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May 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, the day that Jesus ascended into heaven, forty days after his resurrection. As his disciples were watching Jesus ascend two angels appeared with a message for them: This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11) Just as angels came to Mary and Joseph at Jesus' conception and filled the sky at his birth, just as angels appeared at the empty tomb and proclaimed that God had raised Jesus from the dead, now angels tell the disciples that Jesus will come again. This promise of Jesus' second coming is our holy hope for the future of humankind.

Before his ascension Jesus instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem to be clothed with power from on high. That will happen ten days later on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends in wind and flame. Jesus has not abandoned us or, in his words, "left us orphaned." The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present with us until he comes again in great power and glory.

God the Father's vindication and exaltation of Jesus Christ in the resurrection and ascension makes the evil powers of this world tremble in fear and puts them on notice that their time will come to an end. Until that time, however, the world still is held in their grip. We who live in the time between the first and second comings of Jesus Christ must choose: be overcome by the focusing on the evil or look to God in hope and trust. I've found that I've had to make that choice time and again since beginning the Sacred Ground journey of antiracism. I've had to remind myself it's not appropriate to ask God, "Why?", as in Why did you not intervene in the face of such human brutality? Why haven't you come again to vanquish the powers of evil and death? Blissful ignorance is not an option for Christians, though, so my journey continues on. Instead of asking God the wrong questions I try to reframe them. How is Jesus present in our time? Open my eyes, dear God, to see your hand at work. Show me where you want me positioned in the struggle for justice. This type of approach, reframing the questions while affirming God's presence, can be used for many kinds of situations we encounter or endure.

It would be fabulous if Jesus returned right now and ended the suffering and the struggles. Only God knows the proper time, however. In the meantime look to Jesus for strength, help, and comfort, for he has not left us orphaned or alone.

God be with you,

Mother Julie+

Hots Dogs in the Kingdom: May 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel

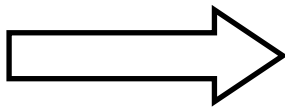


This year, in addition to inviting our neighbors, at the breakfast with the Sudanese congregation last month we extended an invitation to them to join us.

Needed

Hoffman and Ballpark hot dogs, buns, water bottles, soda, relish, individual bags of name brand chips (last year the non-name brand chips were thrown away half eaten)

Help with set-up at 4:00 p.m.



People to walk the neighborhood with us on Saturday, May 20 at 3:15 p.m. Last year we knocked on doors and handed out invitations. If someone wasn't home we left an invitation for them.



St. Alban's: June 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Coordinators: Grace Joseph and Jan Bookhout

Needed

- ⇒ Bakers for the bake sale. Please package items for sale. Example: 6 cookies in a plastic bag.
- ⇒ Donations of themed baskets to raffle by May 26
- ⇒ Donations of items for the Silent Auction by May 26
- ⇒ Empty baskets for raffle items
- ⇒ Lawn games to borrow

Book and Media Sale Information

Maximum 20 items per household. Please take items not sold back home.

Items Wanted

Books
CDs
DVDs
Vinyl Records

Items Not Wanted

VHS tapes
Cassettes
Magazines

Thank you to the numerous people who have signed up to staff the event!

Pentecost Celebrations on May 27 and 28

Saturday Evening at Emmanuel Mother Julie will baptize Charlie Wojtalewski and welcome Lauren Wojtalewski into the parish.

Sunday Morning at St. Alban's Mother Julie will baptize Teddy Morris into the parish and the lesson from Acts will be read in a variety of languages.

Wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit!

Fellowship Events

May 20 at Emmanuel: Preorder Chicken & Biscuit Dinners from Collamer United Church and enjoy them together in the parish hall after the service. Sign up at church or call Lisa during office hours. Orders needed by Wednesday, May 17. Cost is \$13. Mother Julie has prepaid our order.

June 4 at St. Alban's: Lunch at Olive Garden at Noon to celebrate the Fundraiser for Ukraine and wish Mother Julie well on her two month absence for sabbatical and vacation.

Mother Julie's Schedule

Mother Julie will be on sabbatical from St. Alban's from June 5 - July 4. Father Gerry Beritela will celebrate Holy Eucharist on the four Sundays. She will continue to be at Emmanuel on Saturday evenings and Wednesdays, though she will be on retreat June 27-30. She is in her 17th year at St. Alban's, but only in her 2nd year at Emmanuel.

She will be on vacation from both parishes July 5 - August 4. At St. Alban's Morning Prayer will be led by Lay Leader Steve Pekich. At Emmanuel Evening Prayer will be led by Lay Leaders Barbara Crane, Lois McEwan, and Deborah McGavin.

**Thursday Evenings: Zoom Codes are the same for every Thursday
827 6703 2161 & 331119**

May 25 at Emmanuel: Hot Dogs in the Kingdom
5:00-7:00 p.m. (St. Alban's friends welcome!)

June 1 on Zoom
6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat
6:15 p.m. Book Study: Chapters 6-8
7:00 p.m. Rule of Life monthly meeting

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour * 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study * 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist: Welcome Jermaine Covington! 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour
Wednesday	Emmanuel	* 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **817 4372 7305 & 891158**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**



Emmanuel Vestry
May 23, 6:00 p.m.

See Thursday
schedule on
page 3.

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

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Second number#

Mother Julie's Schedule: May 20-26

Saturday

Emmanuel
3:00-7:00 pm

Sunday

St. Alban's
8:10-11:40

Tuesday

St. Alban's
9:30-5:30

Emmanuel
6-8 pm

Wednesday

Emmanuel
9:00-4:00

Thursday

St. Alban's
9:30-4:30

Emmanuel
4:45-6:45 pm

Days Off

Monday & Friday

Cannon Carrie's Farewell
7:00-8:00 pm