



St. James Episcopal Church

Restoring people to God & each other in Christ

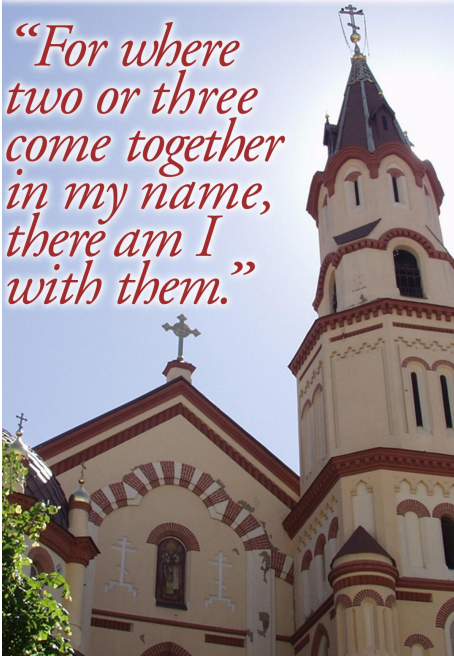
THE EPISTLE

La Grange, Texas

August, 2007

MATTHEW 18:20

*“For where
two or three
come together
in my name,
there am I
with them.”*



From the Rector

It is hard to believe but the summer is almost over and fall will be here before we know it bringing with it more activities at home and at church.

This summer we as a church have been separated from each for different reasons, from vacations to illness, but I know we have not been separated from each other in thought and prayer. Nor have we been separated from God. Psalm 100 says, “Know this the Lord himself is God; he himself has made us and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.” We belong to God and he like a shepherd is with us through the hours of the day and night. God is not far from us. It times though it may seem that God is not very near, but over and over again I am reminded of God's nearness at different times during the day.

Looking Ahead

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| Aug 9 | Vestry Meeting
Endowment Meeting |
| Aug 13 | Men's Club Meeting |
| Aug 14- | Second Chance |
| Aug 20 | |
| Aug 15 | Preschool Work Day |
| Aug 16 | Preschool Meet the
Teacher Night |
| Aug 11 | Men's Club BBQ |
| Aug 18 | Supper Club |
| Aug 19 | Bishop visit &
Confirmation |
| Aug 28 | Preschool Family
Orientation |
| Sept 3 | Church & Preschool
Closed for Labor Day |
| Sept 4 | First Day of Parents'
Day Out |

One of the things I like about living in La Grange is how it is so easy to run into people I know as I go out and do things around town. I run into to people from church at Wal-Mart, H-E-B and down on the Square. Though we may be far from each other at times its like we are all very close. That to me is what God is like in some ways. We go about our daily lives unaware of God's presence only to be brought up short by a gorgeous sunset or the peacefulness of a child as he sleeps and then we are reminded that God holds that moment in his hands.

As the summer comes to an end and the fall approaches may we remember that God is always near us. God has made us and we are his.

—Daryl Hay

Supper Club News

The St. James monthly Supper Club provides a monthly opportunity for members to share good food and interesting conversation with fellow parishioners and guests. Please RSVP with the number attending and the dish you will provide. Make plans to join us!

August Supper Club

Date: Saturday, August 18

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Hans Uli Zwar
Eric & Suzanne Batchelder
Penny Sengler

Theme: Sculpture Garden Party

Iced tea, coffee and an array of sausages will be provided. Refreshing drinks, hors d'oeuvres and finger food will be welcome.

Location: Hans' House

RSVP: Sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall
Maps are available in the Church Office



The Sunday morning breakfast goodies are provided courtesy of members of the church. You can sign up to "sponsor" the pastries from Max's Donuts on the breakfast sign up sheet posted in the Parish Hall.

The cost is \$20 per Sunday.

Birthdays

- Aug 12 Sam Kuninger
- Aug 14 Arie de Kok
- Aug 15 Thomas Stiffler
- Aug 20 John Adkins
- Aug 21 Lil Landry
- Aug 21 Deborah Bradley
- Aug 23 Justa Helm
- Aug 24 Diana Kuninger
- Aug 26 Guy Mason
- Aug 27 Chelsea Leighton
- Aug 28 Dianna Berg
- Aug 30 Jim Holmes
- Aug 31 Tomi Laigle



Anniversaries

- Aug 2 Grover & Charlotte Hillbolt
- Aug 5 Gerald & Ann Campbell
- Aug 8 Joe & Val Pechal
- Aug 9 Gene & Sue Holt
- Aug 14 Mike & Sarah Mabry
- Aug 19 Georg & Elva Ulbrich
- Aug 22 Thomas & Dana Stiffler

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the Parish Office.

Men's Club Update

The next Men's Club BBQ will take place on August 11 and the next Men's Club Meeting will take place on August 13 at Jim & Julie Holmes' house.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will meet June 5 and July 3. They will not meet in August, but will resume their study "What's so Amazing About Grace" September 4.

From the Preschool



Our summer mini session went very well. The children learned about God's world. We learned about things like summer, rainbows and deer. We had a summer enrollment of ten children, and we really had a great time! Miss Judy and I are having a wonderful summer, but we are looking forward to the new school year.

Blessings to all, Mrs. Lana



BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison,
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese
of Texas will join us at both
services on Sunday, August 19.

Confirmation will take place
during the 10:30 a.m. service.

A reception in honor of
Bishop Harrison will take place
immediately following
the 10:30 a.m. service.

ECW News

The next ECW meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on September 10 in the Parish Hall. In October, the ECW will have a spiritual retreat at the home of Charlotte Hillbolt.

Altar Guild Announcements

The Altar Guild needs a few new members. It is currently an all female group but an adventuresome male would be welcome as well. Applicants should enjoy housekeeping. Each member commits to one weekend of service each month. The Guild group sets the church up for the Sunday services and cleans up after. Please contact Suzanne Batchelder 979.247.3405 or slmorriss@yahoo.com if you wish to join.

Many have commented on the beauty of our Altar flowers of late. However, I have noticed that the cost has been creeping up cutting into the cushion we have customarily kept to cover the additional expense of funerals, bride's table bouquets and some holy days. Bringing our cost back to the customary limit may impact what is available for our arrangements. Having a little extra in our flower fund could make a difference. If you would like to contribute to the General Fund for Altar Flowers, please note this on your card when you make a donation. Also, note if you wish to be acknowledged (not everyone does) or to name an honoree or memorial. The cost of Altar flowers is \$50 per Sunday, and must be paid to the church in advance. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall along with the dedication cards.

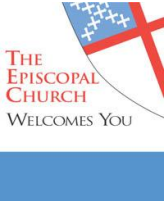
The Altar flowers from Sunday services are distributed to the ill or shut-in or to members celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. The Guild needs containers to put the flowers in for distribution. If you wish to donate small vases, small plastic coffee "cans" or other suitable containers, please leave them in the sacristy.


Thank you,

Suzanne Batchelder

Outreach

Our next big Outreach Effort will be the Relay For Life all night walk for a cure September 22 and 23. If you have not joined one of the three St. James Super Heroes teams, please sign up by calling Carolyn Bailey, Betty Cook, or Dianna Berg. Information about our teams at is available at www.acsfayette (click on our team site). We will sell watermelon at the parade on Labor Day to help raise money. Last year we were the voted the best new team! This year we hope to do even better. Get your tennis shoes out and start training! If you cannot walk, be sure to mark your calendars to come on out to our tent to cheer us on at dusk on September 22 and at dawn on September 23. Thank you St. James!

Worship Schedule	Parish Staff	Ministry Chairs
<p><u>Sundays:</u></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One</p> <p>8:45 a.m. Breakfast/Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Church School</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bible Study</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship</p> <p>Child care is provided on Sundays from 9:15 to 12:00 for children ages two to five years. The nursery is located in the Preschool Building.</p> 	<p>The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop</p> <p>The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector</p> <p>Heather Herschell, Head of St. James Episcopal Preschool</p> <p>Heidi Ullrich, Parish Administrator & <i>Epistle</i> Editor</p> <p>Evelyn Grant, Financial Administrator</p> <p>Elva Ulbrich, Music Director</p> <p>Jim & Julie Holmes, Organists</p> <p>Penny Sengler, Church School Teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vestry and Officers</p> <p>Helen Hays, Senior Warden</p> <p>Greg Northrup, Junior Warden</p> <p>Eric Batchelder, Treasurer</p> <p>Dianna Berg</p> <p>Paul Crain</p> <p>Gene Holt</p> <p>Matt Herschell</p> <p>Lil Landry</p> <p>Bill Rogers</p> <p>Penny Sengler</p>	<p>Acolytes & LEMs: TBD</p> <p>Altar Guild: Suzanne Batchelder</p> <p>AMEN: Alfred & Suzanne Artz</p> <p>Building & Grounds: Greg Northrup</p> <p>Christian Education: Penny Sengler</p> <p>Daughters of the King: Charlotte Hillbolt</p> <p>ECW: Ann Rogers</p> <p>Endowment: Joe Bailey</p> <p>Invite a Friend: Gene Holt & Justa Helm</p> <p>Kitchen: Helen Hays & Dianna Berg</p> <p>Men's Club: Ken Berg & Gerald Campbell</p> <p>Outreach: Dianna Berg</p> <p>Pastoral Care: Vera Zitterich</p> <p>Second Chance: Frances Stepchinski</p> <p>Stewardship: TBD</p> <p>Supper Club: Ann Campbell</p> <p>Ushers: TBD</p>



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St. James' Mission
Our mission is to restore people to God and each other in Christ.

Our Core Values
Christ-centered worship in the Episcopal Church tradition
Our caring relationships and fellowship
Our historical presence in the community
Our involvement in community outreach
Our growth in spirituality, service and size

Deadline for articles for the September Epistle is 8/15.
If possible, please submit your article via email to st-james@cmaccess.com. Please report errors and omissions.

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