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September Message

Dear friends,

As summertime Sabbath draws to a close at St. Elizabeth's, I hope this finds you rested and refreshed. September is upon us!

Chapel leaders and teachers will gather together for an important meeting with Jenn Liljegren and myself at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 12. Our visit will not take long, but the gathering is important. We are grateful for your dedication to the spiritual nourishment of our young parishioners and look forward to preparing ourselves together as a team for the ministry of Christian Education in the coming year.

Moms Group will resume on September 16 with a field trip to Apostles' House and North Porch hosted by tour guide Mollie Galletly.

Music and Movement for Moms and Tots with Karen Hoy will resume on October 7.

Regular Moms Group meetings will resume on October 7 as well.

Stay tuned for details regarding the above-mentioned activities, as well as for information about a Dads' Hike in the fall...

One of my favorite devotionals opens Sunday meditations with the following sonnet, written by Edmund Spenser. When I read it, I hear the words set to the music by William H. Harris¹ in an Easter piece that I remember singing with the University Choir at Sewanee as an undergraduate. Spending time in that choir had a great deal to do with my own spiritual awakening. So I am always moved in a particular way by lyrics that evoke that period of my life. And the hymn is appropriate to our lives, not only on Easter Day, but every day. I especially like the call of the last two lines:

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we may for whom thou diddest die,
Being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,
May live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Beautiful advice as we commence another program year. See you in September!

Faithfully,
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