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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Two quick things for this week.

1. Justin Brooks and Emily Lavikoff have been hard at work developing a Children's Formation Ministry and they need your help.

It is often said that children are the future of the Church, but that is not strictly true. They are an important part of the Church today, and their formation as disciples is as important as our own formation. Your help is needed to assist our young people in their faith development.

Interest cards will be available during coffee hour for anyone willing to help with this ministry.

2. I will be working offsite on Fridays to spend time on my dissertation. If needed for a pastoral emergency, please use my mobile number listed below.

Blessings,

Dave+
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Ministry Links

The Good News

February 1, 2019



2019 Officers and Leadership

The results are in and we are happy to announce those who are serving in elected leadership for 2019.

Mission Leadership Team

Sr. Warden: Jim Cooper

Jr. Warden: Gary Ploense

Treasurer: Rex Schaeffer

Elected 2019:

Shelley Brenneman-Carter

Roy Laws

Justin Brooks

Continuing:

Roger Hollis

Jeff Clark

Kathryn Morris

Delegates to Synod

Jim Cooper

Gary Ploense

Susan Long

Soup-er Saturday Tomorrow!

If you missed the sign up, no worries, please come out and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Tomorrow we are hosting a Chili/Soup cookoff with entertainment, games, and a small "raffle".

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

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.

2018 Contribution Statements

Your giving statements are printed and available for pick-up. If at all possible, please collect these from the glass-top cabinet in the main hallway. It saves the church 55 cents per envelope in postage, which goes a long way in effective stewardship.

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

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

10-February 2019

7:30

Greeter: Dede & Doug Dyson

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Jack Pitts & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Teresa Shorn

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of February 3rd

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

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

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Zumba

8:30 a.m.-Women's breakfast

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 February 3, 2019

Hymns: #379, #707, #594

Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Psalm 71:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not
have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I

have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Birthdays & Anniversaries February 3 - 9

Anniversaries

Kathie & Loren Dyson

Dedications for this week:

Collect for the 4th Sunday after Epiphany, February 3rd

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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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