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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

It is with sadness that I report that Charlie Casperson passed away early this morning. Please extend your condolences to his family.

I will update you all as arrangements are made.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

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## The Good News

November 8, 2019



### Bishop's Visit

Bishop Daniel will make his annual visitation tomorrow 11/10 at both services.

### Midweek Activities

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) next week.

### Theology Uncorked

Will meet at our regularly scheduled time (6PM) this Sunday in the Rector's Study.

Due to the Tri-Valley musical's 2PM matinee on Sunday, I do not expect to make it back in time for Evensong.

### Chime Choir Class & Performance

Thanks to the gracious hosting of our St. Matthews congregation, I'm pleased to announce the very first performance of our new co-op's chime choir! We will perform November 10th at the 10:30 am mass along with guitarist Michael Hull, professor of guitar at Bradley University.

Our homeschool co-op, (called Bloomington-Normal Community Co-op) began this past September and meets every Monday at 9:30 am at St. Matthews. We have 40 kids registered between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade! Our

purpose is to provide courses for homeschooled children that are difficult to execute at home. This year we provide music (taught by myself) and science (taught by Amy Hertel).

The chimes come into play (pun intended!) with the older group (3rd through 6th graders) where we use the chimes of St. Matthews as a vehicle to teach music literacy and develop strong rhythmic skills. Due to the size of the group we are also fortunate to have an entire set of donated chimes from my husband Justin's home church, Maple Avenue Christian Church!

Some of these children have other music instruction, (choirs, individual lessons), some have none whatsoever! The strength of chime choir shows itself in that each child is essential to the whole piece of music. Chime playing requires a high concentration out of every single student as each is responsible for one to two essential notes to the piece! Out of this large group of 22 children, 13 have signed up for the performance of my arrangement of the hymn "Morning has Broken" on November 10th.

We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide good classroom experience, community and wonderful extremely low cost courses to the homeschooling community of Bloomington-Normal!

Heidi Brooks

### **FRIDAY 11/22 - Fall Cleaning at St. Matthew's**

On Friday, November 22nd the building will be closed so the Sanctuary floors can be professionally cleaned and sealed. Please plan NOT to enter the building on those days so that the surfaces can properly dry.

### **Thanksgiving Schedule**

There will be only one service on Sunday, November 24th. All of the St. Matthew's family will worship together at 9:30 AM and immediately after, celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional potluck meal. A sign-up is posted in the main Hallway for meal organization.

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Will not meet in the month of November.**

### **Qualified Charitable Distributions and Required Minimum Distribution Gifts**

The tax law permits anyone 70½ or older to make a direct transfer of IRA balances up to \$100,000 per year to a charity like St. Matthews. For most donors, these qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) make it possible to net an ever-greater tax benefit because those dollars will never hit your adjusted gross income (AGI). Since you would have paid income taxes on that distribution, this strategy offers significant benefit to those who would have given that amount regardless. Added bonus: QCDs go toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD). Bear in mind, though, that QCDs must come from IRAs; they cannot come from 401(k)s. Please contact your tax adviser as to whether this strategy is right for you. They can help advise you on the specific compliance rules to qualify and rollover strategies if your retirement funds are currently held in a 401(k) or similar investment. Also, most brokerage firms will assist you with these transactions and will either disburse the checks directly to the charities, or send the checks to you to pass along.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

**ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH for October & November 2019.** MIDWEST FOOD BANK is asking for the following items for "The Big Give," its Thanksgiving meal giveaway for local residents in need:

Boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, pie crust mix; canned green beans, cranberry sauce, cream-of-mushroom soup, evaporated milk; envelopes of gravy (no jars, please); regular size cans of French fried onions; large cans of pumpkin pie mix, containing all sugar and spices.

Overall, 20 churches are collecting these items because so many are needed, for instance, 5,000 cans each of green beans and mushroom soup. Hy-Vee and Schnuck's are ready to assist people shopping for The Big Give. They also sell turkey cards.

Please help The Outreach Committee provide St. Matthew's response to this vital community need. **THANK YOU!**

If you can, please bring your non perishable donations early in October so that MFB volunteers will have plenty of time to

pack individual and family boxes for distribution.

Thanks again! The Outreach Committee

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

#### ALSO FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

As you go through your coat closet, do you find a jacket that you're tired of wearing but that is still in pretty good condition?

Do your kids' coats no longer fit?

Bring your gently used winter wear to church and put it in the big white box in the hallway opposite the main office. The Outreach Committee will deliver your donations to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Thank you!

#### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

#### **Worship Serving Schedule**

10-November 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.:

TUESDAY Counter: Gary Ploense (Veteran's Day)

Coffee Hour: DiAnne Wunderle & Martha Lakin

17-November 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter  
Crucifer: Christian Pitts  
Thurifer: John Stoffer  
Lector: Valarie Jones  
E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: Pam Laws  
Coffee Hour: Jonathan Martin & Megan Kustak

## **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of November 10**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I  
    9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)  
    10:00 a.m.-Rite II  
    5:30 p.m.-Evensong  
    6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked  
Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes \*  
    11:00 a.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
    10:00 a.m.-Quilters  
Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
    1:30 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
    5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist  
    6:00 p.m.-Adult Study  
Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast  
    9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer \*  
    2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
Friday-  
Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's breakfast

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

*\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*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 for November 10, 2019**

Hymns: #401, #390, #335, #699

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!



O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Psalm 17:1-9

*Exaudi, Domine*

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.  
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.  
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.  
8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
9 From the wicked who assault me, \*  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries November 10 - 17**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

Dedee Champion

**Dedications for this week:**

## **Collect for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 10th**

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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