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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

I have to boast on the MLT of St. Matthew's this week. We had a great meeting on Monday with several important decisions made.

Among those were some proposals to continue energy and technology updates to our facilities. These were approved.

However, your MLT went one step further this week. They decided to tithe the cost of the upgrades to the maintenance/construction of a church in our partner diocese of Tabora. So in addition to the funds spent on our upgrades, MLT will be sending, on your behalf, an additional \$500 for construction in Tabora.

This is a wonderful gift to our partners, and will be given to a rural parish. Many of these parishes, who have attendance that is significantly higher than ours, are unable to complete, let alone improve their buildings. Often these buildings lack total roofs and use UNHCR grain bags for floor covering over hard packed dirt.

Brad Bauman, Cris Embree, and I will be delivering these funds to a local church chosen by Bishop Elias when we visit at the end of this month.

I give thanks to God that we have a fine building in which to worship, for the MLT, for each of you, and our ability to both improve our facilities and those of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God bless you all.

## The Good News

June 16, 2017



### **This Week at SMEC**

Please note that there are some outdated articles repeated from last week. Information has been updated where possible, but our Rector is serving at the St. Michael's Youth Conference until Saturday. Please be patient with the flow of communications during summer activities, and let the office know if you have updates to include. Thanks!

### **Parish Education**

Adult Formation meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., when Fr. Dave is available. Catechesis for children and pre-study meals are on break through the summer. Watch for announcements regarding the Fall return of CGS!

### **Mission Leadership Team Meeting**

The Mission Leadership Team met on Monday 6/5. Among the items for discussion were requests from Building and Grounds for a couple of maintenance items including replacing lighting in the parish hall with energy efficient fixtures and striping the parking lot. They also discussed finishing the sound system update and installing a new video projector in the parish hall. These items were approved.

Lay members of the MLT initiated a discussion of creating a cry room on the west side of the narthex for our younger members. It was decided to commence a research program to assess the feasibility, cost, and impact of this idea.

Finally, there was agreement on an organizational chart to guide the MLT in their work. Members of the MLT will choose an area of specialization for their work as a part of this body in keeping with the Bishop's mission vision. Once all positions are assigned, we will communicate who is responsible and what those responsibilities include.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## Ministry Links

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

### **Flooring Update (From the MLT)**

One lesson that we regularly learn is that you never know what will grab folks attention. Well, this Sunday your attention should be grabbed by the two different carpet colors. The new runner was installed on Friday and the old carpet still inhabits the altar area (Sanctuary). The new wood floor will be installed the week of June 12.

When it was announced at the Annual Meeting that Building and Grounds included renovating the flooring on their wish list, we did not think that it would be done within the next calendar year. We give thanks to a generous individual who immediately designated a very large memorial gift to jump start the process.

### **Breakfasts**

Men's Breakfast at 8:00 AM Saturday, June 17.

### **Confirmation**

We are compiling a list of individuals (youth and adults) interested in confirmation/reception this fall. Please let Fr. Halt know if you are interested in this process.

The classes will occur monthly June-September. Time and dates TBD based on participants schedules.

### **Fr. Halt's Summer Schedule**

Fr. Dave will be in and out quite a bit during the Summer. He will be working with the St. Michael's Conference from the afternoon of the 11th-17th of June. He will also travel to Tabora with the Bishop and several from St. Matthew's from the 26th of June-10 July. Services on the 2nd of July will be lead by Fr. David Wells and Deacon Tim will lead on 9 July.

The next intensive for his PhD work will take place from 27 August to 9 September. He is working on arranging coverage at this time.

### **Morning Prayer - Summer Schedule**

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

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

## **Intercessory Prayer**

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.

## **Serving Schedule**

18-Jun

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Embree/Ploense

25-June

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: volunteer needed

Coffee Hour: SB Carter & Susan Long

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

In May and June we are asking for donations for the Home Sweet Home Mission, a 100-year-old Christian organization which provides shelter and meals for the needy in our community.

Here are some suggestions: body wash, baby wipes, diapers sz. 4, razors, shaving cream, children's toothpaste, dish soap, paper towels; cooking oil, coffee, canned or jars of nuts, baked beans, fruit cups, pudding cups, dried fruit, dry milk.

Many thanks! The Outreach Committee

## **Parish Schedule for the week of June 18th**

*Coffee hour follows worship in the Parish hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I Morning Prayer

Sunday-9:00 a.m.-Rite II Morning Prayer

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

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday-Anna Kohlhase Wedding

Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

*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.*

## **Readings & Music for June 18, 2017**

Hymns: #388, #674, #508, #558

Old Testament

Exodus 19:2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### The Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries from June 18 - 24**

*Anniversaries*

Mary & Roger Hunt

Anne & Matthew Nadakavukaren

Patty & Jack Pitts

*Birthdays*

Charlie Casperson

Katherine Dyson

Kathryn DeMeritt

Anne Nadakavukaren

**Collect for Sunday June 18, 2017**

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

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