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Fr. will return to ramble on Tuesday, July 21st.

Service Schedule for the week of July 19, 2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 7 AM
Thursday morning at 7:30 AM (4th Thursday - Holy Eucharist)

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at noon, and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Ministry Links

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
July 17, 2015



Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 730 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Important Communications Reminder

Our old domain name is gone so please do not send anything to Fr. Halt or to the old "info" email addresses. Make certain that you "allow" and save these new addresses:

Fr. Dave -- Rector@stmattsbldm.org
office@stmattsbldm.org

Vacation Bible School - Started This Week!

Vacation Bible School will be done a bit differently this year. We want to have it as a build-up to our revamped Sunday School program, so instead of a single week, we will be holding it over a period of five Thursday Evenings beginning on July 16.

We will begin with a light potluck supper at 5:30 PM (St. Matthew's will provide the main and drink, please bring a side to share), followed by the VBS program from 6-7 PM. All ages are welcome to participate!

Our chosen curriculum is called "Praying All the Time" and uses popular children's books to teach the five forms of prayer.

For more information, please see Amy Halt.

Outreach Items of the Month July and August

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In July and August, St. Matthew's will be collecting school supplies for foster children supported by Children's Home and Aid. School supplies for all age ranges are needed, especially in light of recent cuts in funding. A list of typical school supplies is noted below, but any school supplies would be welcome. If you prefer, the Outreach Committee will accept monetary donations and we will be happy to purchase supplies on your behalf (we are great shoppers!). Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's and indicate that the donation is for Outreach in the memo line. Children's Home and Aid will make its first distribution of school supplies on August 10th and will then make further distributions throughout the year. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Stoffer at [309-663-6450](tel:309-663-6450). As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Crayola Crayons
Crayola Washable Markers, wide tip, 8ct. (Classic Colors)
Crayola Color Pencils
Fiskars 7 or 8" Pointed Scissors
Pencils (No. 2 Lead) Note: No Mechanical Pencils
Pencil Box
Elmer's Glue
Glue Stick
Highlighters
Dividers
3x5 Index Cards
Pink Erasers
Dry Erase Markers (Odor Free)
12" Wood Ruler (metric/inch)
3 prong 2 pocket Folders
Spiral Notebooks (Wide-Ruled preferred)
Poly Expanding Files w/elastic closure,
Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper (150 ct.)
1 1/2" 3 -ring binder
1" 3 -ring binder
Post-its
Handheld Pencil Sharpener
Composition Notebooks
Clear Protractor
Metal Compass, ball bearing w/ pencil
Spiral Bound Sketch Pad (9" x 12")
Scientific Calculator, Texas Instrument TI 30XIIS
Crayola or Prang 16 color watercolor paints (Art)
Scotch Tape
Masking Tape
8 GB Flash Drive
Backpack

Fellowship Support - Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

A new host schedule will be coming soon, and we need YOU! If you currently host, we want you to continue; you'll be on the schedule unless you tell us to drop you. But please don't. We are getting short of hosts. Remember that the more hosts we have, the fewer times each host must serve. We urge those of you who aren't on the current schedule to come back

or to join for the first time. We will instruct you. And you need not serve large and varied amounts of food unless you really want to: all we ask is that you keep the coffee going (St. Matthew's provides the coffee and tea) and provide snacks. We thank all of you once and future Coffee Hour hosts. Ann Sokan, 664-1639; Linda Thomas, 242-7160

Faith in Action Seeks Volunteers

If you have wanted to reach out to assist our senior neighbors in need, Faith in Action can help connect you. Even if you only have a few hours per month, you can make a difference in the lives of a senior in need of transportation to get to the doctor or to the grocery store. Do you miss having an older adult in your life or do you just find older adults interceding? Become a friendly visitor one or twice a month. We also have need for handyman service for light home maintenance chores. Or you can also make difference by working on special projects, answering the phone, doing data entry or helping with our fundraisers.

Join the Faith in Action Team of volunteers who work together to meet the needs of over 500 senior care receivers in Bloomington-Normal and Towanda. By sharing the responsibility among a team, no one volunteer is over committed. Using a Ride Scheduler program, you choose the ride that fits your schedule. Call Doretta Herr at 827-7780 to see how you can utilize your talents to assist our senior neighbors in need.

Do you know an older adult age 60 or over who needs assistance? Call Faith in Action. Each potential care receiver will be visited by one of our nurses to discuss how Faith in Action may help them stay independent. There is no charge for our services thanks to our volunteers.

Breakfast Fellowships

Will resume in August.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM --studying The Acts of the Apostles. If you wish to eat while we fellowship and study please feel free to BYOD (Bring your own dinner).

Good News Daily

Each week we are glad to offer a set of daily devotional readings from the Bible Reading Fellowship. These are short devotionals include references to the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary, and can be customized for each parish. Currently, we are adding the Anglican and Diocesan prayer cycles, and will be adding a parish prayer cycle in the future.

Copies may be picked up in one of the entrances or get this week's

[here](#) or next week's.

Rector' Vacation

Fr. Dave will be on vacation from 6-20 July. Fr. Desmond Francis will celebrate on the 19th. Please contact the office or a warden in case of an emergency.

Evening Prayer

Due to Summer Schedules, Evensong will be on hiatus until the first of August.

Readings & Music for July 19, 2015

Hymns:#405, #645, #343, #708 (and others printed in bulletin)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 23 Page 612, BCP

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" -- a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Ministry Assignments for July 19 & 26

19-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Dedee Champion

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack and Nolan White

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Shadow: Georgia
E.M.: Tim Leighton & Robin Levine
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense
Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

26-July
7:30
Greeters: Ray Durham
Lector: Mona Johnstone
Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00
Greeters:
Lector: Robin Levine
Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson
Crucifer: Alex Davingman
Shadow: Hally
E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Tim Leighton
Monday Counter: Pam Laws
Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 17 - August 2

Doug Dyson
Julie Cooper
Tim Leighton
Marisa & Eric Owens
James Hospelhorn
Halian Littlefield
Georgia Griffin
Benjamin Lucey
Kimeth Nitzel
Allan Horsman

Collect for Sunday, July 19th

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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