

The Weekly Word—August 23-August 30, 2009

TO KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, AND SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE

PLEASE TAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET HOME WITH YOU.

THE CHURCH OFFERS NURTURING, EXPERIENCED, CHILDCARE: For the 8:00 a.m. services, the nursery for infants and children up to 4 years old is available in Huffman Hall, the nursery is located down the hallway on the parking lot side of Huffman Hall. At 9 a.m. the 2 to 4 year olds go to Room 5 of the Education Building Nursery. Both Nurseries close at 12:15 p.m. There is also a comfortable, soundproof room in the Sanctuary balcony for adults who wish to keep their babies with them during the services. 3 and 4 year old children have two options on Sunday mornings. ALL children, through age 4, are welcome in the nursery on Sunday morning. Those children who are reliably potty trained and developmentally ready for a more structured environment are invited to attend Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15 in the Basement of the Sanctuary and Children's Chapel in Basement Room, B-18 from 10:30 - 11:05.

THANKS FOR FAITHFULLY WEARING YOUR NAMETAG EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY!

If you are a member and need a new nametag, please visit the Welcome Table in the Commons right after church.

PERSONAL PRAYER TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE DURING Communion at Prayer Stations on either side of the sanctuary. One is located on the east side by the windows, and the other one is on the west side in the gallery. Prayers will also be offered immediately after church by the team near the windows. All prayer requests and discussions are completely confidential.

HOME DELIVERY OF HOLY COMMUNION If you are unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion brought to you on Sunday, please call the church office at 345-8314.

IF YOU ATTEND CHURCH BUT ARE UNABLE TO WALK TO THE ALTAR FOR HOLY COMMUNION, please notify an usher and the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE WHEELCHAIRS AND A WALKER IN THE GALLERY of the Sanctuary for temporary need. Please contact the Office before borrowing the equipment.

THE WEEKLY WORD DEADLINE IS 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY. If you have an article for the Weekly Word please email them to Word@StMattsAustin.Org. The monthly *Word* deadline is the 15th of each month. Please send Monthly *Word* articles to Word@StMattsAustin.org

Be in the know! Subscribe to the St. Matthew's Email Notification Service. The parish email keeps you informed about all the important events happening at St. Matthew's. Subscribe yourself by sending a blank email to: StMattsEmail-subscribe@yahoogroups.com You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

Items marked with an asterisk () are run for the first time today.

Stewardship Tip: Gain insight to where your heart is, look in your checkbook.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.... As Co-Chair, Val Bray and I can't thank you enough for your willingness to assist in the Good Samaritan Ministry. For those women and men who signed up last Sunday, I will begin an organizational chart, which I will send to all of you. I hope that more of you will join us and sign up today in the Commons. Sincere blessings, Babs Clendenin

*Ladies, the Beth Moore Bible Study is now full. If you would like to be on a waiting list in case of a cancellation, please call or email Jeri Muhich at 452-1210 or jerim@austin.rr.com.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL, 2009

Rector's Adult Class in August - Finding a Practical Theology

Sunday school for all ages resumed on Sunday, August 16. I want to invite and encourage all the adults to gather with me for classes in Huffman Hall at 9:15AM for the remaining Sundays, August 23, and August 30. In these classes we will examine some of the conventional religious "wisdom sayings" that have passed down through the years. On August 23rd we will examine the statement:

"This(anything, everything) happens for a reason. I must discover the reason."

These classes will involve plenty of opportunities for table discussion and whole group conversations as well. I see this as a means of developing a practical theology fully grounded in Scripture, tradition and reason. I hope you will be there!

Discovery Class in August Have you been visiting St. Matthew's and want to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Are you an Episcopalian thinking about joining this parish? Are you a long-time member of St. Matthew's who feels like a refresher or who wants to join in welcoming potential members? Then the Discovery Class is for you!

The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle will make his first visit as our diocesan bishop to St. Matthew's on Sunday, September 13. In that service, he will confirm and receive new members who have prepared by participating in the Discovery Class. Led by Susan Barnes, Discovery will be held at the Sunday Education hour at 9:15 in B-18 All are welcome to the classes described below. If you have any questions, please contact: Susan Barnes susan@stmattsaustrin.org or Betty Mitchell, betty@stmattsaustrin.org

St. Matthew's: A Community Grounded and Gathered in Sacrament, Scripture and Service

August 23, The Eucharist

August 30, Scripture and Prayer

September 6, Called to Serve

YOUTH SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR: CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Continueing through Sunday September 6 at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. The Rev. Kevin Schubert will lead a combined (middle and high School) class in the Youth Center, geared towards confirmation preparation. All youth are encouraged to attend whether they plan to be confirmed or not. Confirmation service will be on Sunday September 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and will be officiated by The Right Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas. Those planning to be confirmed will meet with the Bishop before the service. Further details for confirmation will be available at a later date. Please direct any further questions regarding confirmation to The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, 512-345-8314 ext. 232 or via e-mail kevin@stmattsaustrin.org

*ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS! Cursillo # 225 will be held at Camp Allen, 27 through 30 August. Closing at the All Saints Chapel at 4:30pm on Sunday the 30th. Why not make plans to attend? Also, dinner with the Austin community at the Cattle Company in Elgin following Closing at 7:30pm. Attending the Closing is a special time for Renewal. *Submitted by Dyke Miller*



Children's Sunday School Continues!

Children's Sunday School has begun and our rooms and lessons have a new look! The 3's and 4's still meet in the same room and follow the same curriculum but the kindergartners through 5th graders participate in a new program called Workshop Rotation. Instead of learning a new Bible story each week, we study one Bible story each month and experience it in a different way each week. The workshop rotations are art, theater, and cooking/science.

During the month of August (August 16th, 23rd, and 30th), all ages will be learning about Creation. We will spend the month discovering how God created the world and the people and animals that live in it. We will do this through art, theater, cooking, and science. Join us on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for fun and fellowship. You will want to check out the changes we have made as we begin a new school year and a new year of Sunday School. Children ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning in the basement of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 x227 or helen@stmattsaustrin.org).

3 and 4 year olds meet in Room B-16. Kindergartners through 5th graders meet in Room B-21 for our opening and then stay in B-21 or move to B-17 or B-12, depending on their rotation. Kindergartners through 5th graders gather at the end of Sunday School in Room B-21 for snack. All ages are then escorted to Children's Chapel or picked up by their parents.

Chapel in B-18 – A child and family friendly Chapel service is held EVERY Sunday morning in B-18 (Basement of the Sanctuary). Don't miss the fun! The service begins at 10:30 and is geared to the needs of children ages 3 through 3rd grade, but "lap sitters" are always welcome with a parent and older children are welcome to join us as helpers. Through carefully chosen words, music and activities, our daily lessons, Episcopal heritage, and the rhythm of our liturgy will come to life in the hands and hearts of our children. The Chapel service is led by a team of wonderful volunteers. Parents are invited to bring their children directly to B-18 before the 10:30 worship begins or to sign them directly through to Chapel when you drop them off at Sunday School. All the children will be returned to the sanctuary at the Peace so that families can celebrate communion together.

The story for this Sunday in Children's Chapel is John 6:56-69. We will hear about how Jesus struggles with the faithlessness of some of his followers.

The story for Sunday the 30th is Mark 7:1-23. We will brainstorm ways to follow Jesus.

If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at helen@stmattsaustrin.org or 345-8314 x227.



The St. Matt's Mom's Group invites you to join us for Mom's Time Out on Thursday September 3rd from 11:30 to 1:00pm in the Youth Center (2nd floor of the Education bldg). We will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month through December (9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17). Rev. Susan Barnes will once again lead us in a discussion on how to slow down in a very busy world - something we can all relate to! Please RSVP to Anne Webster (awebstertx@gmail.com or 343-5583) by the Friday prior if needing childcare or the Monday before our meeting if you plan to eat lunch.

Join the St. Matt's Mom's Group Yahoo Group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stmattsmomsgroup> for event reminders.

*¿Busca un grupo de amigos para hablar español? ¡Tenemos un grupo para usted! Español con amigos reúne cada jueves a las once de la mañana. Somos personas de niveles diferentes y practicamos mucho. Por información, llame a Susan Robertson a 453-4115 o Dot Strance a 345-4956.

Stewardship Tip: Stewardship has to do with all that we have power over.

*SAC First Friday: On Friday, September 4, 2009 Kathy Boas and Chauncey Ashburn will present "Facts of Life and Love for Seniors". Kathy and Chauncy are members of Ambis, the Austin Memorial and Burial Information Society, a non-profit, non-sectarian volunteer run consumer and education association. They will discuss what the organization offers. The program will be at 11:00 A.M. in Huffman Hall, followed by a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to share-casserole, meat, vegetable, salad, dessert or whatever, and partake of food and fellowship.

Stop Leaks and Save A Lot of Water



The EPA reports that minor water leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of water each year in U.S. households. The lack of rain in the Austin area in the last two years makes water loss a major concern!

- Check your winter water bills. If a family of four uses in excess of 12,000 gallons per month, there is likely a leak in your system.

- Turn off all faucets and check the water meter before and after waiting 2 hours.

If the reading changed you have leakage.

- Toilet leaks are common. A simple test is to put a small drop of food coloring in the tank.

If color shows up in the bowl without flushing you have a leak.

- Check all your indoor and outdoor faucets, hoses and the sprinkler system for leaks.

More on finding leaks from the EPA: tinyurl.com/ar63a4 and fixing them: tinyurl.com/lxrdjz

Longhorn Women's Basketball Head Coach Gail Goestenkers to speak at St. Matthew's on Thursday, September 10 – Huffman Hall 7PM Topic: Leadership

Interrupted last year by the numerous events of our 50th Anniversary as a parish, we will again this fall host a speaker from the University of Texas sports world. The past six speakers have included Longhorn Coaches Eddie Reese and Augie Garrido, and former Horn football players Randy Peschel, Lawrence Sampleton, Lance Gunn and Jerry Sisemore. The Men's Fellowship and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew sponsored these previous events. I felt it was time for a speaker that would be of interest to men and women (and teenage boys and girls) alike and Coach Goestenkers was willing and able to come. She is a dynamic, motivated (ing), intelligent person with a strong moral compass. She is a great public speaker. The primary topic of the event, in which I will interview her, will be the ways she was shaped as a leader and the ways she attempts to give leadership to young women at the University of Texas and in other settings. This is one of those "bring your family, friends and neighbors" nights at St. Matthew's. September 10, Huffman Hall - 7p.m. Nursery care will be provided.
Submitted by Merrill Wade

Texas Women's Basketball Coach Gail Goestenkers – brief career synopsis

In just two years at The University of Texas, Gail Goestenkers has already put her nationally acclaimed stamp on the Longhorns program, directing it to back-to-back NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament appearances and demonstrating her prowess for building a national-championship program. In Goestenkers, 46, Texas Women's Basketball has found a passionate, talented and highly successful coach at both the NCAA Division I and international (USA Basketball and Olympic) coaching levels.

Goestenkers also is recognized as one of the rising stars in USA Basketball coaching. Serving as an assistant coach with the USA National Team, Goestenkers made her second consecutive trip to the Olympics when she traveled to the 2008 Beijing Olympics and came away with yet another gold medal. Goestenkers was an assistant on the USA coaching staff when the Americans earned the gold medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Goestenkers was the youngest head coach at a major Division I program (29) when she took over the reigns of the Duke University program in 1992. Since then, she has built a coaching resume which includes an overall record of 439-124 (.780 winning percentage). She ranks No. 4 among active Division I coaches and No. 5 among all-time Division I coaches in winning percentage. In November 2007, she also became the fourth-fastest Division I women's basketball coach to register 400 career wins.

With her hiring on April 5, 2007 as just the third women's basketball coach in Texas history, Gail Goestenkers opened a new and exciting chapter in her championship-coaching career.

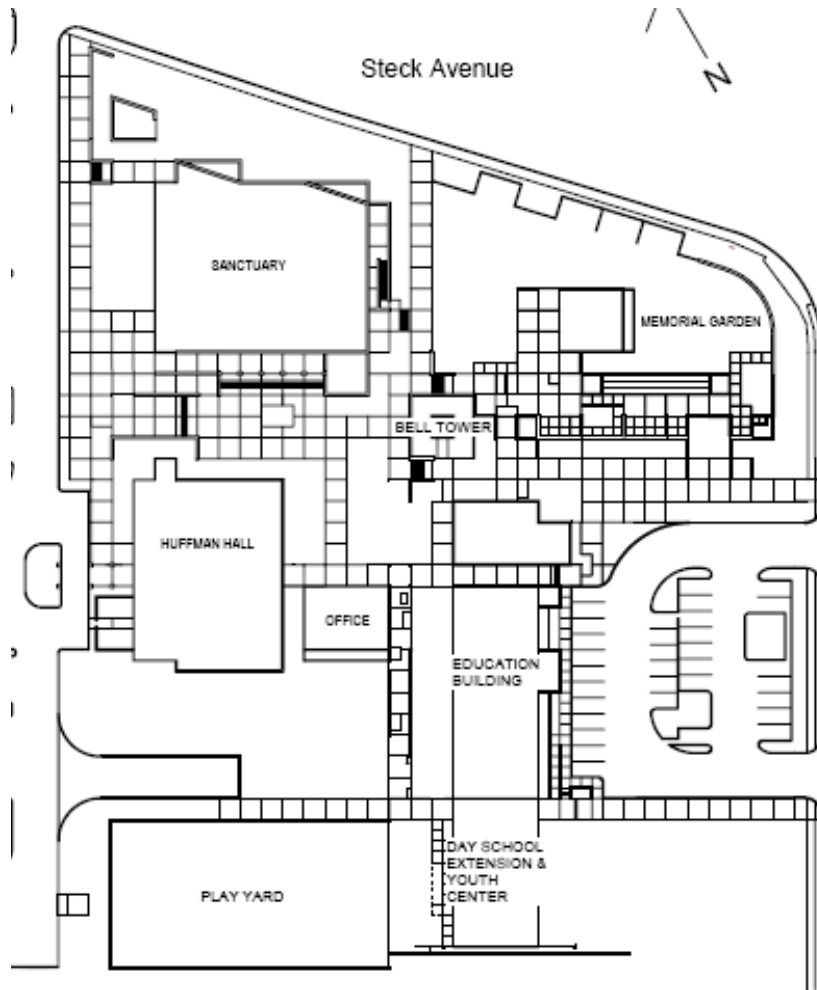
In addition, Goestenkers has helped USA Basketball teams earn three other gold medals - one as assistant coach with the World Championship Team (2002), and the other two as USA head coach of the 2005 Under 19 World Championship squad and the 2005 World University Games team.

Submitted by the Athletic Department, edited by the Rector.

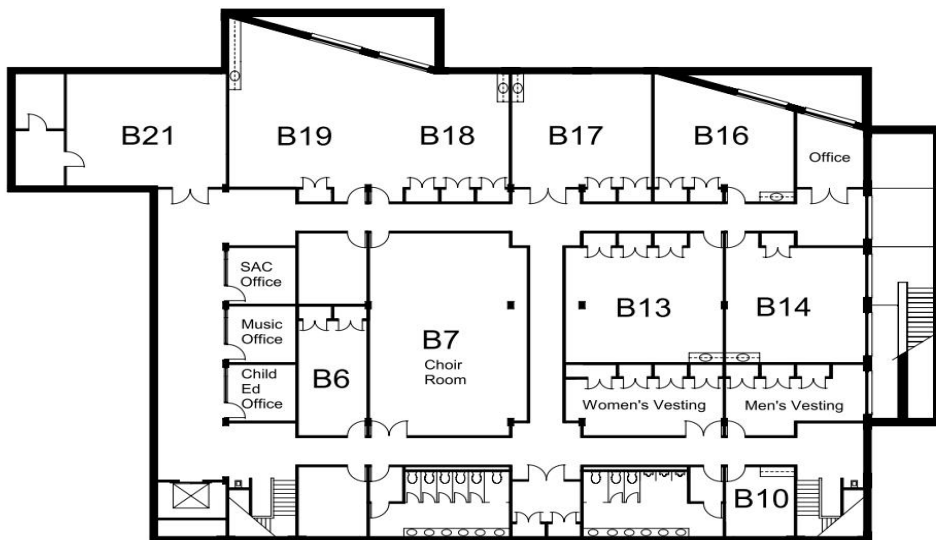
*Online Banking Did you know that you can give to the church online? As part of most banks' online payment functions (Bill Pay), you can designate payment to various institutions, including St. Matthew's. Your bank will then cut a check and mail to St. Matthew's on the date you choose. This feature is great for those of you who wish to handle your contributions as part of the rest of your monthly payments...and for those of you who may be on extended travel...enabling you to continue your stewardship no matter where you may be. *Mary-Lynn Polk*

*Corporate Matching Funds. Did you know that some large corporations may offer matching funds to organizations like St. Matthew's? If you work for a large corporation, you might check the policy regarding Matching Funds. It would be a way of increasing the power of your personal pledge contributions to St. Matthew's. *Mary-Lynn Polk*

Campus Map- How to find your Sunday School Class



Sanctuary Basement



IN OUR PRAYERS*--AUGUST 23-AUGUST 30, 2009

THIS LIST IS READ ALOUD AT EVENING PRAYER (DAILY 6 P.M. CHARLOTTE CAULEY GRAY BELL TOWER CHAPEL) AND IS INCLUDED ON THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK.

Rowan of Canterbury, our Archbishop; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Rayford, and Dena, our Bishops; Merrill, Susan, Kevin, Chuck, Jerry, and Jim, our Clergy. The Rev. Miles Brandon, The Wardens, Staff, and Vestry of St. Matthew's; our Outreach Ministries: ETSS, Kairos, Habitat for Humanity, El Buen Samaritano, Care for the Caregiver, Alternative Gifts Market, Heifer Project, Diocese of Manicaland (Zimbabwe), Katrina/Rita Relief, SafePlace, West Austin Caregivers, Casa Marianella, Caritas, Capital Area Food Bank, General Seminary, St. James Episcopal School, Children's Hope Chest, Women's Story Book Project, Samaritan Counseling Center, Hope House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Students, Parents and Staff of St. Matthew's Day School, Hill Elementary School, Murchison Middle School and Anderson High School (adopted via Austin Partners in Education) and the Daughters of the King prayer list; Building on Our Sure Foundation Capital Campaign; Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces and others who serve our country at home and

overseas.

Conny	Clara Louise Browning	Marib	Nichols Family
Connie Statz	Sarah	Hannah	Gloria Sanderson
Diane Smith	Lahoma & Daniel	C.J. Carl & Family	Clarice Meer
Laura & children	Heather	Caitlin Kennedy	Byron Howard
Lynn Horabin	Hillary	Connie Yargo & family	Lindsay Cage Ivory
Catherine	Melba Elliott	Price/Robbins Family	Elmer Dezso
Beth Ann Sikes	Ashley Adams	Ashley Wingo	Mitch Hall
Rhonda Myers	Alex Acosta	Paul Cage Rayburn	Hilary Taylor
Terry & Merrily	Keaton Anderson	John & Rosie	June & Trevor Webb
Hilary Mears	Arlon Boyd	Chris Mitchell	Debbie Celusniak
Hillary & Patrick	Jo Howell	Danny Young	Brian Payne
Ann & Tom	Todd Knudson	Troy Cernosek	Lakki Brown
Craig Ramsey	Helen Schmidt-Collins	Frank Ford	James & Paul
Sue Dumond	Andrew	Lee Edwards	Phyllis Carmack
Matthew Hauser	Todd Hale	Paul & Katherine Wicker	Amanda
John & Christi	Sami & Philip	Clay Stuart	Libby
Ann Fry	Carolyne	Kathie Medlock	Lori
Marianna	Peggy, Shannon & Austin	Liz & Rob	David & Cyra
Gina & Patrick	Gloria Moore	Marie Clark	Rebecca Canby
Seth Hinkley	Paulette Till	Sarah	Rachel
Bobby Damon	Don Wittie	Susan Youngblood	Pat Smith
Caleb Mertz	Camilla	Chris Carpenter	Christiane
Jane Groves	Bernard Stratman	Nathan	Chris & Wayne
Abbey Taylor	Vanessa Gross	Jake Thomas	Meinson
Laurie F. Thompson	Virginia Bockholt	Kim Jones	Bryce Hicks
Bill and Pam	Horace Bostick	Dottie Prestwood	Dianne D.
Patricia Brock	Michael Thompson	Barbara Wolf	Jim Stokes
Lynn Kirkpatrick	Gloria P.	Lance	Ted Hendricks
Daniel	Donna & Nick	Mary Beth McDonald	Ira Poole
Tara Fisher	Samuel	Larry Wilson	Juan Rojas, Jr.
Jeff Gray	Susan Leffler	Sam Olguin	Jaime Fuller
Steve Rooks	Margaret Richardson	Janice	Eduardo Flores
Pat Davis	Anita Riggs	Ann Castleberry	Betsey Carr
Parvin's Parents in Tehran	Scott Davis	Jordy Wallenberger	Donita & Whitney
Patty Brock	Allie Turner	Jason Foster	Wheeler
Margaret, Cynthia & Hink	Bob Webb	Bobby Aleghani & family	Kim Jones & family
Judy Seebald	David House	Stephanie Eshelman	Richard Squier
Mitch Hall	Tucker and family	Jean Allison	Mike Rowllins
Lillianna Krebs	Sarah Woodall	Jane Bray	Francys Duniven
Ann	Will Wood	Chad	Molly & Lloyd
Bob	John M. Hatheway	Emily	Hollie
Geoff Shannon	Jake & Gina Guevara	Family of	Anne
Ben Howard & Jessica Curry	Maggie Poff	Jared Ryan Birk	Shirley Dyer

*Prayer requests will be listed for one month after the initial request is made unless extenuating circumstances prevail. If you would like to see a name added back on after one month, simply call the office, 345-8314 and ask Barbara to add it.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Carol Keskkula and her children in loving memory of Henno Keskkula
and by Vera Robinson in loving memory of Phillip Robinson

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

AUGUST 23-AUGUST 30, 2009

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

EVENING PRAYER DAILY AT 6 P.M. IN THE CAULEY BELL TOWER CHAPEL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School begins, 3 & 4 year olds in B-16, Kindergarten-5th in B-21
- 9:15 AM Rector's Class meets in Huffman Hall
- 9:15 AM Discovery Class meets in B-18
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 12:00 Noon Job Support Group in Wilson Room
- 5:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Breezway Conference Room
- 2:30 PM Alanon Meeting in B-13
- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting in Youth Center
- 7:00 PM Troop 511 Boy Scouts in Huffman Hall
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 1:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall
- 12:00 Noon Women's Study Group in Wilson Room
- 1:00 PM Senior Activity Center, Bridge in B-18

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School begins, 3 & 4 year olds in B-16, Kindergarten-5th in B-21
- 9:15 AM Rector's Class meets in Huffman Hall
- 9:15 AM Discovery Class meets in B-18
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 1:00 PM Tea for Jr. Daughter's of the King in Youth Center
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

Vestry Persons for August: Cynthia Wilson, Ken Blaker

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 16, 8:00 a.m., 39 , 10:30 a.m., 380, 5:15 p. m., 19 TOTAL: 438