

# NEWSLETTER

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## News and Notes

### Keep an eye out for a Parish Survey Invitation

CTK will be sending out a Parish Survey in Mid-August via email. Hard copies will also be available in church. These surveys will help the Mission Committee and Fr. Matt tailor upcoming programs to parishioners' interests. The more responses we collect, the more effective the survey data will be, so your help is greatly appreciated!

### Lego Sunday School Returns August 7

After a summer break during July, Lego Sunday School returns on August 7th during the 10AM service. We are incredibly excited to report that we have two new teachers recruited to help with the 2016-7 year! We can't wait to see what our students build.



## Good News in 1's and 0's?

*Can "small data" help us become more faithful disciples?*

In the summer of 1996, I was invited to serve on a commission tasked with envisioning high school education in the year 2020. At the time, there was no way we could have envisioned what effect twenty years of technological advancement would have on our lives. The web as we know it was in its infancy, and the idea of having a powerful computer in your palm was still the stuff of Star Trek.

Any recommendation we made is probably laughable today, but one factoid that was shared which more than likely will prove true is this:

***By the year 2020, information will double every single day.***

Now, this statement does not draw a distinction between knowledge and information. A picture of cat dressed as a human takes as much information to encode as a medical journal—and so our job as citizens of the 21st Century is to try to distinguish between information and knowledge.

This is no easy task. Even if we successfully distinguish between information and knowledge, we still must prioritize it according to its utility. With information growing at an exponential pace, it is little coincidence that the fastest growing field in science is Applied Mathematics—a field of study which pursues complex algorithms to mine for meaningful knowledge from chaotic data. Companies use Applied Mathematics to anticipate

## New Parish Potluck Starts in September

Pat Heck is organizing a new monthly parish potluck. We hope that in sharing meals regularly with one another, we will increase the bonds of fellowship that make Christ the King such a loving community. At our first meal, Pat will share her passion for hiking with a short talk entitled, "Walking through the Woods, Hiking through History." Pat will share her love of hiking, and how it dovetails with her interest in the historic migrant trails that cross the Sierra Nevada.

## Worship in the Park and Blessing of Backpacks August 28th

Our second Worship in the Park Service will be Aug. 28th. The service begins at 10AM at the Rotary Pavilion in Pioneer Park in East Quincy. While there is seating available, many prefer to bring their own camp or lawn chairs. A potluck luncheon will follow, so please bring a dish to share.

With school starting the following day, we encourage students and teachers to bring their backpacks to the service. During worship, we will have our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." See you then!

the habits of everything from shopping trends to weather patterns.

So, if there is an equation to help us better understand which flavor potato chip will be most popular, can we come up with an equation that will help us grow in faithfulness and discipleship?

### *Big Data and Discipleship*

As many of you know, Pat Heck and I have been attending the College for Congregational Development for the past year and a half. It is a wonderful program, and it has helped broaden my understanding of how we can promote a more faithful, healthy, and effective self-understanding of our mission as a parish.

Central to the task of self-understanding is definition: Who are we? Why are we here? What brings us together as a community? What helps us grow spiritually?

And to answer those questions, we need information. We need data—both quantitative and qualitative—to guide the creation and evaluation of programs designed to make us each better disciples of Christ.

To that end, the Mission Committee and I are developing a parish-wide survey which will go out in Mid-August. In addition to gathering demographic data, the survey results will be used to evaluate successful ministries while also tailoring programs to parishioners' interests. We hope that everyone will take the time to complete the survey in its entirety, as it will help to shape the upcoming program year.

Over the past year, CTK has welcomed a number of new members into our parish family, but are there different strategies that we might employ to help CTK share the gospel more effectively in our community?

Can our worship be improved? Would microphones help you to listen to the service more easily? Is there interest in incorporating more traditional worship styles? Would parishioners enjoy a wider spectrum of music?

These are all questions that we, as a Mission Committee, can not answer alone. We want to be good stewards of the riches of God's Grace, and one way we can do that is by being an effective community of faithfulness—one rooted by our tradition but also reflective of our community and context.

What do we want Christ the King to be as a parish? How will we use our gifts to help achieve that goal?

We'll never know if we never ask.

With summer winding down, I've been busy planning and looking forward to another year together in ministry. With your help, and guided by your responses to our parish survey, I'm sure that in this upcoming year we will witness both God's faithfulness to us, and our growing faithfulness to Him. *Amen!*

-Fr. Matt+

**Prayer List**

*Birthdays:*

Carly

*Anniversaries:*

*For those expecting a child:*

*In thanksgiving for newborns:*

*For those in the hospital:*

Stephanie

*For those in need of healing:*

Linda  
Chris  
Margaret  
Torrey  
Klytia  
Leila  
Robin  
Joseph  
Betty

*For those who have died:*

*For those in need:*

*For those who travel:*

Kate Rubins (Astronaut)

*Special Concerns:*

Christians in the Holy Land  
Victims of Terrorism

*For those about to be Baptized*

**CTK Mission Priorities**

**St. Giles' Hall:**

Our first event from an outside group will be held on Wednesday August 17th. The newly formed Preschool Coop will host a fundraiser—a painting class. If you have a group that would like to meet in St. Giles' Hall, please see Fr. Matt or download and submit the form to the office.

**Weekly Attendance:**

Here is a comparison of our July attendance reports from 2015 and 2016:

Monthly Attendance	July 2016	Previous Year
Week 1	31	9
Week 2	23	14
Week 3	16	11
Week 4	14	17
Week 5	88 (Park Service)	—
Year to Date	<b>794</b>	<b>428</b>

**Anglican/Episcopal Brand Awareness:**

Fr. Matt's Newcomers' Class "Your Faith, Our Story" will be taking a break during the summer months. We hope to see you when the class begins again in September.

**Budget Update:**

To help keep parishioners informed of our parish finances, we will be providing monthly updates in the parish newsletter and weekly bulletin announcements.

	July 2016	Monthly Budget	YTD +/- Budget
Plate Donations	\$113	\$150	-\$119
Pledges	\$2,349	\$2,700	-\$412
Totals	\$2,462	\$2,850	-\$531
Designated	\$8,870	\$0	

## August Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
August 7 Pent. 12, Proper 14	McNett	James	Batson	Warren	Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
August 14 Pent. 13, Proper 15	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Warren	Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
August 21 Pent. 14, Proper 16	Heck	Heck	Miller	Crews	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
August 28 Worship in the Park					TBA

## September Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
September 4 Pent. 16, Proper 18	McNett	James	Batson	Warren	Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
September 11 Commemoration of 9/11	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Stafford	Wisdom 3:1-5, 9; Psalm 23 (KJV); Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39; Matthew 5:1-12, 38-48 *Readings differ from RCL
September 18 Pent. 18, Proper 20	Way	Way	Way	Crews	Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
September 25 Pent. 19, Proper 21	Gimbel	Gimbel	Warren	Warren	Amos 6:1a-, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31