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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Last week was a bit of a ramble, and I apologize for the re-run article. I left early Wednesday morning for Ft. Benning, GA to attend a Thursday graduation for one of our own. Justin Wolfe completed his basic training with the Army Reserve on that day and officially became a soldier. I returned home on Friday afternoon. That much "windshield" time can be tiring, but I was able to catch up with some of the podcasts I enjoy. So, in some ways it was like a short retreat.

I wish to thank the Wardens for their support of this adventure, as they share my belief that as a community we share in each member's journey and celebrate with them when they celebrate, if possible.

More personally, it brought back memories from my own sojourn at Basic Training and Graduation Day. It reminded me of how important to me the prayers of my church family were, even though they could not share the celebration. I was honored to attend, not just as one with the same experience, but as a representative of

The Good News

August 23, 2019



Midweek Paul and Thecla

We continue with the Acts of St. Paul and St. Thecla at 6PM.

We will commemorate St. Augustine of Hippo at the 5:30PM Eucharist.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

In August and September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through 5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets (in August). Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with this important project.

Pray for the Cure

The ninth annual Bloomington/Normal area PRAY for the CURE will be held, on Thursday, September 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. It is a special evening dedicated to prayer, praise and worship for cancer survivors, their families, friends and health care providers, as well as prayer for researchers, labs and funding agents working toward a cure for breast cancer. *Their announcement poster-reminder is posted on the Hallway bulletin board.*

this community and its love and support.

Thank you for allowing me this service and honor.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

Find us on Instagram--stmattsbm
Twitter--@BloomingtonSt

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

25-August 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Valarie Jones

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

1-September 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Linda Stawick & Matt Matsuda

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of August 25

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday

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

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba *

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons *

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

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

9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer *

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons *

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba *

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

** Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

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 August 25, 2019

Hymns: #48, WLP #773, #455, #334

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *

and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *

and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness *

and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *

and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Epistle

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your

ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 25 - 31

Anniversaries

Sandy & Bob Kohlhase

Birthdays

Kathryn Morris

Valerie Schaeffer

Loren Dyson

Charlotte Casperson

Janet Hoffman

Dedications for this week:

Collect for 11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 25th

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Contact Information

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