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All Things to All People

Actually, unlike the Apostle Paul, we can't possibly be all things to all people, but it is possible to have a little variety. With that in mind, I invite you to see, and participate in, what we are doing in the celebration of Holy Eucharist each week as there will be a few changes taking place. (By changes, I mean small changes in line with using the full scope of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and the various ways it can be celebrated. So if there is a clamor for a big screen, I am certain no one will be shocked to find out that is not on the table).

What this actually means is that on the first and third Sundays of the month we will pay homage to our roots in the "Biretta Belt"* with a Solemn Eucharist at 10:00AM, or what is colloquially known as a "sung Eucharist", with full altar party and service music.

On the second and fourth Sundays, we will celebrate a Simple Eucharist with hymns. (Easter and Pentecost excepted).

In any month with a fifth Sunday that day will be celebrated by using Morning Prayer as the Liturgy of the Word and proceeding to Holy Communion using Rite II.

At 7:30 the only change will be where the celebrant stands during the Holy Communion.

It is my hope that this enhances the worship experience for all of us throughout the year, and allows us each to more fully engage with

The Good News

September 14, 2018



Temporary Parking Situation

St. Matthews parking continues with limitations: all of the east side spaces (all the spaces facing the parish hall) are reserved for the roofing work. Please plan accordingly for your events and meetings.

Coffee of the Week

Last week's service of Kenya AA was decently received. This week we will be serving a Peruvian bean. Again, all coffee served in the month of September will be direct trade from Hemisphere Coffee Roasters.

If you would like individual 1lb packages, please let the office know.

Sunday Evensong

Will resume on September 16th at 5:30 PM. All are invited.

Christian Formation

Continues this week. We will meet for Eucharist at 5:30 with study to follow. Our topic for the fall is "Paul's Greatest Hits". We will follow a seminar format that includes a study guide published before each session.

Men's Breakfast

Will meet on Saturday the 15th at 8AM.

A New Year for Children's Formation

Christian formation for children at St. Matthew's is growing! This year, not only will we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Wednesday nights, but we are also

the doctrine of our Church as expressed in our common worship.

As always, I am eager to hear how you experience this change.

In Christ,

Dave Halt, Rector
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*"Biretta Belt"--a now defunct, and originally pejorative term, for the dioceses around the Great Lakes which embraced the High Church position and the Oxford Movement in the 19th Century. It comes from the penchant of the clergy to wear the funny looking hat by the same name. Yes, the one that looks like Mickey Mouse.

Ministry Links

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

offering Sunday School following our second service. Immediately after receiving Communion, the children will proceed to their classroom for a 50 minute session. Keep in mind, this isn't your mother's Sunday School! Our curriculum will help the children explore the Mass readings more deeply, but we will play together and pray together, too. In time, the older children will be able to coordinate their own prayer services-developing the habit of prayer, along with meditation and a lot of fun.

The Children's Sunday School will have its first session Sunday, September 9th, immediately after Communion. CGS will begin again on Wednesday, September 12th at 6pm!

Confirmation/Inquirers Class (Time change, by request)

St. Matthew's is offering a Confirmation/Inquirers class for anyone interested in the Theology and History of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. Sessions will begin on Sunday, September 9 at **11:15AM** and run through the Fall Quarter.

Theology Uncorked

Will meet at 6PM on 14 October.

Tuesday Morning Quilters

Fall meetings will begin on Tuesday, September 18th at 10AM.

Outreach Opportunities

During the months of August and September, the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for needy children at Oakland School. Items are needed for Grades K-5. Some examples of school supplies include:

- #2 pencils (sharpened)
- erasers
- regular sized crayons
- Elmer's glue (bottles or sticks)
- boxes of facial tissues
- backpacks without wheels

A list of many other items is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please put your school supplies in the baskets in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the parish hall.

In addition, we continue to collect "Boxtops for Education," The PTO newsletter for Oakland School reads: "Simply save

the boxtops from General Mills products." Collection boxes are in the narthex and attached to the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with these important projects.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Serving Schedule

16-September

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

Thurifer: John Stoffer

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

23-September

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning September 16th

Coffee hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II (& Children's Sunday School after HE)

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

11:15 a.m.-Confirmation Inquirers

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist followed by Adult Formation
6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist and breakfast
Friday -7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 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 for September 16, 2018

Hymns: #493, #675, #516, #345

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-8

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my
supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon
him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

The Epistle

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 16-22

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kim Bray

Devan Roberson

Linda Stawick

Theresa Garrison

Lamp Dedications for this week:

Collect for Sunday, September 16th

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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