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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

A re-run this week from last week.

Weather and Cancellations

With the potential of bad weather again this weekend, I think it time to republish our process for making decisions on services and events.

1. Parking Bans

If the city has issued a parking ban, all weekday activities will be cancelled. On Sundays when this is in effect, every attempt will be made to have the 10AM service, but all other activities will be cancelled.

2. Winter Weather Advisories

Sunday Services will be held, but cancellations of other activities may occur. This will be based on timing, radar, and road conditions.

3. Winter Storm/Blizzard Warnings

All weekday activities will be canceled. Attempts will be made to hold 10AM Sunday Service. This will depend on parking lot and road conditions. All other Sunday activities will be cancelled.

The Good News

January 25, 2019



2019 Annual Meeting UPDATE

We will meet for Elections at 9AM this Sunday, weather cooperating.

This is the last chance to hold this meeting before the 1 February deadline. Per the Diocesan Canons a quorum is determined to be those entitled to vote who present themselves to vote.

Mission Leadership Team Nominations Received: Justin Brooks, Shelley Brenneman Carter, Roy Laws.

Synod Delegate Nomination Received: Susan Long

Service Schedule will be the regular cycle of 7:30 and 10AM.

Youth Group

This Sunday at 6PM. We will meet for movie night. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided.

Soup-er Saturday

The next fellowship night is Saturday 2/2. We will be hosting a Chili/Soup cookoff with entertainment, games, and a small "raffle".

Who: All are invited, and we do mean all ages.

4. Snow Emergencies

If a snow emergency is issued that directs us to stay off the roads, then all activities including 10AM service will be cancelled.

I do make every effort to celebrate on the Lord's Day if at all possible, have a 4X4, and grew up in Michigan. I love to drive in the snow. However, you know what conditions are safe for you, and your safety is our first priority.

We make every effort to communicate cancellations effectively using both the e-news and Flocknote.

Flocknote is a text messaging system, and if you have not signed up, please do so by texting STMEC to 84576. We will always update in a timely manner.

Blessings,

Dave+



Ministry Links



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

What to bring: A pot of chili or soup to share and a spirit of fun and fellowship.

When: 5-8 PM.

We will also have a lucky square game for the Big Game (since the No Fun League has copyrighted the name of the super game that takes place in a bowl shaped stadium the next day). There will be fabulous prizes, and all funds raised will support Outreach.

The PMC recognizes that the event is being held the evening after Barb Allsup's funeral and that there might be concerns with still holding the event, so we did reach out to her family for their opinion, and they told us to enjoy our parish life event.

Bible Study and Midweek Eucharist

The regularly scheduled Eucharist and Bible Study resumes this Wednesday. Eucharist at 5:30PM and Bible Study at 6PM. It is perfectly acceptable to bring your dinner with you to Bible Study.

Outreach Opportunities

The January-February Outreach program is non-perishable foods for the Salvation Army. Please bring canned goods and nutritious boxed foods to share.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:
[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

27-January 2019

7:30

Greeter: Dede & Doug Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws
Coffee Hour: Susan Long & Shelley Carter

3-February 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham
Lector: Julie Bennett
E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt
Thurifer: Brad Bauman
Crucifer: Shelley Carter
Lector: Amy Halt
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis
Coffee Hour: Pam & Roy Laws

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of January 27th

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

9:00 a.m.-Annual Elections

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

10:40 a.m.--Sunday School for Children

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

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

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

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

5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

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

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Zumba

9:30 a.m.-Allsup Visitation

11:00 a.m.-Allsup Funeral

5:00 p.m.-Soup-er Saturday

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 January 27, 2019

Hymns: #493, #536, #304, #537

Old Testament

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension

within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Birthdays & Anniversaries January 27 - February 2

Anniversaries

Charlotte & Charlie Casperson

Birthdays

Rachel Kimmerling

Dedications for this week:

Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, January 27th

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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