

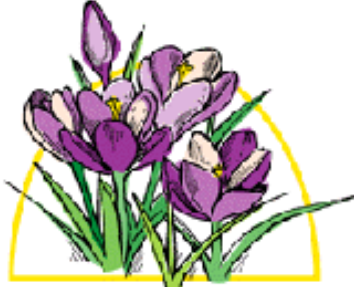


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Vicar's Corner

Twenty-five years old, one quarter of a century. Imagine that!

I recently received a letter from Richard Van Orman, Historiographer for the Diocese of Oregon. In it he says "The Diocesan record indicates that: 25 years ago, in April, 1983, St. Gabriel the Archangel, a parochial mission of St Bartholomew's held its first services in the Aloha community." And so, it seems, we have a reason to celebrate!

I believe that something so grand as a quarter of a century will take a while to celebrate properly, and I am looking for ideas and for volunteers. If we work it right, I imagine we can celebrate for the next 12 months - now is the time for creative thinking!

To celebrate is, at its heart, to be thankful – by spending the next year remembering what has been and preparing for what lies ahead we will more fully understand the many reasons to give thanks for St. Gabriel's.

The BAC is already working on holding a "World Café", the idea for which was born out of our retreat in February. I am grateful to Jon White and Margaret Wilson who will be taking the lead in planning the event, slated for springtime. It will be an opportunity for all members of the community to begin to dream into the next 25 years.

I look forward to hearing some great ideas!

Blessings,

LouAnn+

O Give me a Home: Out of the Americas II

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

April 25, 2008

Out of the Americas... A concert highlighting some of the finest music from throughout the America's is brought to St. Gabriel's by iSing Community Choir. St. Gabriel parishioners Jim Held, Olwen Sanderson and Dorothy Jensen are part of iSing. This concert celebrates uniquely North and South American songs ranging from revolutionary love songs (*Te Quiero*, from Argentina) to ribald seaport chanties (*Feller from Fortune*, Newfoundland, Canada), to the heart-lifting *O Magnum Mysterium* (by Oregon's own Morten Lauridsen). You will hear familiar songs, such as *Home on the Range*, as you have never heard them before. As always, iSing's concerts are beneficiary concerts, with no tickets sold, but an offering taken with all proceeds going to benefit a local organization. A Home on the Range epitomizes this season's beneficiary, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity, currently creating a new neighborhood at 170th and Farmington in Aloha. **Please join us on Friday, April 25, at 7:30 PM, for a wonderful time celebrating the music of the America's.**

The Mission of St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church is to share the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and to help each other on our spiritual journey with God.