

## **Website Updates March 2010**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Searching for God in the Rubble: A Lent Labyrinth Program**

When disasters occur, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti many people wonder why God allowed this to happen and some even wonder if God caused it to happen. Others are confident that God doesn't cause earthquakes, but they don't know what to say to people who blame God or they don't know how to respond to other people's questions. When a tragedy strikes home (spiritually, emotionally, financially, or physically) we look for God in the rubble.

Haitians in this tragedy are probably looking for answers about God in the rubble too.

For four Mondays in Lent/Holy Week, we'll search for God in the rubble of Haiti and our hearts. Join Fr. Ron Culmer as we explore the following questions:

1. Why Doesn't God prevent disasters? (March 8)
2. Why Haiti? (March 15)
3. Where was God in Christ's crucifixion? (March 22)
4. What is on the other side of crucifixion...or disasters? (March 29)

Our search will include moments of silence and walking the labyrinth. The class, which begins at 7 PM includes a light meal of soup and bread.

### **Help feed the hungry!**

**Tuesday, March 9**

**2:00 — 6:30 p.m.,**

St. Clare's volunteers have been so dedicated, OPEN

HEART KITCHEN has asked that we take on a second shift feeding the hungry at the Livermore food kitchen! We are now working both the 2-4 p.m. shift and the 4-6 p.m. shift on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, so we need more adults and teens to help with this monthly ministry at Open Heart Kitchen! You do not have to work the full schedule. Just come when you can!

In March, Open Heart will move from the Asbury Methodist Church in Livermore to Holy Cross Lutheran at 1020 Mocho Street in Livermore. The exact date will be announced soon. To join our team or find out more, contact Katherine Smith at [athidsmith@comcast.net](mailto:athidsmith@comcast.net) or call 846-7480.

### ***Children's Communion Class***

Beginning in Lent and finishing in Easter Sunday, Father Ron will lead a Communion class for children interested in learning about the sharing of the bread and wine during the Eucharist. The half-hour class will be held in Father Ron's office at 9:15 AM for four Sundays: March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. The class will culminate with a celebration and presentation on Easter Sunday, April 4.

It is recommended that participants in the class be at least in the first grade. The curriculum for our class is called "This Bread & This Cup" by Mary L. Wile, a deacon in the diocese of Maine. Each participant will have their own work book the cost of which is \$10.00 per person.

The five sessions are as follows:

- Sharing a Family Meal
- Storytelling
- These Holy Things
- Praying Together
- Manners and Customs

Please sign up on the kiosk.

## **Time for Baptisms!**

Saturday, April 3, at the Great Vigil of Easter is one of the four days of the year which the church particularly sets aside for baptisms. Have you thought about baptism for your child or yourself? Please contact the church office to learn more!

## ***Holy Week and Easter***

Holy week and Easter are just around the corner. Palm Sunday is March 28, and Easter is April 4. The following is the schedule for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: 8 AM and 10:15 AM

Maundy Thursday: 12 Noon, 6:30 PM Agape Meal & 7:30 PM Service with Foot washing and Vigil.

Good Friday: 12 Noon, 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM Service.

The Great Vigil of Easter: 8 PM

Easter Sunday: 8 AM and 10:15 AM.

## ***Vigil Through the Night***

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus, while praying in the garden of Gethsemane, charges Peter by saying: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?"

We would keep awake with Jesus before his time of trial and so a vigil will be held here at the church following the Maundy Thursday liturgy and ending at 9 AM the next day with Morning Prayer. The Maundy Thursday liturgy begins on Thursday April 1, at 7:30 PM. Sign ups for the Vigil are located on the Church Kiosk.

## **Save The Date!**

The Auction is coming, the auction is coming! Save the date! Join us on **Saturday, May 15!** More details to follow!



**St. Clare's**  
**Camp Sunday**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010!**



Camp is fun! And camp changes lives!

If you have been to Camp you know what a formative experience it can be. Going to camp is a great way to get immersed to nature, to make new friendships and to grow closer to God. Camp can also be a great connection for young people and your parish.

We would like to help you introduce your young people to Saint Dorothy's Rest summer camps. Katie Evenbeck, Executive Director will be joining us to preach and will help us during and between the services (along with several of her friends) for a camp sing-a-long, create smores, play games and do a camp craft. In fact, there is no age limit to any of the activities! Katie will also host camper and parent Q & A time and provide you with camp registration materials. Please join us on Sunday, April 11, as Camp Sunday will engage children of all ages!

# Finding Nemo

A Journey in God's Love...



July 12 – 16

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

at

**Saint Clare's Episcopal Church**

This summer we will dive under the seas for a week of adventure, learning, fun, and discovery with Nemo and his friends as we venture forth into the wonder and delight of a Journey in God's love. We invite you and your neighbors to join us for a week of decorations, crafts, games, music, and our famous snacks! Together we will explore the mystery of life under the seas and the joy of sharing in community on a Journey in God's Love...

**All children from 3-years-old (out of diapers unless accompanied by a care giver) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. Adults, Middle and High School Teens are also encouraged to participate and join us as staff. Please fill out and return the Staff Application form.**

**Cost: \$50 per participant if registration is received by June 28, 2010**

**\$75 per participant if registered after June 28.**

**We are looking for VBS Team members! Please see Beth Roddy or Fr. Ron for more details!**