

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST 2007

LAYREADERS AND ACOLYTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Order of Worship</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
5	Holy Eucharist	Robert Schaefer Jeane Jae	Carley Yanuck
12	Holy Eucharist	Jeane Jae Lynette Ballard	Stephen Westfall
19	Holy Eucharist	Lynette Ballard	Robert Westfall
26	Holy Eucharist	Fred Taussig Paul Latt Robert Schaefer	Carley Yanuck

ALTAR GUILD Audrey Moller

USHERS AND PRESENTERS

5 – Linda Vandivort & Ethel Cromwell 12 – Doris & Bob Schaefer
19 – Bob Moller & Neil Buckles 26 – Mike Iannelli & Joan Norman

GREETERS

5 – Ethel Cromwell 12 – Bob Schaefer
19 – Neil Buckles 26 – Joan Norman

ALL IN THE FAMILY

August Birthdays

2 – Jack Allen
5 – Thomas Edward Schaefer
5 – Joe Heggie
8 – Doris Schaefer
9 – Kent Wilton
17 – Pam Busby

19 – Robert Schaefer
24 – Elizabeth Yanuck

August Anniversaries

2 – Ruth and James McKee
3 – Leslie and Michael Dunnington
21 – David & Doris Westfall
29 – Merle & Carl Kind 1
30 - Lynette & Frank Ballard
30 – Betty & Bob Shepherd

Memo from Penny Outreach: Please continue to donate aluminum cans for Outreach. We use the money at Christmas time for community outreach.

Parish Nurse: Our Parish Nurse, Doris Schaefer, will be in the Office for Consultations and Blood Pressure checks on Wednesday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 9:30 am.-12:30 pm.

Our Hunger Barrel's Ideas for August

Suggestions include: Macaroni and cheese, spaghetti (canned and uncooked), cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly. Laundry detergent, bar soap, and paper products are always welcome.

Paper Recycling: Now you can help us earn money for the Church by dropping off your newspapers, magazines, office paper, shopping catalogs and mail in the yellow and green container at the end of our parking lot. Please do NOT include plastic, glass, metals, cardboard or trash.

Men's Bible Study: Begins August 2, at 10 am. in the Lounge.
Theme: "An Invitation to the New Testament"



PARISH NURSE NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2007

The topic for August is about living with Chronic Illness. Chronic illness is described as an illnesses which are not curable. These can be heart disease, emphysema, chronic pain, neuromuscular diseases, depression, and diabetes chronic illnesses are just a few.

The perspective of our faith can offer real support and encouragement to those struggling with chronic illness. First, each person must remember we are created by God in His image. This serves as a basis for human dignity (Gen. 1:27). Second, we need to recognize that God does not cause illness and infirmity, but rather they are consequences of life in a fallen world (Mt. 7:11). Third, God alone has the ability to make something good out of disease, impairments and suffering (Rom. 8:28-32) Fourth, the church is called to be attentive to all people who are suffering and to use as an opportunity to witness to Christ's love for us (Mt. 25:34-40; Acts 20:35) Fifth, we can be confident that the Lord will not let us experience more than we can bear, but has provided help for us in health care providers, therapists, medications, and treatments, family and the community of faith (Ps. 46; I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 4:7-12, 16-18). May God be with you as you adapt to any type of illness.

Kindness

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.
How you ride and ride
thinking the bus will never stop,
the passengers eating maize and chicken
will stare out the window forever.
Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness,
you must travel where the Indian in a white poncho
lies dead by the side of the road.
You must see how this could be you,
how he too was someone
who journeyed through the night with plans
and the simple breath that kept him alive.
Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside,
you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing.
You must wake up with sorrow.
You must speak to it till your voice
catches the thread of all sorrows
and you see the size of the cloth.
Then it is only kindness that makes sense anymore,
only kindness that ties your shoes
and sends you out into the day to mail letters and purchase bread,
only kindness that raises its head
from the crowd of the world to say
it is I you have been looking for,
and then goes with you everywhere
like a shadow or a friend.

The Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends:

I am writing this on what has to be the loveliest day of the summer so far. It is cool, no humidity, just beautiful blues skies and loads of sunshine. I am reminded of hymn #427 in the Hymnal 1982; the first line of which is, "When morning guilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!" Everything we do, indeed the reason we were created, is to praise God. When we live a life of praise and thanksgiving, when our lives are such that every day is offered to the glory of God, we more readily see the abundance that God has blessed us with.


Part of the abundance we have here at St. Matthew's is the number of opportunities given us to praise God and work for the spread of his kingdom. There are opportunities for serving at God's altar through the Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Eucharistic visiting. There are opportunities to serve the young ones we hope to draw to this family of faith as nursery volunteers, Sunday School Teachers and mentors. There are new opportunities to learn the Word by attending the Men's Bible Study starting August 2 and led by John Leveritt. I would like to start a Women's Bible Study and book group. If anyone is interested please let me know!

I have also asked Lyn Ballard to chair a visioning committee that will look at St. Matthew's past, present and future. This will entail discerning our values, vision, mission and ministry for our life together as disciples. It will be a process that will be exciting, prayerful, and offered to the glory of God. It is my hope that by going through this process we will have a better clarity and focus that will then lead us to understand the ministries we are called to as a community. The ultimate question for us is, "what does God want us to do?" Notice it is not, "what do we want to do."

We need to trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us to where God wants us. This is a journey of faith, love, and praise. If someone would like to serve on this committee please see Lyn or myself. As this will most likely be a project in phases, it is my hope that every member of the congregation will be involved in one phase or another.

So many opportunities. So many ways in which to serve our Lord. My wish for all of us is that every morning of our life we can wake up, see the morning dawn and say, "May Jesus Christ be praised!" And then, let us go out into the world and live it.

Blessings Always,
Doris+



Congratulations go to Chidi and Chidiebele Echeazu on the birth of their son, Nefo on July 6th, 2007.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Chidi and Chidiebele with the joy and care of children: Give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring up their son, that they may teach him to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A New Member of the Family of God!

On July 15th St. Matthew's welcomed Benjamin Thomas Walker Niemeier, son of Tom and Shelley Niemeier and grandson of Marlowe Meyers, into the body of Christ.

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into the world. We thank-you for the life of this child, Benjamin, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture him that he may attain to that full stature intended for him in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wanted! Memories of St. Matthew's

Do you have a favorite memory of St. Matthew's? Something that warmed your heart or made you laugh? Would you be willing to write it up to be put in next month's newsletter (and hopefully we will have enough for many months to come)? Please speak to the Rector or drop an e-mail at dcwestfall@sbcglobal.net

Around the Diocese:

Teacher Training Day Workshops at St. Martin's Ellisville, August 18th 8:30-3:30. Workshops will cover such topics as Christian Formation in small churches, Children with disabilities in the church, Children, Youth, Families and Worship, Art as Spiritual Practice and much more. Registration is \$10.00 If interested, please call Cory Hoehn at 314-231-1220 or e-mail him at choehn@diocesemo.org.