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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

Due to a technical glitch - Fr. Dave's Ramblings are not available this week. Look forward to more information on the MLT and their roles in next week's column.

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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

September 22, 2017



### Parish Education

Formal formation started on September 20th. You are welcome to join the study of the Book of Judges on Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m.

There will be a gathering of youth following evensong on September 24th. Evensong will be at 5:30 that day and youth will gather at Monicals on El Dorado at 6PM.

### Diocesan Synod

Synod will take place on 13-14 October at the Parke Regency here in Bloomington. We are in need of several volunteers for both days. If you are interested in serving as a registration clerk, page, or teller, please see Sandy Kohlase.

If you are interested in serving on the altar for the Synod Mass on the 13th, please see Fr. Dave.

### Bishop's Visit

Bishop Martin's will be making his annual visit on 15 October at both services. Any adult who desires to be confirmed should see Fr. Dave.

### Pulpit Exchange

Fr. Halt will be participating in a pulpit exchange with, Fr. Ian Wetmore, the current president of the diocesan Standing Committee and Vicar of St. Michael's, O'Fallon. The exchange will take place on October 22. Please make Fr. Wetmore feel welcome.

### The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

## **Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

## **Breakfast Fellowships**

Women's breakfast - Saturday 10/14 at 8:30 a.m.

Men's breakfast - Saturday 10/21 at 8:00 a.m.

## **Serving Schedule**

24-September

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Jim Cooper

E.M.: Substitute Needed

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Linda Thomas & Ann Soka

1-October

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte:

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Lee & Bill Anderson

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **BOOK/DVD/BAKE SALE**

St. Matthew's will hold its fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale tomorrow, September 23, from 8 AM - Noon. All proceeds go to Outreach activities. Please bring your donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and other recordings to the church and place them near the book shelves in the parish hall. If you need help getting your donations to the church, please contact Debbie Leighton at 662-7478. Set-up for the sale is Friday

afternoon (9/22) at 3 p.m. Your donated baked goods can be left for the sale at the following times: Today's business hours (9 - 1), or at set-up 3 p.m., or first thing Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m.

#### ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Thank you for your recent donations of school supplies to Oakland School. We will continue to request donations during the fall; however, the school needs supplies throughout the year.

Suggestions for supplies for grades K-5 as noted on the supply list (double sided) are posted on the bulletin board. Your contributions can be placed on the ledge in the main hallway outside the sanctuary. Please read the thank you note from Oakland School, also posted on the bulletin board in recognition and appreciation of our efforts.

In addition, we continue to collect "Boxtops for Education" labels found on packages of many food items. A long list of possible foods with Box top labels is posted on the bulletin board. The labels can be placed in boxes in the Narthex or on the bulletin board. Many thanks for helping with these collections.

#### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES-HURRICANE RELIEF

We have all been so moved over the past two weeks by the impact of Hurricane Harvey. The damage from this storm is so widespread and recovery will take many months, if not years. From all accounts, the potential destruction from Hurricane Irma will be even be more significant. Midwest Food Bank is working closely with The Salvation Army to provide disaster relief boxes and other supplies to people who have been and will be impacted. As a Salvation Army First Responder, Midwest Food Bank can have supplies on the road within 24 hours of being called. To date, at least 10 tractor trailer trucks of relief boxes have been requested for Houston victims, with many more loads expected in the coming months. Disaster Relief boxes contain enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of four for 4 to 5 days as well as some toiletries. Each box also contains a Bible and a handwritten note of support and encouragement. These notes let those impacted by the storm know that people care about them, are praying for them and firmly believe that with God's help, they will recover and see better days ahead.

**HOW ST. MATTHEW'S CAN HELP.** If you would like to write a handwritten note to be inserted into the Salvation Army relief boxes being delivered by Midwest Food Bank to Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims, please place an undated note into the basket by the Outreach items of the month. This is a very tangible way to show compassion for those in need and offer them encouragement amidst all of the upheaval in their lives. I know this will be very much appreciated by the recipients and by Midwest Food Bank.

**YOU CAN ALSO PROVIDE DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

through the Diocese of Texas websight: [www.epicenter.org/harvey/](http://www.epicenter.org/harvey/) is a direct link for giving, along with information from their Bishop.

Other Ways to Help. Midwest Food Bank will have many opportunities available in the coming weeks and months for those who would like to assist with hurricane relief efforts. Please check the Midwest Food Bank website: [www.midwestfoodbank.org](http://www.midwestfoodbank.org) for dates of upcoming volunteer opportunities. The website also lists food, hygiene items and cleaning supplies currently being collected.

Please pray for all those impacted by these natural disasters. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Stoffer at 663-6450.

### **Parish Schedule for the week of September 24th**

*Coffee Hour follows 10:00 a.m. worship in the Parish hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Light supper for study participants

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult formation

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & Breakfast

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Readings & Music for September 24, 2017**

Hymns: #690, #307, #343, #551

Old Testament

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them round your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favour and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but



sinner."

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries from September 24 - 30**

### *Anniversaries*

Jane & Woodie Shadid

### *Birthdays*

Geoffrey Kohlhase

Bobbi Meihof

Robin Levine

Karyn Smith

Roger Thomas

## **Collect for the Feast of St. Matthew**

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

