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LOOKING AHEAD:

We are joining with Lyndhurst Presbyterian, in the Open Table Program. This involves possibly one evening per week. We have 3 volunteers, and need 2 or 3 more. Please give this outreach project your careful consideration.

TODAY: Taizé from 5 - 6 pm. Taizé is an ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

September 20: Family Fun Sunday from 5 - 7. Please join in this fun event with the entire church family!

September 23: West Side Shared Ministry - St. Luke's. Bakers and Servers are needed. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Thanks!

September 27: Community Meal from 4 - 6 pm. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the kitchen. Help is needed. Thanks.

October 06: Blessing of the animals. Please bring your pets to be blessed.

October 09: St. Bart's Boutique sale from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

October 10: St. Bart's Boutique sale from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

06 September 2015

Welcome! Please enter the nave quietly and reverently as there may be people already in prayer and contemplation.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is important to all of us. If you are just passing through, we wish you Godspeed on your travels and hope that you will join us whenever you return. If you live in this area and are new to this parish, we welcome you and invite you to make Saint Bartholomew your church home. If you are a long-time member who has been gone for a while, welcome home--we've missed you! And if you are a member of this parish who generally shows up every week, thank you for your commitment to our parish family--well done, good and faithful servant!

About Today's Lessons

The Gospel reading today contains two healing stories. In the first, Jesus astounds the disciples by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman, an act unheard of in his day. Then he heals a man who is deaf and mute. These healings, like the others in the Gospel, is for Mark a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus's attempt to prevent the healing being made known, and the crowd's amazement at this event, is a characteristic of Mark's Gospel. Also characteristic of Mark is that the people healed are in every case people who were rejected by traditional leaders.

In our first reading, we continue to read portions of the Wisdom writings. Proverbs is one of the more important of those writings. Today we are reminded that the wise person is concerned for a good name more than for riches. To do good for those in need is the way of Wisdom.

Today we continue reading the Epistle of James. This brief letter, ascribed to Jesus' brother, is strikingly similar in tone and content to the Sermon on the Mount. James is particularly concerned that belief in God be accompanied by conduct congruent with that faith. Above all, James is concerned lest we settle for faith which does not produce good works for others, especially the poor and helpless. Faith without good works is an empty faith.

The people of God gather, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. His presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament and in us, as members of his Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Price (8:00) and Lydia Bailey (10:30)
Lectors: Diane Bellas (8:00) Tom Robinson, Wendy Charny (10:30)
Acolyte: Nancy Nicholls
Teller: Paul Shaver
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

Worship through the Week

A guide for Prayer and Study at Home

We pray for those who are infirm, and for the continued healing of:

Richard and Mary, Ben and Dorothy, Kristen, Ed and Drew, Alison and baby, Michelle and Josh, Laura and Jeff, Jonathan Dana Leila and family, Dottie, Betty, Bill, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Carol, Lou, Will, Jan, Kelly, Kim, Jean, Alice, Shirley, Lauren, John, Gavin, Marie, Cathy, Laura, Brian, Kevin, Laurie, Jane, Vince, Jim, Annie, Tom, Val, Ali, LaDell, Shirley, Alfred, Beth, José Luis, George, Liam, Pat, Brooke, Brigid, Kenny, Jessica, Jill, Theresa, Julie, Charlotte, Heidi, Julie, Kenny, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:

The August 30th offering of \$1,315.00 and the attendance was 63.

The birthdays of ...

The anniversary of Amanda Coughlin, Jenny Jakse, ...

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces...

Lt. Colonel Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Major David Marcinski, Sgt. Mark Ditchman, Pvt 2nd Class Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Senior Airman Rebecca Voigt, Pvt. Jack Rolf, Lance Corporal Anthony Worst.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially:

Bill Merino, ...

and those who have died this week in the service of their country.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **September** we will be collecting canned fruit and 100%, juice single serving boxes. Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

The Shawl Ministry would like to encourage everyone to give a shawl to someone you know that can use a little *extra love and prayer*. Please feel free to take one even for yourself. Blessed shawls are always available in the library area. Shawl Ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm here at St. Bart's. Please join us if you knit or crochet. Liz York: 440-946-3374.

Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If there is an enclosure (envelope or separate sheet) in the announcement folder, and you do not plan to use it at this time, please leave it on the table in back, instead of the trash. We can save a lot of paper that way. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

07	Monday		LABOR DAY
		6:00 pm	Yoga with Betty Rendlesham
08	Tuesday		Nikolai Grundtvig, Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
		9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance St. Bart's Book Club - Gates Mills Library
09	Wednesday		Constance, Nun and her Companions, 1878
		9:00 am 6:30 pm	Office Open Franco Cub Scouts (M. Matthews)
10	Thursday		Alexander Crummell, 1898
		8:00 am 8:00 am	Thursday Morning Cleaning Crew Office open - Boyd
11	Friday		Harry Thacker Burleigh, Composer, 1949
		9:00 am 9:00 am	Office Open Franco Morning Prayer
12	Saturday		John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830
13	Sunday		THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Camperchioli's Family Reunion

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of September 7th through September 13th, 2015

Monday: Psalm 41, 52; 44 1 Kings 13:1-10; Phil. 1:1-11; Mark 15:40-47	Friday: Psalm 40, 54; 51 1 Kings 18:20-40; Phil. 3:1-16; Matt. 3:1-12
Tuesday: Psalm 45; 47, 48 1 Kings 16:23-34; Phil. 1:12-30; Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	Saturday: Psalm 55; 138, 139:1-17 (18-23) 1 Kings 18:41-19:8; Phil. 3:17-47; Matt. 3:13-17
Wednesday: Psalm 119:49-72; 49, (53) 1 Kings 17:1-24; Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 2:1-12	Sunday: Psalm 63:1-8 (9-11); 98; 103 1 Kings 12:21-33; Acts 4:18-31; John 10:31-42
Thursday: Psalm 50; (59, 60) or 8, 84 1 Kings 18:1-19; Phil. 2:12-30; Matt. 2:13-23	

How to use the Daily Office: For each day, the Psalms are split into AM (morning) and PM (evening) readings by the "&" You may read them this way or together at one time. Optional readings are in [brackets]. Below the Psalms you have an Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel reading for each day. The entire Bible can be read in two years following this format from the Book of Common Prayer.