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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 9, 2017



Parish Education

Adult Formation meets this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m..

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.

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

In Christ,

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Ministry Links

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

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

Women's Breakfast at 8:30 AM this Saturday (6/10).

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

11-June

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Lector:

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Linda Thomas & Ann Sokan

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

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

VOLUNTEER at MIDWEST FOOD BANK - on Monday, June 12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for this wonderful Outreach opportunity. For additional information, please contact Chrissy Stoffer at 663-6450 (home) or 433-6019 (cell). Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Midwest Food Bank has recently moved to

North Normal and is now located at 2031 Warehouse Road.
Directions: Take North Main Street (Business 51) to Northtown Road. Take a right on Northtown Road and proceed for half a mile. Take a right on Warehouse Road and you will see Midwest Food Bank on the right.

Parish Schedule for the week of June 11th

Coffee hour follows worship in the Parish hall

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

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-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

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 11, 2017

Hymns: #365, #364, #372

Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth

vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights-the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their

multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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!

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the

age."

Birthdays & Anniversaries from June 11 - 17

Anniversaries

Debbie & Deacon Tim Leighton

Danielle & Steve Ward

Birthdays

Meghan Dyson

Alley Roberson

Anna Kohlhase

Nolan White

Collect for Sunday June 11, 2017 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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