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Have you ever noticed that the Bible is full of stories and that those are what we usually first use to introduce children to the faith?

We are a storytelling people and all people like stories. Go to the movies, see a Broadway show, watch an opera, or "veg" out in front of the TV, the power of story draws you in and can transform.

Yes, we need hard news and documentaries. Yes, we need to read technical documents and have experts in the field. But to what do we turn when we really need a lift? Do we really go to technical manuals, or do we go to a story?

Evangelism is simply telling a story. We are telling God's story and what God has done for us in Jesus. Of course, we need to earn the right to tell our story, but it is a story that needs to be told.

So ask yourself what your Jesus story is. What have you found in Jesus? Why do you worship? How are you different? Tell it to yourself. Tell it to a friend.

Dave+

**Service Schedule
for the week of
November 1, 2015**

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
October 30, 2015



Update on Building

Stairs to the choir loft have been braced for safety as a precautionary measure. The organ has been inspected and certified for use.

Many thanks to Bob and Roy for all their work getting us ready for this weekend.

WE ARE OPEN! TBTG!

Bishop's Homecoming

Bishop Daniel and Brenda will be visiting St. Matthew's on Sunday. Bishop will preach and celebrate at both services. We will receive and confirm for folks at the 10AM service.

Please make our chief pastor feel welcome this weekend.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

is immediately following worship on November 22. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

NB--Morning Prayer will not be said this Wednesday at 7AM as Fr. Dave will be at a Diocesan Clergy gathering.

Medical Ministry

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Evensong 5:00 PM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday mornings at 7 AM
Thursday morning at 7:30 AM
(4th Thursday - Holy Eucharist)

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

 **Ministry Links** 

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Musical Musings

Please continue to give your input to Heidi and Amy as they continue to mine the various sources of Anglican musical tradition.

A Note on Psalms

The Psalter is the "hymnal" of ancient Israel and the Early Church. The Psalms have been prayed without ceasing for centuries, and a traditional monastery will pray the entire Psalter over a week.

By their nature as songs speaking them in public worship is the exception, the expectation is that they are sung. There are many ways to sing these wonderful early hymns, and we will be exploring these in the next several months as we find styles that work for this community.

Please Welcome

Matthew Dallman and his family to St. Matthew's. Matthew is a postulant for Holy Orders (Priest) in this Diocese and will be joining us several Sundays each month as he prepares for his vocation. Please introduce yourself to him and his family.

Matthew lives and works in Chicago, and will spend two Sundays a month with us. He is also the leading expert on the life and theology of Martin Thornton, one of the great lights of Anglican Pastoral Theology of the 20th Century, so expect Matthew to do a bit of teaching as well.

As a postulant, Matthew will join the Altar Party when he is at St. Matthew's.

All Souls' Day

The Mass for All Souls' Day will be held Monday, Nov. 2 at 7AM. Prayers for all the faithful departed will be made at this service. If you would like a special commemoration, please let Fr. Dave know on Sunday.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meetings in November:

All Saints Party - November 1st, 6:00 p.m. Costumes are welcome and treats and candy will be provided.

Service Project of November - Sunday, November 8th, following worship and lunch, bring a change of clothes to go do yard work.

Local Mission Opportunities

COATS COATS - The nippy nights of October remind us that it's time to collect coats to donate to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Bring your gently used coats to St. Matthew's and place them in the big white box opposite the church office, and you'll be blessed. Gently used scarves, hats and mittens are also welcome. Thanks so much.---The Outreach Committee

FAITH IN ACTION-is holding a fundraiser pancake breakfast at Applebees on Saturday, October 31st, from 8 AM-10 AM. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be obtained from the Faith in Action office at 827-7780 or from Ann Sokan at 664-1639.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS-Thanksgiving is the special time when we give thanks for all the blessings that The Lord has provided for us during the past year. We gather our families and friends together and enjoy our Thanksgiving feasts. Please let Father Dave, Linda Stawick or Steve Waldron know if you know of some family or person who needs a basket. Let us join together and fill Thanksgiving baskets for those who need a little help. Please bring non-perishable food items or financial donations to the church, marking them in the memo "Thanksgiving Outreach". Any donations exceeding this need will be directed toward Outreach's end of year activities. The committee will purchase the turkeys. Sunday, November 22 is the FINAL DATE for this collection.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for November 1, 2015

Hymns: #287, #335, and #556

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 24 Page 613, BCP Domini est terra

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he

has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Ministry Assignments for November 1 & 8

1-Nov

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Martha Carroll

10:00

Lector: Ann Sokan

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Alley & Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: Sarah Halt

Boat: Daniel

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Baughans

8-Nov

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Julie Bennett

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Halley, Liam Halt

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Shadow: Georgia

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Tim Leighton

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee

Birthdays & Anniversaries October 30 - November 15

Vivian Kraft

Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

Bob Kohlhase

Dale Blackley

Sandy Kohlhase

Brittany Thomas

Dedee Champion

Collect for Sunday, November 1st

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

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