positions open for nomination, and other information.

**Online Registration is open!** Deadline is **August 4<sup>th</sup>** and registrations will not be accepted after September 18, 2024. Housing can not be guaranteed for any registration received after August 30, 2024, and lodging may become the individual's responsibility.

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)



## FROM THE DEAN



### Hello, South Central Deanery!

We had a wonderful Annual Meeting at Holy Spirit Retreat Center here in Anchorage. The attendance was great with just a few Churches not able to attend. Our presenters – Tom Brackett, Elizabeth Riley and Suzanne Krull did an amazing job in their presentations. If you missed either Tom or Elizabeth, they both will attend the Diocesan Convention in Early October.

The Deanery approved our next Annual Meeting to be May 1 – May 3, 2025, in Homer. To facilitate attendance and planning, we are finalizing the housing and location for our meetings by the end of this summer. The 2025 draft Schedule anticipates arrival on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon with Clergy Conference that morning and we would finish our 2025 Annual Deanery Meeting by Noon on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. My hope is that all Churches in our Deanery will send delegates!

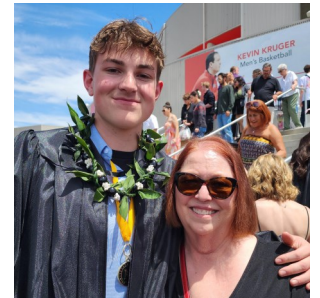
Congratulations to our new Executive Committee members: We gladly welcome these new members of our Executive Committee and look forward to getting to know them better as the year goes on.

Vice-Dean – the Rev. Matt Dufour, Holy Spirit, Eagle River

Treasurer – AJ Sullivan, Denali, Talkeetna

At-Large – Todd Mashlan, St. Peter's, Seward

I was able to get out of town to attend my Great-Nephew Ryken's graduation from Nevada State High School in Las Vegas. It was nice to spend time with Family and celebrate this amazing young man's transition to the next chapter of his life. The temperatures were close to 100 every day I was there!



My niece Mikal and I went to the Princess Diana Exhibit at the Aria on the Las Vegas Strip. What a beautiful collection of

memorabilia from the life of Princess Diana. We thoroughly enjoyed the Exhibit and highly recommend going there if you are in Las Vegas.



We also went to Juan's Flaming Fajitas in Henderson, NV for dinner, they light the Fajitas right at your table! It was a sight to see!



I had the pleasure of celebrating Pentecost at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Boulder City, NV. If you are in the Las Vegas area and are looking for a Church to attend I highly recommend St. Christopher's; their congregation is friendly and welcoming.

I hope you all have a wonderful Alaskan Summer and can fish, hike, have out of state guests, see some of our amazing Alaska sites or just relax at home.

Yours in Christ,

Peg Fisher,

Dean, South Central Deanery Alaska





# Deanery 2024



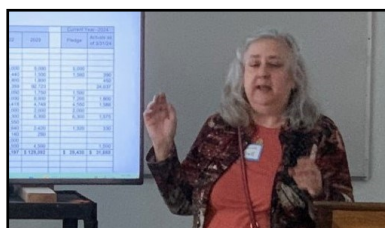
The Deanery Meeting Begins ... Opening Agape Meal



The Rev. Tom Brackett, Genesis 2



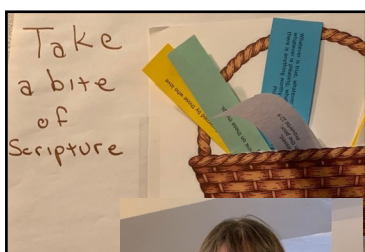
Dessert and Compline



Canon Suzanne Krull—College for Congregational Development



2024-25 Executive Committee : Peg Fisher, Loren Hill, Todd Mashlan, Rev. Matt Dufour  
Not pictured: Christina Talbott-Clark, AJ Sullivan



Ellen Lester—Kodiak



The Rev. Elizabeth Riley  
Digital Evangelism

# Revision and Renew...



Redeveloping for Sustained Vitality

**“Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew”**

From the Office of Church Planting  
and Redevelopment

## 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 for more information and contact the Rev. Katherine Hunt for an appointment regarding Genesis II.**



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



**The Rev. Katherine Hunt**  
Genesis II Coordinator  
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*South Central Deanery is  
a family of congregations  
committed to help each  
other grow in Christ and  
share in the spreading of  
God's “Good News.”*

**Revitalizing Our Ministries**





### CCD Facilitators June 2024



### What is "Congregational Development?"

-To develop congregations of any size, stage, or health into more vital, faithful, and effective communities of faith.



Sign up now  
For CCD - 2025

Call: Suzanne Krull  
(907) 452-3040



### The Alaska Teams from South Central.

Erin Tulip - Holy Spirit  
Jim Brisson - St. Bartholomew's  
Michael Knazovich - St. David's  
Georgia Knazovich - St. David's  
Nicole Popp - Christ Church  
Katherine Hunt - Christ Church  
Gail Loken - Christ Church



The Alaska teams with Suzanne Krull, CCD Facilitator and Coach.  
(Not pictured: Erin Tulip and Jim Brisson)



### CCD Community Art - June 2024

We Congratulate Nicole Popp, Gail Loken and Katherine Hunt on their graduation from this two year program.



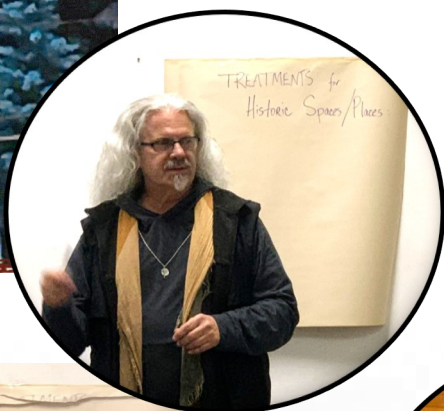
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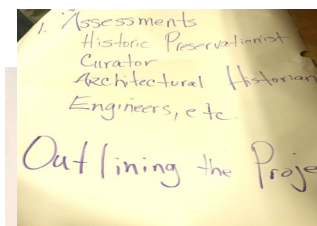


## St. Peter's, Seward May 25, 2024

Todd Mashlan and Adam Lees present during Historic Preservation month on the historical significance and the need for preservation of St. Peter's Seward.



Reredos by Dutch artist,  
Jan van Empel  
1925



**Todd Mashlan**—St. Peter's Parishioner and Historic Preservation Commissioner  
Topic: **St. Peter's...A Case in Point**



**Adam Lees**  
Diocesan Historian  
Topic: **A Brief History of the Episcopal Church in Seward**



Around the Deanery

# St. Christopher's Goes to Kenai...



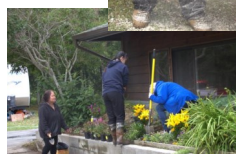
July 20th, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church—Anchorage will join with the community of St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Kenai for their annual "Dip Netting Adventure."

Members of St. Christopher's will be traveling to Kenai for our gathering at St. Francis by the Sea. The fellowship with the St. Francis congregation is a wonderful time for singing, prayer and of course, dip netting! The music is appreciated as well as the food and time for visiting. We also do some yard work, many hands make light work as the old saying goes.

Most of our congregation will be traveling down on Friday and returning on Sunday., We look forward to this event every year and each year seems to bring blessings for everyone.

Please join us if you're available.

Inez Larsen, Senior Warden



## More from St. Christopher's...

On June 16th we bid farewell to The Rev. Benedict Masillem, Chaplain (Capt.). and his family as they relocate to Missouri and Rev. Ben continues his military service.



The Rev. Katherine Hunt extends a farewell message and blessing to Fr. Ben, from Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime and on behalf of the Diocese of Alaska.

## Convention Planning meeting

At All Saints Episcopal Church  
July 28th, 3 p.m.

[Click here for more info.](#)

## JUST A LITTLE FUN...

### A New "Caption Contest"

What would your caption be for this photo?

Submit your entries by Sept. 30, 2024

to: [TheBeaconSCD@gmail.com](mailto:TheBeaconSCD@gmail.com)

YES THERE WILL BE A PRIZE!

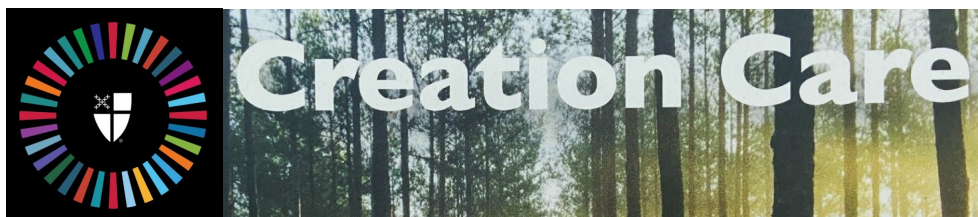
Suzanne Krull, Cannon for Finance and Admin.



Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIII Bishop of Alaska

Around the Deanery...





**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. Click [here](#) to learn more and/or register a group.



## **“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. Peter**

O Christ,  
You are the Son of the Living God,  
Whom St. Peter,  
Established on the rock,  
Truly confessed.

May we also confess you  
And obtain your blessing;

Through your mercy, O Christ our God,  
With the Father and Holy Spirit,  
You live and reign,  
One God,  
Now and forever. Amen



### **The Prayer Corner by Georgia Knazovich**

This prayer comes from the Mozarabic church. It is a term historians have given to Christians who lived in Spain under Arab rule. The word means 'among the Arabs.' Prayers from this time in southern Spain were free in style and substance and considered very biblical. This part of Spain was cut off from most of Europe 7<sup>th</sup> century when the Muslims took over the area.

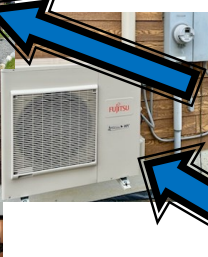
Creation Care...



## St. Augustine's Goes Solar ...by Judy Mullikin—Homer



St. Augustine's has gone solar! We switched our heating systems to be powered by 7 solar panels and a heat pump. The units were installed in late May and have been steadily producing more energy than we are using at this time.



The system consists of solar panels on the back of the church, the heat pump is installed on the west side of the church with the interior unit mounted above our main entrance. (St. Augustine's—Homer)



## Good News Gardens

Watch the Invitation Video and Join the Good News Gardens Movement [Here](#)

## St. James the Fisherman Goes "Rogation"...

...submitted by: Barbara Zimmerman and Ellen Lester, St James, Kodiak



St. James' Sunday School class planting the blessed flowers for Rogation Sunday to grace the church entry.

St. James held their Rogation Service late in May this year, due to our very late spring. We celebrated with favorite songs like "Morning has Broken," "All things Bright and Beautiful" and special prayers. The Communion Service featured special homemade bread and Alaskan wild berry wine. Soil, water and flower plants were blessed and planted by congregation members (especially Sunday School members) in pots for the church entrance doors. Blessed soil was sent home with all members to add to their gardens. Coffee hour featured sourdough pancakes with rhubarb and blueberry sauce from home gardens. Even though it was a rainy day, it was warm and cozy inside filled with hope for sunnier days!

### The Blessing of the Garden

God of earthworms and compost, God of fertilizer and dirty fingernails, God of field and furrow:

In the beginning you created human beings in your image, giving us a lush and abundant garden to be our home together with you;

When we were lost and wandering in exile you provided water and manna to sustain us;

By your prophet Jeremiah you urged your people, Israel, to build houses and plant gardens, even when they were uprooted and far from home;

And in the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to scatter the seeds of your Word, to proclaim and coming of your Kingdom, and to give your blessing to all who hunger.

Creation Care...



## THE BEACON

### Be "The Beacon"...

- \*Share YOUR Light
- \*Submit Articles
- \*Join the volunteer staff
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- \*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.

**Zoom ID: 821 8957 8598**  
**PW: 945288**

**July 8, 2024**

**August 12, 2024**

**September 9, 2024**

### The Trivia Corner:

Our current Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime is the VIII Bishop of Alaska. The previous seven Bishops are:

The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald (1997–2007)

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston (1991-1996)

The Rt. Rev. George Harris (1981–1991)

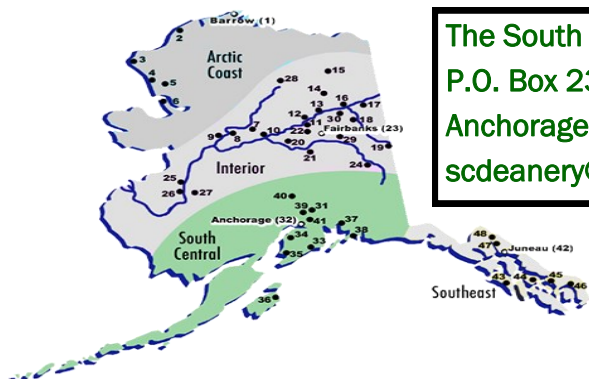
The Rt. Rev. David Cochran (1974–1981)

The Rt. Rev. William (Bill) Gordon (1948–1974)

The Rt. Rev. John Bentley (1943–1948)

The Rt. Rev. Peter Trimble Rowe (1895–1942)

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St. Peter's, Seward

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