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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

Operations Coordinator: Matt Matsuda

According to Matt he is a faithful communicant of the 10:15 service. Prior to his transfer to Bloomington, Matt has lived in Atlanta, South Carolina, and various military posts. Coincidentally, Matt commanded a basic training company at Fort Leonard Wood (Fort Lost in the Woods) while I was in Basic Training in a sister battalion at the same post.

With Matt's long experience as an organizer and planner, he was a natural fit to take over the position as Operations Coordinator.

The primary task of this position is to develop the questions of "how" and "when" things get done to accomplish our mission as a church. The first step in his putting together a job description for this new slot is to develop a master calendar for events, needs, programs, and Diocesan requirements. He will then "back plan" to determine dates when things must be accomplished in order to meet deadlines and program dates.

If you have any information and ideas for the master calendar, please see Matt.

As the MLT has been tasked with developing our mission to the wider community, these questions are the key to beginning that process.

Please see Liz if you have a particular area of knowledge or

## The Good News

August 25, 2017



### Update from Tabora (Repeat)

We are reposting this so that everyone can make fun of our Rector's inability to dance.

**Bishop Elias sends his greetings and thanks. The funds sent by the Mission Leadership Team (MLT) have been put to good use in constructing a roof for the rectory in the parish of Ndala.**

**Here is video of the day the parish received the funds. (Please ignore awkward, non rhythmic American in the background).**



**Fr. Elias Chimpaye (blue shirt in picture) sends his thanks as well. Even without windows and doors completed he will be able to move his family into the rectory.**

interest in demographics and community knowledge.

Remember this is a work in progress and please be patient as we all grow into this new structure.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
309-660-8515

## Ministry Links

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



### **Parish Education**

Formal formation will resume on September 20th. Our initial gathering will be to discuss the themes, books, or questions we want to study over the course of the year.

There will be a gathering of youth following evensong on September 10th. Evensong will be at 5:30 that day and youth will gather at Monicals on El Dorado at 6PM.

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

Fr. Halt leaves on Saturday for his next PhD intensive.  
Fr. Scanlon will celebrate Holy Eucharist on 27 August.  
Fr. Halt will be returning for the Labor Day weekend and will celebrate on 3 September.

This will conclude summer travel and absences.\*

\*This will conclude travel, however Father has received a summons to serve as a petit jury member the week of 9/11.

### **Weekday Morning Prayer - Week of August 27th**

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM Tuesday, 7:30 AM on Thursday

### **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.

### **Serving Schedule**

3-September

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte:

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Nona & Harlan Noel

10-September

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Lector: Crissy Stoffer

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Cooper Family

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **BOOK/DVD/BAKE SALE**

St. Matthew's will hold its fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale on Saturday, September 23, from 8 AM - Noon. All proceeds go to Outreach activities. Please bring your donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and other recordings to the church and place them near the book shelves in the parish hall. If you need help getting your donations to the church, please contact Debbie Leighton at 662-7478.

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

Thank you for your past contributions to the Items-of-the-month program sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Our efforts continue this fall with donations to Oakland School. Items are needed for grades K-5 now and throughout the year. Some suggestions include: large washable Crayola markers, #2 pencils (sharpened), erasers, Elmer's glue sticks, regular sized crayons,

boxes of facial tissues and back packs (no wheels). Many other items are needed. Please see the complete list of supplies posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. School supplies can be placed in the baskets in the main hallway.

*Thank you for the outstanding contributions already! This project continues into next month, and more items are welcome. Please look at the extensive list (both sides of the posted lavender sheet) to know what supplies are still needed.*

In addition, we continue to collect "Boxtops for Education" labels found on packages of many food items. A long list of possible foods with Box top labels is posted on the bulletin board. The labels can be placed in boxes in the Narthex or on the bulletin board. Many thanks for helping with these collections.

### **Parish Schedule for the week of August 27th**

*Coffee hour follows in the Parish hall*

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

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II

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-8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

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

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & 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 August 27, 2017**

Hymns: #427, #606, #379, #304, #522

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,

but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

*Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
\*

before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*

because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
\*

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies;

your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*

O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries from August 27 - September 2**

*Anniversaries*

Sandy & Bob Kohlhase

*Birthdays*

Loren Dyson

Charlotte Casperson

Janet Hoffman

**Collect for Sunday August 27, 2017**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

