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Rector's Corner

JULY 2005

I can't pass up the opportunity to say something about the first couple of weeks of our new schedule. Intellectually, I knew that this was the right thing to do. The spiritual implications of the change were clear to me; if this church is to function with the health and spiritual strength that lies within it, then it needs to show that in its worship. A more full and united congregation would move us toward that end. Pastorally, I had my concerns about those who might be greatly upset by such a change.

Personally, I hate change. Especially change which is "novel" or something which is done for the sake of change itself. So it was with a degree of trepidation that I moved in this direction.

I must admit that I expected the first week to be less than overwhelming. Summer was just getting started, and I figured there would be a bit of "Let's see if this thing works" affecting attendance through the summer. We had 84 that first week and the church seemed to be more full than any time since I have been here. Obviously Christmas and Easter have greater attendance, but for a normal Sunday this was different. The responses and the corporate prayers were strong and lively. Though not robust, singing was better than ever. It felt like a different church, in a good way.

I am glad, proud and optimistic with regards to our parish. I encourage (implore, beg...) you to remain patient with this transition. I've heard a few comments about things that they miss about the "old" service (both 8:00 and 10:00). As I am able, I will make adjustments to address these concerns. It is my hope that by the time school starts we will have a steady and consistent pattern of worship for this parish.

In the mean time enjoy the beauty of holiness that comes when God's people worship together. It is a blessing to us and a most wonderful way for us to glorify God in this place.

Blessings

Fr. Reed+

Activities

2005 PARISH DIRECTORY

We will be publishing an updated church directory soon. Please check your current directory information in the copy located in Hunsaker Hall. Make changes as necessary and If you have an e-mail address, we would be happy to publish it.



GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FUND

Our goal of \$1500.00 for Grounds Maintenance has been reached. Many thanks to those that contributed so that our grounds can be maintained for this season.

VESTRY REMINDER:

WE WILL HAVE A VESTRY MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JULY 12TH AT 7:00 pm.



PARISH GARAGE SALE

Thanks to everyone who helped make the parish garage sale a huge success, especially Dorcyle and Don, Chris, Carol, Paul, Fr. Reed, Karen and Jon, Bob, Beth, Shawn, ECW ladies and all those who came to sort, price, and everyone who worked the day of the sale! The parish made \$1300 and helped the community by providing quality clothing, toys, appliances, and other household items at very reasonable prices. We plan to repeat this success next year. Sincere thanks, Jennifer Yoon

**2005 Activities Calendar
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

- Sun., Jul. 17: Ice Cream Social
- Sun., Sept. 11: Fall Rally Day/
Shrimp Boil
- Sat., Oct. 8: Octoberfest
- Sun., Nov. 27: Advent Family Night/
St. Andrew's Festival

Let's share some fun and enjoy our church family! Each event has several ways for you and your family to show your love for God and our church home. It is essential that each of us be involved in the daily life of St. Andrew's. Here are a few ways to help:

Event Coordinators are needed to organize an activity. More than one person may volunteer and make a team. Assist your group with supplies, other volunteers to help, and other needs to create a memorable evening.

Become a Financial Sponsor for an event. Maybe you don't have time to coordinate an activity, but you could help purchase supplies or donate a door prize. Any amount counts and is important!

Publicity Advisors are needed for each event. Call a friend and have some fun promoting St. Andrew's family fun to others and keep our church growing!

"ISN'T IT STRANGE"

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust our agenda for other events at the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

When God takes something from your grasps, he's not punishing you, but merely opening up your hands to receive something better!

E.C.W. NEWS

The ECW will not be holding meetings in July, or August. Meetings will resume in September. Have a great summer!

POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT



Potluck & Game Night will be held on Wed., July 20th at 6:30 PM Please bring a friend and your favorite dish to

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12n Mass & Unction	2 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
3 9am Eucharist 10am Brunch 7pm E.S.L.	4 10am E.S.L.	5 7am Said Mass	6 NO ECW MTG 10am E.S.L. 6pm Said Mass	7 7am Faith Renewal	8 12n Mass & Unction	9 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
10 Sand Sun 9am Eucharist 10am Coffee Hr 7pm E.S.L.	11 10am E.S.L.	12 7am Said Mass 7pm VESTRY	13 10am E.S.L. 6pm Said Mass	14 7pm Compassionate Friends	15 12n Mass & Unction	16 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
17 9am Eucharist 10am Coffee Hr 3-5pm Ice Cream Social 7pm E.S.L.	18 10am E.S.L.	19 7am Said Mass	20 10am E.S.L. 6pm Said Mass 6:30pm Potluck Supper & Game Night	21 7am Faith Renewal	22 12n Mass & Unction	23 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
24/31 9am Eucharist 10am Coffee Hr 7pm E.S.L.	25 10am E.S.L.	26 7am NO MASS	27 10am E.S.L. 6pm Said Mass	28	29 12n Mass & Unction	30 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, July 17th for an Ice Cream Social from 3 - 5 PM in Hunsaker Hall. Watch your bulletins for further information.

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