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FROM OUR VICAR THE REV. JUSTIN LINDSTROM



SHARED MINISTRY

Ever since Father Rich joined our staff, he and I have discussed and prayed about what it means to share ministry. He and I meet every Monday to talk about how we can support each other, learn from each other, and grow in our ordained life. This is something new for me and for Saint Aidan's.

For the first seven years of Saint Aidan's existence I was your only clergy person called to serve you and to lead Saint Aidan's in its development and in its living out of its core values. I would preach every Sunday and would teach most classes. But now we venture into a new way of being: a new shared ministry.

In that Father Rich is right out of seminary, it is our duty and calling as a church, and for me as your priest to give him all the opportunity and experience we can offer him in order to shape his ordained life now and in the future. Because of this, there will be times that Father Rich will be preaching, teaching, and leading our church. This is good! This is shared ministry.

Father Rich and I are committed to being honest with each other, doing all that we can to keep our own egos in check, and humbly serving you and our greater community. We are currently working at sharing community commitments so that Saint Aidan's will be represented in more ways by your clergy throughout the community and the diocese. We are working diligently to coordinate our schedules and vacation time so that there will always be one of us available to you. A preaching schedule has been developed for the year and as soon as Father Rich is ordained a priest a rotation of who Celebrates the Eucharist will be developed as well.

Father Rich has a clearly defined role as the Minister for Youth and Young Adults as well as all the other ordained ministry functions we both do. Ashley continues to serve our children. I will be working more closely with the leadership of the church and its administration, as well as the adults of our community and the 5th and 6th graders.

But, this is a partnership and the fulfillment of our core values is not just the responsibility of the clergy and staff of the church, but it is going to take

all of us working together to make it happen. I pray that Father Rich and I can be examples of shared ministry, stepping in to take the lead when necessary, empowering others to lead when appropriate, stepping back to watch when others have gifts and skills to do ministry better than we could imagine, and being together when two minds and four hands work better than one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

8am Holy Eucharist with Children's Message and Traditional Music

10:30am Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel and Contemporary Music

Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for all ages from 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning.

We encourage everyone to attend!

Connections

Are you new to Saint Aidan's? or would like to know more about who we are and what the Episcopal Church is all about? Then come to a four part class every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Kitchen.

First Sunday of the Month

Discover God

Second Sunday of the Month

Discover the Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of the Month

Discover Saint Aidan's

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Discover Our Ministry

Communion Instruction

On October 4th, we will have a church-wide Communion Instruction event that will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:15am. We think this information is so important that we have canceled Sunday School during this hour so all can attend Communion Instruction.

Fall Festival Trunk and Treat

October 25th ~ 5-6:30pm.

RSVP today! Sign-up today to provide your car as a decorated trunk for the Trunk and Treat. Join us for fun, food, and crazy costumes! Free-will donations accepted.



FROM OUR CURATE
THE REV. RICH HOUSER



Blessings to you all!! We have had an exciting start to our year. If you haven't received a calendar, they are available on our website at staidanshouston.org in the youth section. They are in pdf format and can be seen on web-enabled phones. Also, join us on facebook. Look us up at St. Aidan's Youth Group. We continuously update with pics.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to making our youth room truly the youth's!! For the time and know-how of Tony Du Bois, the donation our great sofa from Greg and Shannon Hausinger, and the youth's contribution of their art to our walls!! We are truly blessed by everyone's generosity. If you need anything don't hesitate to call or email me.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

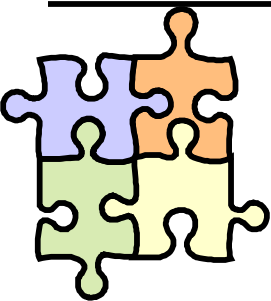
Sunday Oct. 4 Bowling Challenge Noon-1:30 @ Copperfield Bowl	Sunday Oct. 11th Middle School Bible Study/ Confirmation and Hangout w/Meal Noon-1:30	Sunday Oct. 18th Obstacle Course w/ Meal Noon-1:30	Sunday Oct. 25th Fall Festival 5-6:30pm
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HIGH SCHOOL

High School Youth Bible Study w/ Meal 6:00-7:30 Wednesdays Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Sunday Oct. 4 Bowling Challenge 6:30-8 @ Copperfield Bowl	Sunday Oct. 11th Youth Worship and Hangout 6:30-8	Friday, Oct. 16th High School Lockin / Campout 8pm-7am	Sunday Oct. 25th Fall Festival 5-6:30pm
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YOUNG ADULTS

We had a wonderful time with the young adults at our home in September. Mark your calendars for October 15th when Chad and Christina Getschmann host us at a location to be determined. We will be together from 6-8pm. We look forward to great fellowship. Young Adults includes couples, families, and singles ages 18 through 35.



CONNECTIONS DINNER
MEET THE BISHOP
OCTOBER 10TH AT 6PM
AT THE MCCAULEY'S HOME
FOR ALL ADULTS ONLY
RSVP TODAY!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER
MRS. ASHLEY REDER



What an awesome start we have had to our current school year! Sunday School is in full swing and amazing things are happening with our children. We are having bunches of children attend and our teachers are very dedicated and excited. We have started a new incentive program and Bible Bucks, along with what they are learning are getting our kiddos fired up! Our first Bible Buck Store will be on October 11th from 9-9:15am, right before our Bible Bowl. We have some awesome items available. I want to thank the teachers and parents who have donated items that are enticing the children the work hard. Some great things were brought in!

We will have our first-ever Communion Instruction on October 4th at 9:15am in the Sanctuary Sunday school on this day is canceled so that all can attend this instruction. Everyone, especially children and their parents are encouraged to attend. Information explaining the theology of Holy Eucharist, along with information about how we take Holy Eucharist will be presented in a way that will be appropriate for all ages. Please plan on attending so that our children will be more aware and educated and we, as parents, can become better equipped in order to answer questions they may have.

Our children have been singing away during Children's Choir practice. Ms. Brenda and Mrs. Trish are making their time with the children a lot of fun and the children are learning some great techniques and songs. It is awesome to watch!

Great things are happening in the Children's Ministry. Please keep us in your prayers that we continue to provide fabulous programs and activities for children and their families!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NICHE

We have numerous opportunities for our children to be involved in during the month of October. For these events to be the most successful and fun that they can be, we encourage you and your child to be an active part of the Children's Ministry.

October Prayer Project- Leafing+It to God will be started in Sunday school and then sent home with the children with suggested ways to use their leaf+to pray.

Important Dates:

Sunday, Oct. 4th at 9:15am- Communion Instruction

Sunday, Oct. 4th at Noon- Children's Choir

Sunday, Oct. 11th at 9:15- Bible Bowl

Sunday, Oct. 11th at Noon- Children's Choir

Saturday, Sept. 18th at 10:30am- Children's Choir leads the Offertory Song during Worship

Sunday, Oct. 25th at 5pm- Fall Festival Trunk-N-Treat

RSVP FOR ALL EVENTS THRU OUR WEBSITE OR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS ON THE WORSHIP GUIDE TEAR-OFF FORM.

THE VERGER'S VOICE

It is easier to follow your leader if you have confidence in whom your leader is following. Dogs are taught to obey their masters. Children are supposed to obey their parents. But when it comes to adults, the principle of submission to authority seems to be replaced with the theory of "What's in it for me?" Before we obey or even follow a leader, we want that leader to prove that we are going to get some personal benefit from it. In God's paradigm, we are supposed to willingly follow our leaders. This is particularly true in spiritual matters at your church. Your church leaders (whether you call them pastors, elders, board members, or priests) are accountable to God for your spiritual welfare. Help them do their job by following their leadership. When you obey them joyfully, you make their job easier and bring honor to God in the process.

God's Peace,
Johnnie Mathis, Saint Aidan's Verger

PASTORAL CARE AND SERVICE UPDATE

LORD OF THE STREETS

On Sunday, October 4th St. Aidan's will once again have a wonderful opportunity for service in our community. We will be visiting Lord of the Streets (LOTS) to serve breakfast to Houston's homeless. **We'll meet at the church parking lot at 6:45 am.** and then carpool down to Trinity Episcopal Church. [Directions: 290E to 610S to 59N (downtown), take Main St exit, Left on Main St. to Holman make a right: Trinity is located at the corner of Main and Holman.] We will begin serving at 7:30 am and will be done in time to make the 10:30 service. Many St. Aidan's folks have been to LOTS before and would be happy to talk to you more about it. Ask Christina Klein, Lorraine Rogers, Sue Early, the Hoffman's or Hausinger's how truly rewarding it is to serve those in need. **RSVP to kjd519@hotmail.com and THANK YOU for being a blessing in our community!**

WARM CLOTHES FROM WARM HEARTS CLOTHING DRIVE

Time to clean out your closets! For the month of October we will be collecting cold weather clothing to distribute to The Beacon- a homeless outreach center at Christ Church Cathedral downtown. Please bring your unworn or gently used long sleeve shirts, pants, sweaters and coats to church for us to bless and then take down to the Cathedral sometime in early November. For more info about this awesome ministry please call or email me. Thank you for being a blessing to those in need!

Background on The Beacon: Since January 2007, this day center has been providing hot meals, clothing, private shower and lavatory facilities, laundry services, and case management to people living on the streets of Houston. The case management provided at The Beacon helps individuals access services that can assist them in addressing the root causes of their homelessness and begin the process of moving off the streets and becoming self-sufficient.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' (Matthew 25:35-36)

His Peace,
Kyle Jon Deutsch, Pastoral Care and service Team Chair

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Bishop's Committee is elected by our church to care for the property, set policy and be the stewards of the finances of the church. The members of the Bishop's Committee meet the third Sunday of every month for lunch, devotion, and business meeting. In September the Bishop's Committee will see the first version of the church policy manual, will begin to look at the budget for 2010, will look for nominations for the committee to serve three year terms for those rolling off, will approve the appointment of a new treasurer for 2010, and will make a recommendation to the diocese regarding Kyle Deutsch for the pursuing the priesthood.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE UPDATE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee meets twice a month on average to analyze the actuals compared to the budget. They also work on sharing the message of stewardship and what that means for us as Christians. They have begun the budgeting process for 2010 and the stewardship message for 2010.

As you can see we are behind on the actual gifts towards actual pledges year-to-date by a little over \$26,000. We have had to borrow that amount from savings to cover payroll. We have done our best to keep other expenses low. It is our hope that in the remaining months of the year we would be able to meet all expenses and pay back our savings.

Year to Date (As of August 31, 2009)

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledge	\$ 98,469.00	\$124,856.00
Plate	\$ 25,435.89	\$ 24,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 12,990.00	\$ 80,000.00
Diocese	\$ 40,833.36	\$ 43,333.28
Building Use	\$ 46,095.12	\$ 28,000.00
Transfer from Bank	\$ 36,027.57	\$ 33,181.72
Ministry	\$ 14,767.08	\$ 15,516.91
Total	\$274,618.02	\$330,043.44

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Clergy	\$ 65,677.31	\$ 72,435.83
Staff	\$ 67,086.02	\$ 69,191.20
Diocese	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 22,420.56
Administration	\$ 21,930.17	\$ 21,866.32
Property	\$ 88,764.14	\$155,431.21
Worship	\$ 2,536.18	\$ 1,133.12
Children	\$ 4,199.60	\$ 4,328.14
Youth	\$ 5,376.24	\$ 6,318.97
Wellness	\$ 2,771.10	\$ 2,266.66
Evangelism/Formation	\$ 1,919.91	\$ 3,199.76
Pastoral Care/Service	\$ 1,968.10	\$ 3,499.92
Total	\$274,228.77	\$362,091.69

BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP

The Bookstore and Gift Shop has some new items that are just begging to be purchased. We have Saint Aidan's stained glass pieces made by our own Jimmy Baughman, wall size gold-leaf crosses, necklace size gold and quartz crosses, which were hand-made for us by Ayde Lopez, books galore, t-shirts, caps and our always popular crosses and key chains that we sell for the youth group. We hope to soon have framed artwork by one of Saint Aidan's very talented young artists. The bookstore is open every Sunday from 8 am - noon. Stop by and see us.

Thank you!
Jean Dick, Bookstore and Gift Shop Coordinator

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