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THE NATIVITY

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10th Anniversary Celebration

The 10th Anniversary of our merging as one parish is quickly approaching! On September 11th, we will be hosting the Bishop at both services and having a special luncheon following the 10am service. It is our hope that many people attend, but we do need numbers to assist in the preparations. If you haven't already done so, please let the office know how many tickets you will need....905-549-4335
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We now have over 70 people signed up to have their photos taken for the new photo directory!! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so; if you want help doing so, please call Barry Lisowski at 905.547.9364 who can sign you up (between 8-8).

The dates for the photo shoot here at the Church of the Nativity are September 26, 27 and 28 from 2:30 - 8:30.

You can sign up using this web address:

<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/82pgygey/>

Every smiling face helps us see the strength in our community – make sure yours is there!



Upcoming Events

September 4 – 10am service

Blessing of the Backpacks

September 6

Good Food Box Pick-up

September 11

Anniversary Luncheon

September 16 - 11:30-12:30

Community Lunch

September 18

Healing will be a part of the 8:30 & 10am services

October 2

Harvest Thanksgiving

New Office Hours

Starting in September the new office hours will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-2:30pm.

Matthew on Sabbatical

Every seven years, priests in the Diocese of Niagara are supposed to take an eight-week sabbatical. They are expected to use that time to work on their professional education and development in ways that are hard to do in the midst of parish ministry.

Starting October 1st, Matthew will be taking six weeks of sabbatical leave, and his focus will be on our Anglican full communion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He will be spending time at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, meeting with professors and students; he will be meeting with Lutheran and Anglican pastors who have served in mixed contexts, and the respective bishops; he has been invited to attend the Joint-Anglican Lutheran Consultation fall meeting in early November. He'll also be reading and writing about his experiences and learnings. After Matthew returns to us in mid-November, he will take the remaining time of his sabbatical on the Fridays for the next few weeks to finish some of the writing projects for the sabbatical.

The bishop has appointed our honorary assistant, the Reverend Canon David Linn, to be our priest-in-charge for the six weeks that Matthew won't be in the parish.

Community Lunch

The Community Luncheons will resume in September. Come and enjoy a hot lunch including dessert and drinks with friends for only \$5!

See you on September 16th at 11:30am!

Coffee Hosts

We are in need of coffee hour hosts in the fall.

Please consider signing up for a Sunday to help our community thrive in this vitally important time of fellowship! The list is posted in the Narthex.

Tidbits...

Back to School supplies are being collected for Viscount Montgomery School

All Donations Welcome!

Blessing of the backpacks will be on September 4th

Remember to bring in your backpack that Sunday to have them blessed before starting school!



From the Diocese:

We've heard St. Matthew's House is low on *tuna, rice & peanut butter!* Donations can be dropped off at 414 Barton St. E. in Hamilton or placed in the box in the narthex to support their vitally important food bank ministry.