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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

September 1, 2017



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.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

Breakfast Fellowships

Women's breakfast meets in the parish hall, 8:30 a.m., Saturday

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

Sept 9th. See Amy Halt for details.

Men's breakfast - Saturday 9/16 at 8:00 a.m.

Serving Schedule

3-September

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte:

Lector: Ann Sokan

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.: NEED VOLUNTEER

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.

*This note is posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway:
St. Matthew's Family,
Thank you so much for bringing us some school supplies. We appreciate the additional love you have shown us. We look forward to a great year and having you be part of our success.
Thank you again,
Mr. LaFrance & Oakland Staff &
Students*

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 September 3rd

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-OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY

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

Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies

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

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

Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast

Office Hours: Tuesday 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 September 3, 2017

Hymns: #450, #435, #441, #675

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Birthdays & Anniversaries from September 3 - 9

Anniversaries

Kristi & James Williams

Birthdays

Dede Dyson

Sarah Halt

Collect for Sunday September 3, 2017

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Grant in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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