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The Nineth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12

July 26, 2015

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight.
Visions of rapture burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

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Procession to the Altar

Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the
darkness vanished away,

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

We are the young--our lives are a myst'ry, we are
the old--who yearn for your face,
We have been sung through-out all of hist'ry, called
to be light to the whole human race.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we
will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some
heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now
is the King-dom, now is the day.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria, *said* at 8am
Sing Halleluia, *sung* at 10am
(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King/ almighty God and Father,

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God/ you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High/ Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that,
with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the
things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from 2 Kings (4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food
from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty
loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack.
Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."
But his servant said, "How can I set this before a
hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the
people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD,
'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before
them, they ate, and had some left, according to the
word of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 **They make known the glory of your
kingdom * and speak of your power;**
- 12 **That the peoples may know of your
power * and the glorious splendor of
your kingdom.**
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
* your dominion endures throughout all
ages.**
- 14 **The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 **The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- 16 **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due
season.**
- 17 **You open wide your hand * and satisfy
the needs of every living creature.**
- 18 **The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**
- 19 **The LORD is near to those who call upon
him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.**

A Reading from Ephesians (3:14-21)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom
every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.
I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he
may grant that you may be strengthened in your
inner being with power through his Spirit, and that
Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as
you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray
that you may have the power to comprehend, with
all the saints, what is the breadth and length and
height and depth, and to know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn vss. 1-2

Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(6:1-21)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a

little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn vss. 3

Be Not Afraid

3. Blessed are the poor,
for the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

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The Sermon

Father Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God / **the Father the Almighty / maker of heaven and earth / of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ / the only Son of God / eternally begotten of the Father / God from God Light from Light / true God from true God / begotten, not made / of one Being with the Father / Through him all things were made / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven / By the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life / who proceeds from the Father and the Son / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified / He has spoken through the Prophets / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins / We look for the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Quebec - (Canada, Canada); our diocese, especially for St. Paul, Port Townsend; St. Luke, Sequim; and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Vera Gordon; Sandra Goretti; Sueann Goretti.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew & Michael and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Tom, Elsie, Agueda, John, Alex, Shakai, Bea, Sandy & John, Matt & Adrienne, Doris, Sheri, Scott, Alisande, Sophy Yun, Panha, Srey Nouch, Ted, Donal, Crystal, Martha, Elliott, Ryan, Don, Marisa, Mark, Laura, Claire and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory

Let Forgiveness Flow

Father here am I again in need of mercy,
Hurt from sin, so by the blood and Jesus' love Let
forgiveness flow.

In my heart and in my mind, in word and deed I've
been so blind. So by the blood and Jesus' love, Let
forgiveness flow.

To me, from me, so my heart will know,
Fully and sweetly, let forgiveness flow.

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The Great Thanksgiving C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)

(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

Lord's Prayer *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*
(Printed on page 12 of the Worship Guide)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant says

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.

Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

His Name is Wonderful

His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King,

Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great shepherd,
The rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he.
Bow down before him,
Love and adore him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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Let All That is Within Me

1. Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb that was slain.
2. Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
3. Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb that was slain.
4. Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb that was slain.

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant and People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in**

these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

Refrain: Fear not, rejoice and be glad,
The Lord hath done a great thing;
Hath poured out his Spirit on all
mankind, On those who confess his name.

1. The fig tree is budding, the vine beareth fruit,
The wheat fields are golden with grain.
Thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe,
The Lord has given us rain.
2. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
The mountains will drip with sweet wine .
My children shall drink of the fountain of life,
My children will know they are mine.
3. My people shall know that I am the Lord,
Their shame I have taken away.
My spirit will lead them together again.
My spirit will show them the way.
4. My children shall dwell in a body of love,
A light to the world they will be.
Life shall come forth from the Father above,
My body will set mankind free.

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St. Matthew Mission Statement

St. Matthew Church: To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Frank Blacker
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Witter
Lector	Bud Nalder, Pamela Reed
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Gary Neuman Tom Taylor
Greeters	Gary Neuman Marcie Neuman
Eucharistic Visitor	Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Beth Latsis Liz Latsis Cat Kuniyoshi Mary Blacker Linda Collins Jackie Whorton Micaela Detrick
Counters	Florence Nabaggala Lydia Nabawanga Pamela Reed
Nursery	Claire Scharmach
Coffee Hour	Linda Pomeroy-Hull
Altar Guild Director	

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Rose Barg – recovery from surgery
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests
John Hibben – tests for unknown throat condition
Alex Sloan & Shakai Reyna – (grandson and friend of Jim & Ginny Sloan) - on their hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (from southern border to northern border), from April 8 through August 30, 2015
Bea Stensrud – recovering from some breaks in her femur
Sandy and John Yoeun - who are expecting their fourth child, a boy, in August. Congratulations!!
Matt and Adrienne Williams - who are expecting their third child, a girl, also in August. Congratulations!!
Doris Sanders – appointment with vascular surgeon
Sheri Peterson – dementia
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue
Sophy Yun, Panha and Srey Nouch – (Saray)
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Donal Hull – (Dan's dad) – heart issues and lung cancer
Crystal Rose – kidney issues
Martha Gatbunton – (sister of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – hospitalized with pneumonia
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)
Ryan Barg – allergic reactions to Remicade infusions
Don Barg – holding the family together
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease

Mark – (friend of Mark and Renee Lepkowski) – for strength and healing after brain surgery
Laura O'Donnell – (mother of Alex and Savannah Sloan) for recovery and healing from heart surgery
Claire Scharmach – for complete healing and recovery from cervical neuro surgery
To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com . Thanks!

Announcements

Reservations Available - The *Mid-Year Annual Meeting dinners* have been scheduled. Come for an evening of fun, conversation and perhaps even good weather. This is the final dinner. To check availability and make your reservation please call Karena Teves 619-838-7151. Carpooling can be arranged.

Sunday, August 2 at 5:00pm hosted at Gould's

Video Bible Stories for Children. This Summer -

For the summer church school lessons, we are offering newly purchased DVDs based on Bible Stories and the life of Jesus. Please consider sharing time with our church school children Sunday mornings from the beginning of the liturgy to the passing of the peace. The children will then join their families. This will be fun and educational. A sign-up sheet for the summer videos is on a clipboard in the Narthex.

The DVDs (all new to St. Matthew) plus a few activities will be provided for each Sunday through August. Thank you, Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whorton and Kitty Walker.

Vacation Bible Camp – St. Matthew will coordinate a Vacation Bible Camp, free of charge, with the theme 'When God reigns, the Son shines!' This camp is for kids starting kindergarten through ending 6th grade. The dates are August 10th -13th and the hours are 11:30am – 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Liz Latsis (Coordinator) at 253-229-0847, email scargo@q.com or Renee Lepkowski (Co-Director) at 253-318-0184, email, lepdukeski@aol.com.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex. *ALSO....would appreciate your help with*

our Wish List (in narthex) as your contributions will help with the success of this camp.

Musician Retreat - will be Saturday, September 19th, 9:00am -12:30pm in the Parish Hall. ALL are welcome. Anyone who is interested in singing, playing an instrument, learning about music and having a fun time of fellowship is welcome to join the retreat. Snacks and water provided during the morning rehearsal. Potato bar (everyone brings a topping!) and beverages will be served for lunch.

St. Matthew Auction in November - Save the Date!!! Saturday, November 14 is the date for our St. Matthew fundraising auction! It will be held at the Browns Point Improvement Club. So you are all being called to make this fundraiser a success. The executive committee will be getting more information out soon. In the meantime, you can first save the date, plan which family and friends you will invite, think of possible donations and determine where your talents best lay in the volunteer positions! There's plenty of jobs and fun for all! After a long, very hot summer, let's think about a brisk evening at the BPIC Clubhouse with good food, drink, great company and wonderful, "gotta have" auction delights.

THANKS - to all who have attended the *Mid-Year Annual Meeting Dinners* so far. We hope that you have enjoyed attending as much as we enjoyed putting them on. If you have not already turned them in, **don't forget to complete and return your pre-pledge card for 2016.** This information will greatly assist the Vestry and Father Kendall in the discernment process and our plans to call a Rector. Please put your pre-pledge in an envelope and return it to your host, put it in the collection plate on Sunday or you can mail or drop it off at the church office. Thanks again for joining us and assisting us in this important process. *Your Stewardship Committee*

Our Community Food Bank Still Needs Your Help - With the summer heat and vacations our food bank donations are down this month. The need is especially high in summer when kids are not in school and receiving breakfast and lunches under the free & reduced lunch program. Our *next delivery will be Friday, July 31st at noon* so please leave your donations in the baskets in the Narthex

by then. If you have donations of fresh produce from your garden please leave it that Friday morning *or* you can deliver it directly to the food bank any Friday between 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The food bank is located in the basement of Browns Point Methodist Church 5339 Browns Point Blvd. NE. Thanks for all your past and future generosity.

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Vacation Bible Camp, here Aug 10-13