Click on the following link to be taken to the midweek bulletin at our parish website: http://www.eca-sj.org/files/ebulletin.pdf. If you have any questions please contact Ruthanne Adams Martinez in the church office at 408-268-0243 or office@jointventurechurches.org.

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The Midweek Bulletin
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Sunday Worship

March 15 Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:45 am Holy Eucharist with music

Dear Ones,
As many of you know, we had a community conversation about coronavirus (COVID-19) last Sunday after both services. We talked about how the virus is affecting us and how we might respond safely to protect ourselves and one another in our liturgical and social engagement during this time. I so appreciate everyone’s input. Tomorrow night your Vestry will be discussing the proposed steps/changes I have put together after hearing your opinions and feelings, and after having conferred with diocesan clergy colleagues and our Bishop. We will announce them to the whole congregation.

I want to encourage everyone to remain calm and to only accept information from reputable sources. The best of these are the Center for Disease Control (Click Here) and the Santa Clara County Health Department (Click Here). But there are other sites with good information. Please make sure you check the source. The worst place to get information is from social media.

Here is a link to an article on Consumer Reports, “These Common Household Products Can Destroy the Novel Coronavirus: CR shows you how to use them and tells you which products to stay away from. Click Here (Interesting tidbit: vodka does not have a high enough alcohol content to kill the virus!)

To protect yourself and others, washing hands more frequently and keeping hands away from our faces are the two most critical behaviors. Of course, refraining from handshakes and hugs is also important – maintaining “social distance.” And, very importantly, if you feel sick…stay home!

I have been touched by the faithfulness and care for one another exhibited in our conversations on this topic. That is the best of Christian community. I am blessed to be your Rector.
Upcoming Events & Notices

LENTEN STUDY SERIES: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: 7-8:30PM – THRU APRIL 1: In the early church, belief in the Resurrection plus the gospel readings we have during Year A (this year) on the five Sundays of Lent were considered sufficient knowledge of Jesus’ teachings and deeds of power to prepare people for baptism. Our Lenten study series this year is exploring those five stories from the Gospel of John, paired with artwork and a study of the liturgies of Holy Week. This will help us understand the connection between scripture and our worship in this important season leading to Easter. Looking at famous paintings of these scripture stories will access our right brain and inform us in non-linear ways, opening up new thoughts and conversations. Open to all – each lesson is self-contained…come to those you can!

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed Tues-Thurs 3/17-3/19 because Ruthanne will be on vacation. There will be no midweek next week.

MEDITATION GROUP has been moved to Tuesdays 4-5pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in this group or have questions, please contact Marianne Schmidt, marianneschmidt8025@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 11
4:30 pm JV Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Lenten Study

Thursday, March 12
8:00 am Men’s Breakfast at Country Inn
9:30 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
7:15 pm Vestry Meeting
7:30 pm ECA Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15 - Lent 3
7:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:45 am Holy Eucharist with music

Monday, March 16
9:30 am Yoga

Tuesday, March 17
4:00 pm Meditation Group
7:30 pm JV Board Meeting
8:15 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 18
7:00 pm Lenten Study
IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL NEED please let Shelley (805-550-0582) or Betty Consorte (408-268-7768 or domcon7@aol.com) know. Betty is our Pastoral Care Coordinator and will make sure that the heads of the various pastoral ministries know what might be needed. Thank you.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON.COM? Remember to go to smile.amazon.com and select ECA. 0.5% of your purchase will go to support the church!

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 2pm. On Mondays, the office is closed.

In Our Prayers
For healing or special need: Jackman family, Dolfini & Sexton families, Teddy, Meg & Richard, Frances, John P., Darcy, Geoff, Kate, Steve, Dave & families, Julius, Olive, Tracy, Tam, Peyton, Jonah, Johnny, Jill, Zoe, Raven
Thanksgiving: family & friends, Hayden & Hunter
Rest in Peace: Mike Dolfini & Albree Saxton (killed in Tenn. tornado), Jack Jackman, Mindy Cox, Fira Ashdown

Last Week’s Sermon
If you would like to review last week’s sermon, you can find it on the ECA website: http://www.eca-sj.org/welcome/sermonblogroll Audio files are available for most sermons.

Serving Christ at Worship this Week
Presider/Preacher.........................................................The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney
Open Church..............................................................................................................................Mike Schmidt
Lay Readers.............................................................................................................................7:30 Mike Schmidt chalice/reader
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Altar Guild.................................................................Joan Wagner, Michelle Yeider, Gayle Byers, Kelli Casale
Acolyte .................................................................................................................................7:30 Mike Schmidt, 10:45 Judi Dimicelli
Ushers.................................................................................................................................David Byers
Coffee Hosts .................................................................7:30 Marianne Schmidt, 10:45 Joyce & Steve Wing
Greeters..............................................................................................................................Linda & Sam Sarmecanic
Counters..............................................................................................................................Nancy Romer, Joyce Wing
Video Setup.............................................................................................................................Taylor Wing
Music Director/Organist............................................................Lynda Ford
Folk Choir Director............................................................................................................Andy Kerr
Building Bridges Coordinator .........................................................Holly McCullough
ECA Webmaster ....................................................................................................................Taylor Wing
Joint Venture Office Administrator...............................................Ruthanne Adams Martinez
ECA Treasurer.....................................................................................................................Ruthanne Adams Martinez

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ECA’s Values
Spiritually Grounded
We follow Jesus. We are continuously seeking and discerning how to express God’s compassion for humankind and to seek to be part of God’s plan for justice and mercy for the world.

Willing to Risk
We challenge ourselves to trust that the Holy Spirit is leading us to do more than we may have believed possible.

Inclusive
We know that all people are children of God. We know that everyone has a full and equal claim to the love, acceptance and pastoral care of God and the Church.

Serving
We live out God’s love for the world by actively addressing both the practical and spiritual needs of our congregation, community and the larger world.

Valuing Fellowship
We find fulfillment through involvement in both spiritual and social gatherings with other members of our church and the larger community.