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Thanksgiving

I hope that you had a very happy Thanksgiving with good friends and family.

If you are traveling, I pray that your journeys are safe and that you return home refreshed and relaxed.

Where ever you spend this weekend, remember that Advent starts this Sunday and take time to attend the Holy Eucharist.

Blessings,

Dave+

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November 25, 2016



Parish Education

Will resume meeting on 11/30.

The Rev. Matthew Dallman

will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on 13 December at St. Paul's, Pekin. The service begins at 6PM.

Evensong.

Evensong will be celebrated at 5:30PM on Sundays during Advent. This is a time for meditation and prayer. Coffee and conversation will follow, for those interested.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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

**Christmas Book reading/signing and
meet and greet with the Author.**

Enjoy a family event for the Advent season! Bring your family, and friends with young children to the fellowship hall at St. Matthews on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to hear a reading of a creative story of the first Christmas, *The Star Who Almost Wasn't There*. Learn how a tiny star who could not glow became the Star of Bethlehem and share messages of love with the children, messages that: God loves everyone, that He provides each of us with gifts, and how we can honor His name by sharing our gifts.

Meet and greet the author, Pamela Hahn Hieser, and get your books signed! Get copies for your children, copies to give away as gifts, and copies (for donations) to be distributed to other children who may not otherwise be learning about relationship with God.

Remember Christ this season and share His love with children everywhere! To learn more about StarGift Project, Inc. visit www.stargiftproject.org

Light refreshments will be served following the event.

Silent/Secret Auction

The quilters are offering a quilt for a silent/secret auction, that Peggy Blackley pieced and the quilters have finished. ALL of the MONEY will go to THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE for their community activities. The reserve on the quilt is \$100.00. The quilt and the auction box are located in the Fellowship Hall.

- RULES:
1. Name, telephone number and \$\$\$\$ on bid paper
 2. Put bid in designated box
 3. All bids must be in by Nov. 25, 2016
 4. The bids will be opened and the winner notified by Nov. 26, 2016

Happy bidding, The Quilters

Outreach Opportunities

Help keep someone warm this coming winter by donating your discarded but gently used coat to the **Salvation Army's annual coat drive**. It's easy - just place the coat(s) and any used gloves, mittens and hats in decent condition into the big white box in the hallway across from Pat's office. The outreach committee will deliver them to the Army's west Washington St. headquarters. Thank you for helping those in need.

Parish Schedule for the week of November 27

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters
Wednesday-8:30 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.-Holy Eucharist & Breakfast
Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scouts
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Friday-5:30 p.m.-Vestry Meeting

Office Hours: Monday - 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 November 27, 2016

Hymns: #73, #60, #311, #613

Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the

flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Ministry Assignments for November 27 & December 4

27-November

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Christian Pitts & Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

4-December

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes:

Crucifer:

Lector: Bob Kohlhase

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour:

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 27 - December 3

Birthdays

Jack Pitts

Joel Gordon

Collect for November 27th

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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