

A.C.W

St. Matthias' Chapter: Anglican Church Women
Oakdale, Ca.

Gathering of Artists and Chefs – First Gathering

By Judy Johnson



What a wonderful morning we had as we gathered for our lesson on crocheting! There were 10 of us sitting around the table while Barbara C. and Nan patiently showed each one of us beginners how to hold the hook and the yarn to create a loop, and then loop it again and pull through. There were others who were more advanced and brought their projects from home and worked on them. There was even a prayer shawl being made! Stories were shared, tips were traded, and we all left looking forward to our next time together.

We have decided to meet every 2 weeks to keep the learning moving forward. Of course, come when you can and stay as long as you want still applies. Next meeting will be June 29th 9:30-12:30. You are all welcome!



Watch for a Bulletin reminder.

Cowboy Christmas Fair – Fundraising booth – Nov 30th

We will have a booth at this year's Cowboy Christmas Fair. This will be one of ACW's Fundraisers for 2024. We have started collecting items to sell – Please see Prudence or Traci if you have items to donate.

Watch for a full flyer coming out in July.

Man of the Year Fellowship Celebration – Peter Vargas – July 21st

We want to remind everyone that this year's Man of the Year Fellowship Celebration will be July 21st. We will all have an opportunity to express our gratitude to Peter for his service to God and our St. Matthias Family. Hope to see you there!

English Tea – 2024 Theme Books – September 21st



This year's English Tea Planning is in full swing already. We have posted a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Volunteers to work the event. We have lots of spots to fill from Sandwich prep, Raffle collection & set-up, Table Set-up & clean up to Pastry making (don't worry we already have recipes for many of the goodies).

Of course, an important aspect of the Event is attending and enjoying the scrumptious goodies. Host/Hostess will be selling tickets starting July 7th thru September 8th. Our Hostess/Host this year are:

Adult Tickets \$25: Josette Adams, Carmela Bailey, Nan Gravel, Andrew & Meaghan Hongo, Prudence H-Keeney, Roberta Pagano & Rachael Giesbrecht, Sue Sturke, Barbara Vasko, Elizabeth Wight

Children Tickets \$8 (0-4 Free): Amanda Roberts

Important dates for all Hostess/Host and Event Volunteers:

Event Meeting Aug 18th 11:30am

Table Decorating: 9/19 & 9/20 5:30-7:30

General Information Contact: Prudence @ (209)204-7313 or Traci @ (209)380-3484
Raffle Prize donation contact Traci @ (209)380-3484 or tyazco65@gmail.com

What is A.C.W.

All women who are members of our Parish are automatically members of ACW. Our common denominator is that we love God and have the desire to do His work.

We have opportunities to grow friendships as we host events for the parish and diocese. ACW offers all women a safe and spiritual based support group.

The ACW also holds fundraisers to support various church projects and outreach charities.

We meet the 1st Sunday of each month and our next Meeting is Sunday, July 7th in the Church. Please join us!!

ACW 2024 Officers

President: Nan Gravel

Contact info: 209-450-6605

Vice President: Barbara Vasko

Secretary: Barbara Cortese

Public Relations: Eva Mauch

Treasurer: Traci Yazembiak

!Help Wanted!

Sometimes it takes many hearts and hands to support our various ministries and activities. We are so grateful for the many who offer their prayers of support, time, and talents to help things run smoothly.

It is important to know that there is a wide range of support you can offer. It can be as simple as a voice of decision on a committee, a donation of an old item for a raffle, or a prayer of guidance and wisdom; to physical participation or attendance of an event, riding on a float and waving or offering a Talent/Spiritual gift you are graced with to teach others. Or as large as being a chairperson for an event or joining one of the various Ministries at St. Matthias. Participation has no minimum requirement.

As our children have been learning - God can do much with the tiniest Mustard seed! We ask that you prayerfully consider participating in any way you are led! We have listed just a few events/activities along with a few examples of participation. Please see Fr. John regarding St. Matthias Ministry opportunities and Nan Gravel for ACW activities.

- **ACW Committee** – Committee decision voices, prayer for moral and spiritual guidance
- **Prayer Shawl** – Providing crochet shawls made with Love and prayers for those who need comfort.
- **Sunday Fellowship Hour** – Hosting, set-up, or clean-up, provide snacks.
- **English Tea** – Hosting, Waiters, Food Prep, Raffle, set-up, clean-up, attending.
- **Gathering of Artists and Chefs** – Artists, Chef or interested in learning a new activity or recipe.
- **Cowboy Christmas Fair** – Working the Event, providing items or crafts to sell, prep and teardown.

We Thank you for your support in our events – and our greatest hope is that the LORD will use our Parish efforts to be a beacon in the dark.

Ministry Leaders: Altar Guild – Karen Roberts; Counters – Linda Reiff; Childrens – Cp. Eva Mauch; LEM/PLEMs & Acolytes – Bobbie Pagano; Lectors – Dcn Dolores Vargas; Memorial – Pam Suniga / Linda Reiff; Music – Annette Hutton; Prayer Chain/Shawl – Linda Reiff; Ushers – Peter Vargas

Upcoming Events

June

29th Gathering of Artists/Chef
30th Potluck Fellowship

July

13th & 27th Gathering of Artists/Chefs
21st Honored Man of the Year Fellowship
18th FIGS
7/7-8/18 Childrens Summer Program
7/12 -9/6 Fridays – Softball
7/30 to 8/1 VBS

August

3rd Secret Sister Reveal
18th 11:30 English Tea Meeting
10th & 24th Gathering of Artists/Chefs

September

7th Gathering of Artists/Chefs
21st English Tea Event
29th Potluck Fellowship

October

TBD Blessing of the Animals
TBD Fall Life Groups

November

30th Cowboy Christmas Fair

December

TBD Christmas Parade
TBD Hanging of the Green
TBD Bishop's Menee's Visit
29th Potluck Fellowship



St. Matthias Softball 2024

Practice has already begun – Game Schedule coming out soon!!!!!! Get your 'swag' on and come out to hoop and holler for our team!!!!!!