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I found this in the most recent letter from the Guardian of the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham to the Priest Associates of the Shrine and it really hit home. Especially, as we begin the "program year" and seek to be spiritually renewed.

"If we can't be managed or reorganized into renewal, we can perhaps be led in prayer for renewal and encouraged into a new trust in the abiding gifts the Lord has given to us as reliable opportunities where we may authentically encounter him. In my humble opinion, for example, our own Church lacks a consistent love for, and trust in, the converting power of the Blessed Sacrament. Such a view is not a matter of churchmanship as if a preference for the Eucharist is a party matter. It is a biblical matter. It's a matter of faithfulness and obedience to Jesus. It is a matter of how the Church is made and remade."

---The Rt. Rev. Lindsey Urwin

Blessings,

Dave+

Service Schedule for the week of September 6, 2015

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
September 3, 2015



Labor Day Sunday

On Sunday, September 6, we will join our brothers and sisters for a joint service

in Maxwell Park. The service will begin at 9:30AM followed by a potluck. Fr. Halt will be preacher and celebrant, and Christ the King will supply the music. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and lawn seating.

Note: There will not be an "altar party" since the service is outdoors. We will choose volunteer lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the park.

There will still be a 7:30 Mass at St. Matthew's for those who cannot make it to the park.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Office hours will be as usual, other than being closed on Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day Holiday.

Morning Prayer

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

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)9:30 AM at Maxwell Park, jointly
with Christ the King**Other Services:****Morning Prayer**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday mornings **at 7 AM**
Thursday morning at 7:30 AM
(4th Thursday - Holy Eucharist)**Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.****Intercessory Prayer**Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel**Ministry Links**

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

Due to a schedule conflict, Morning Prayer will not be offered on Friday, September 4.

Bible Study and Adult Sunday School

Wednesday Evening Bible Study has resumed as of September 2 at 6PM. We will be spending time in Genesis. Feel free to bring your dinner with you. If you wish to arrive early the Rosary is prayed a 5:30 in the Chapel, followed by silent meditation.

Children's Sunday School

Last week, classrooms we're cleaned with great expectation of Sunday school beginning soon. It's just around the corner - September 13th. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for class or choir loft for singing while high school through nursery age will meet downstairs. Kids will begin at 9 am in the center room of the basement for a quick song and a prayer and then off to their classes - early years (roughly ages 4-7), middle years (roughly ages 8-11) and Jr./Sr. High (12-up). Teachers are eagerly awaiting your arrival!

Choir Social

Choir is resuming on September 13th! All joyful singers and noise makers are welcome. We will kick off our season with a social on Wednesday, September 9th. The social will begin at 7 pm at the home of Fr. Dave and Amy (19289 Deerhaven dr. Bloomington 61705.). Please bring an hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share if you are able. If not, no worries, bring your smile and join us for some quality time together. Regular choir rehearsal will be every Sunday from 9-9:45 am, in the choir loft, with a few social occasions thrown in for fun. Come join!

Cooking Classes Begin

Julaine Ingersoll will be offering a cooking class for 6 weeks starting Thursday, September 10th through Thursday October 15th in the church kitchen.

We will learn some knife skills, a healthier way to cook comfort dishes, one pot meals, and more. You will need to bring your cutting board and a good kitchen knife. There will be a small fee of \$3 to help with the food expenses. Be prepared to eat what we cook

P.S. Schuncks will sharpen your dull knives for free and return them to you in 24 hours. Just ask them in the meat department to sharpen your knife.

Books, DVDs, Baked Goods, Oh My!

St. Matthew's next Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 3rd, 8 AM - 12 noon. We welcome your donations of books, DVDs and other recordings, puzzles, games and toys. Please bring them to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. We welcome baked goods on the day before and morning of the sale. As always, sale proceeds go to outreach projects.

The Outreach Committee is in need of your help to set up the sale on Friday, October 2, 4-6 PM, as well as Saturday morning. To offer your help or if you

need donations picked up, please call Debbie Leighton (H) 662-7478 or (W) 828-7600.

Breakfast Fellowships

Fall Ladies Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Please sign up in the church hallway or email Amy Halt at adhalt@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast will meet on September 19 from 8:00-10:00. We will need someone to step forward and take charge of the meal as Fr. Dave will be at a Diocesan event.

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 13th will be the annual Acolyte Training. We will begin immediately following the completion of the 10:00 services. We will meet in the Church Sanctuary. When we are done, there will be a pizza luncheon held in the parish hall. Participants and their parents are welcome to partake.

Youth Group Plans

The Youth Group will be attending the final Cornbelters game of the season on September 6th at 3:00 p.m. Details are available through Justin Palm at redspyderrising@gmail.com.

And Save the date, September 20. The Youth Group will have their official 2015/2016 Kickoff Event on the 20th!

Evening Prayer

Evensong will resume on September 13th at 5:30 PM.

Readings & Music for September 6, 2015

Hymns: music is provided by Christ the King

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water

Psalm 146 Page 803, BCP

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have

become a transgressor or the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Ministry Assignments for September 6 & 13

6-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

9:30 at Maxwell Park

all participants will volunteer that morning

13-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman
Shadow: Hally
E.M.: Fr. Bruce, assisting priest
Monday Counter: Susan C lark
Coffee Hour: Pitts & Leightons

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 4 - 20

Thomas Lucey
Kristi & James Williams
Bill Rolley
Marti Jones
Annie Ingersoll
Jim Cooper
Ray Durham
Stephanie Meihofe
Bella Levine
Kim Bray
Ina Rehtmeyer
Devan Roberson
Linda Stawick

Collect for Sunday, September 6th

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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