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A Personal Note

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during Liam's recovery from orthopedic surgery. We have been overwhelmed by the offers of assistance. Thank you to all the wonderful cooks who prepared and delivered meals over the past two weeks. Your generosity was a special blessing to us all, but especially to Amy.

Once again, allow me to say, it is an honor and privilege to serve this loving community.

Blessings,

Dave+

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September 16, 2016



A Challenge for the Congregation

We continue to collect funds designated for the building and drainage repairs, until the end of October. We are grateful for the \$5000 Challenge Grant and the responses we have received to date.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 9/17, at 8AM in the Parish Hall.

Parish Education

Our first night of the Fall program was held last Wednesday. It was a very successful launch and all are invited to join us this Wednesday. We start with a light potluck supper at 5:30 with classes for all ages at 6pm. Adults will be studying Hebrews and Trinitarian Theology.

Construction Update

The blower motor for the organ has been ordered. It will take 4-6 weeks for delivery and installation. The Buzard Organ Company will be doing a necessary cleaning and repair of the pipes and wind chambers beginning at the end of September. A normal cleaning sequence is 40-50 years, yet due to the accident this work needs to be done at this time.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at

7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Adult Study

Wednesday at 6PM - is on Fall break, while Fr. Dave is in school. No study on 8/31 or 9/7.

Outreach Opportunities

August-September-October we will continue collecting school supplies for Oakland School, items that will be needed throughout the school year. Here are some suggestions: Crayola crayons packs, baby wipes for hands after having peanuts, chalk, pencils, hard plastic pencil boxes, erasers (big pink ones and pencil-top erasers), markers, pens, Sharpies, highlighters. Also, soccer and playground balls, jump ropes, Lego's, puzzles, games for K--5 kids, such as Connect 4, chess boards, etc. And please continue to collect box top coupons for schools. Father Dave will be delivering supplies and coupons to Oakland School. If you want to donate funds instead, please designate "Outreach" on your envelope or check.

The Outreach Committee will hold its **fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 22, 8AM - 12PM. Please bring your donations of books, DVDs, VHS tapes and other recordings to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. If you need assistance getting your donations to the church please contact Debbie Leighton at 662-7478 (H) or 828-7600 (W).

Parish Schedule for the week of September 18 - 24

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-8:30 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Annual Acolyte training & pizza lunch

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study AND

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist

Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

The Guild of the Holy Rosary

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 8:30AM each Sunday and 5:30 PM on Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for September 18, 2016

Hymns: #368, #488, #550, #594

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,

who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Ministry Assignments for September 18 & 25

18-September

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Alley and Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: Alex Davingman

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Baughan Family

25-September

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Susan Long

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 18 - 24

Birthdays

Ina Rehtmeyer

Devan Roberson

Linda Stawick

Theresa Garrison

Carol Genge

Geoffrey Kohlase

Collect for Sunday, September 18th, 2016

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee the Holy

Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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