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## Rector's Ramblings

The Gospel text for this week has long been one of my favorites. We will hear Jesus forcibly announce that to be a part of him we must eat of his flesh and drink of his blood. This is a radical teaching indeed and it forms the core of our Eucharistic theology.

In the Eucharist we are receiving no mere metaphor, no mere sign, no mere symbol. In the Eucharist we are receiving Jesus himself and through the Holy Sacrament we are bound to Jesus and he to us, for he is our life!

May God grant us the faith to come to the Altar each Sunday and receive this Divine gift!

Blessings,

Dave+

## Service Schedule for the week of August 16, 2015

**Holy Eucharist (Rite I)**  
7:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**  
10:00 AM

## The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
August 14, 2015



### Morning Prayer

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

### Outreach Items of the Month-July and August

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. 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

**Other Services:**

**Morning Prayer**

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

**Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.**

**Intercessory Prayer**

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



**Ministry Links**



St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

**Supplies**

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

**News from Tabora**

We received a communication from Bishop Elias this week that told of a fire in the old girl's dormitory at St. Peter's School. The girls were taken to St. Philip's clinic and the local hospital for symptoms of shock. There were no further injuries. As this occurs in the midst of the election season the authorities are investigating a possible link with extremism.

The shell of the building survived the fire, but the beds, mattresses, and all the personal property of the girls were lost.

Please pray for the girls of St. Peter's School in the weeks ahead.

**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.

### **Bible Study and Adult Sunday School**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume on September 2 at 6PM. We will be spending time in Genesis. Feel free to bring your dinner with you. If you wish to arrive early the Rosary is prayed a 5:30 in the Chapel, followed by silent meditation.

Adult Sunday School will begin on September 13th at 9AM. The subject for the Fall will be the Catechism of the Episcopal Church. All are invited, but a special invitation is extended to all who wish to be confirmed during Bishop Daniel's next visit.

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!-We have a training date of August 22nd from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Matts. This will equip you with lots of information on our upcoming Sunday School season. Your classes begin Sunday, September 13th.

### **Strategizing for Mission at the Parish Level: A Workshop for Clergy and Lay Leaders**

Presented through the Diocese of Springfield, with speaker Carrie Headington from the Diocese of Dallas. Saturday, September 19th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$15 per person includes lunch.

If you are interested in attending or have questions, sign up through Fr. Dave (rector@stmattsblm.org) by September 1.

### **Fall Music News**

Calling all JOYFUL NOISE MAKERS and SINGERS!!!

Choir will begin on Sunday, September 13th! Our regular practices will be on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m.

We will have a social (with some singing) gathering on Wednesday, September 9th to kick off the season at Amy Halt's home (19289 Deerhaven Drive, Bloomington, 61705) Please bring a dessert and your voice. ALL are welcome!!

## **Cooking Classes Begin**

Julaine Ingersoll will be offering a cooking class for 6 weeks starting Thursday, September 10th through Thursday October 15th in the church kitchen.

We will learn some knife skills, a healthier way to cook comfort dishes, one pot meals, and more. You will need to bring your cutting board and a good kitchen knife. There will be a small fee of \$3 to help with the food expenses. Be prepared to eat what we cook

P.S. Schuncks will sharpen your dull knives for free and return them to you in 24 hours. Just ask them in the meat department to sharpen your knife.

## **Breakfast Fellowships**

Fall Ladies Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Please sign up in the church hallway or email Amy Halt at [adhalt@gmail.com](mailto:adhalt@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **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](#) now.

## **Evening Prayer**

Evensong will resume on September 14th at 5:30 PM.

## **Readings & Music for August 16, 2015**

Hymns:#400, #287, #335, #594 (and others printed in bulletin)

### **Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,  
"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34:9-14 Page 628, BCP      Benedicam Dominum  
9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Ministry Assignments for August 16 & 23

16-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Amy Halt

Acolytes: Shelley Brennehan Carter, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Shadow: Hally

E.M.: Shelley Carter & Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Shelley Carter & Susan Long

23-August

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Ann Sokan

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Shadow: Sean

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Ingersolls

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries August 14 - 30**

Bill Jones

Megan Larson

Susan Long

Hannah Lucey

John Stoffer

James Gardner

Loren Dyson

Charlotte Casperson

Janet Hoffman

Sandy & Bob Kohlhase

### **Collect for Sunday, August 16th**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through 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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