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Have a safe and happy New Year's celebration!

Over the next week we will celebrate several major feasts of our Lord.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Name where the circumcision and naming of our Lord is commemorated. Joseph and Mary fulfill all righteousness in marking the Holy Child as a member of the covenant people, and naming him Jesus. Jesus, meaning YHWH saves, is the name at which all shall bow, and who indeed is the great High Priest who saves his people from their sins, and who is the mediator of the New Covenant in his blood. The Holy Name is Jesus, and there is no other name which brings salvation.

January 6 is the Epiphany. This commemorates the visit of the Magi and the revelation of the Incarnation to the Gentiles.

January 8 will be the celebration of the Baptism of Christ. Through his voluntary baptism, he makes our baptism the means by which we are released from the death that comes as a result of our birth, and reborn to a life of spiritual adoption that makes us children of God.

Let us joyfully celebrate these great feasts!

May the Son of Righteousness bless you always,

Fr. Dave, Amy, Sarah, and Liam

The Good News

December 30, 2016



A Special Thank You

To our friends at St. Matthew's,

We would like to express our gratitude for the generous gift presented to us at Christmas. It was truly unexpected and we are overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Thank you for all you do for us, and for the love and joy we experience at St. Matthew's. We are so thankful to be your clergy family to serve our Lord with you.

Amy, Dave, Sarah & Liam Halt

Epiphany Celebration

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated at 5:30 PM on January 6th.

Annual Meeting and Annual Reports

St. Matthew's annual meeting and fellowship meal will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 - immediately following the 10AM service.

All reports to be included in the book should be into the office by January 20th. If possible, Microsoft Word formatted reports (.doc or .docx) are best, but we can retype handwritten information, if necessary.

Parish Education

Continues meeting on 1/4/17.

New Year's Day

Ministry Links

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

While the party season ends after Midnight on Jan. 1st, the Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name kicks off with the regular schedule of services on Sunday!

Some might argue that the Holy Eucharist is the best way to celebrate a new year.

Coffee Hour

Here's a New Year's Resolution to benefit St. Matthew's: " I resolve to host Coffee Hour at least once during 2017. " A new Coffee Hour schedule will be coming out in February, and we'd like to see your name on the list. You need not go into debt to serve light snacks and keep the coffee brewing. Please pray about it, ask us questions, and let us know if you'll join us. Thank you for considering this important ministry. Ann Sokan, 664-1639, and Linda Thomas, 242-7160.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

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

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Outreach Opportunities

Mitten Trees

It is tradition at St. Matthew's during the Advent and Christmas seasons to collect new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children in need. Please help decorate the "mitten trees" located in the narthex and in the hallway outside the parish hall.

January & February Items of the Month

During the cold winter months of January & February 2017, the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the Salvation Army, with emphasis on products for its local shelter. The shelter houses and feeds men, women, and children in need of a warm place to sleep and a good breakfast and dinner.

You can help by filling the outreach baskets with such items as: 1. Cleaning Products: laundry detergent, dish detergent, bathroom cleanser, bleach; Paper & Plastic Products: toilet paper, napkins, 40-45-gallon garbage bags, latex gloves; Personal Hygiene

Products: razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, foot powder, lotion; Miscellaneous Products: dish towels, face towels, coffee, gift cards from Sam's Club (for general operation of the shelter).

We will continue to collect gently used coats and other cold-weather garments for the Salvation Army through January 2017. If Santa brought you a new coat for Christmas, bring your old one to church and place it in the big white box opposite Pat's office.

Many, MANY thanks for your marvelous generosity to those in need in our community. The Outreach Committee

Parish Schedule for the week of January 1st

Coffee Hour resumes next week

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

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

Monday-Office Closed-Holiday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-pot-luck supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & Breakfast out

Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scouts pack meeting

Friday-7:00 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.

Good News Daily

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

Readings & Music for January 1, 2017

Hymns: #93, #110, #252, #107

Old Testament

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to

you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

1 O Lord our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Gospel

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise

the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Ministry Assignments for January 1 & 8

1-January, 2017

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: SB Carter

Lector: Jim Cooper

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Tuesday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: none

8-January

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: SB Carter

Tuesday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

Birthdays & Anniversaries January 1 - 7 Anniversaries

Birthdays

DiAnne Wunderle

Karen Pitts

Debbie Leighton

Mona Johnstone

Stephen Kohlhase

Linda Waldron

Collect for January 1st - Holy Name

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even

our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Contact Information

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