

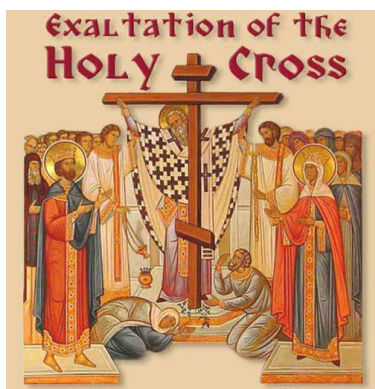
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SPECIAL COMMEMORATION DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

Holy Cross Day – September 14th



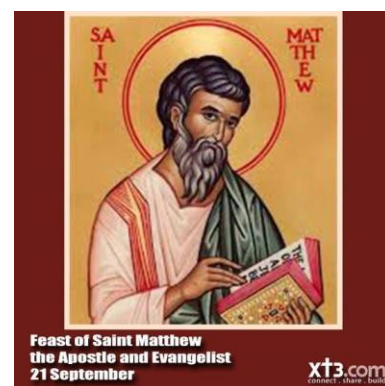
The **Feast of the Holy Cross** commemorates Jesus' self-suffering and death for our salvation. The Liturgical color of the day is red and symbols of the cross are in the readings. "Lift High the Cross", hymn #473, traditionally is used as a Processional or Recessional piece on September 14. The history of the day tells of Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, who journeyed to Jerusalem. She came upon the True Cross of Christ. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site, commissioned by Saint Helena and Constantine, and dedicated on September 14, 335. In celebration, the cross was brought outside the church so clergy and the faithful could pray before it and go forward to venerate the cross. The Society of Companions of the Holy Cross, The Order of the Daughters of the King, and the Episcopal Order of the Holy

Cross especially celebrate and honor the day by accepting God's Grace as they carry high the cross and follow in Christ's Way.

Dottie Gutwein, contributor

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – September 21

According to Mark, he was the son of Alphaeus. He was a Jewish tax collector working for the Roman government Capernaum. Matthew is called Levi in the accounts of his call to discipleship in Mark and Luke, but he is always referred to as Matthew in the lists of the apostles. It is possible that Levi was his original name and that Matthew, which means "gift from God," was given to him after he became a disciple. Since the second century the authorship of the first gospel has been attributed to St. Matthew, but it is considered unlikely by most scholars that the present Gospel of Matthew was written by a Galilean tax collector. In Christian art he is pictured at a desk writing his gospel, as a winged man in his role as an evangelist, and sometimes with a spear, the legendary instrument of his death. We know nothing about his death, but he is venerated as a martyr. Matthew is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on Sept. 21.



From the Episcopal Dictionary and Glossary



St. Michael and All Angels–September 29

Revelation 12:7-9 describes Michael as the leader of the angels in victory over the dragon (identified with Satan) and the dragon's angels. Michael is often portrayed with a sword fighting or standing over a dragon. Observance of a day in honor of Michael dates from the fifth century. The feast of St. Michael the Archangel is traditionally celebrated on Sept. 29. In the 1549 BCP the feast was expanded to include all angels. The feast of **St. Michael and All Angels** is one of the major feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church. *From the Episcopal Dictionary and Glossary*

GREETINGS FROM REV. ALLISON

September 2019



“Let mutual love abound. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” – Hebrews 13:1

Dear St. Stephen's,

The above quote comes from our September 1st New Testament readings. It is a good reminder to us as we shift seasons from the end of summer to the start of autumn and our friends are back from vacations. The new school year often brings new visitors, as families begin to settle into the routine of work, school, and church.

Let us continue to be known as a friendly and welcoming church by noticing the new folks around us. By introductions and greetings, by helping them understand our worship service, by orientation to our buildings (where the bathrooms are), and especially during our fellowship time when we share refreshments and conversation. I know we all love to chat with our fellow church friends; however, we can do so while also allowing visitors to get to know us at the same time. Invite those visiting with us to share in our time together... ask them to join your table or even better, go join them where they are sitting ... for who knows when we may be entertaining angels unawares.

Peace,
Rev. Allison+

QUINOA SALAD FROM REV. ALLISON

1 cup cooked quinoa	1/4 cup olive oil
1 can chick peas, rinsed and drained	1/4 cup lemon juice
1 medium cucumber, seeded and chopped	1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped	2 cloves garlic minced
3/4 cup red onion chopped	1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1 cup chopped fresh parsley	fresh ground pepper to taste

1. combine in large bowl chickpeas, cucumber, bell pepper, onion, parsley, set aside.
2. In small bowl combine olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, garlic, salt. Whisk til blended
3. Add cooled cooked quinoa to large bowl with veggies. Drizzle dressing on top. Toss to mix. Add black pepper to taste.
4. For best flavor let sit for 10 mins. before serving. Serve room temp or chilled.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

This program is a “go” here at St. Stephen’s. The minimum number of participants signed; and there is room for a few more. The participants will be meeting on Mondays for 36 weeks during the school year starting on Sept. 9th at 5:30 pm.

The following about the program is a small excerpt from “Building Faith – A Ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary”:

Education for Ministry (or as it’s better known, EfM) is a program for adults who desire to grow deeper into scripture, church history and theology in a small group. Definitely not your grandmother’s Bible study program, EfM understands that adults are responsible for their own learning and that bible study is more than reading scripture and being “taught” what it means. Each EfM seminar group is comprised of six to twelve adults, led by a mentor (or two) who guides and administers the group. Each group covenants to meet weekly for 2.5-3 hours in person (although there are also online groups for whom travel to a local group may be difficult), for prayer, discussion, and theological reflection.

Developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. In addition to EfM groups throughout the USA, EfM can be found in [Germany](#), [Great Britain](#), New Zealand, [Australia](#), [Canada](#), the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Italy, and [Switzerland](#).

The complete program is for four years and participants can finish a year or two and come back at a later time to work on the other years. This year there are several who will be starting out on Year One, one person will be on Year Two and another on Year Four. The following are the subjects for each year.

- Year 1: Hebrew Scriptures
- Year 2: The New Testament
- Year 3: Church History
- Year 4: Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounters

For more information contact Sherry Simon, mentor for the group this year, at 520-210-2026.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship Classes just began the past August and will continue weekly up to Advent (the end of Ordinary Time). These classes meet Thursdays at 11:30 am and Saturdays at 4:00 pm. The following is the planned schedule:

Thursday Brown Bag Lunch Lessons and Saturday Sessions:

Sept 5 & 7 – How to lead Morning and Evening Prayer (all Eucharistic Ministers as well as anyone wanting to learn should attend).

Sept 12 & 14 – Episcopal Language – Learning Episcopalese

Sept 19 & 21 – What exactly is a “collect” prayer? Includes parts of and writing your own.

Sept 26 & 28 – What are angels? (St. Michael and All Angels feast day 29 Sept)

Oct 3 & 5 – Stump the pastor: Ask any question you like

Oct 10 & 12 – A short history of how we got the Episcopal Church

Oct 17 & 19 – No Class, Leadership will be at Diocesan Convention.

Oct 24 & 26 - Halloween, Day of the Dead, All Saints Day and All Souls Day discussion

Oct 31 & Nov 2 – What about “The End Times”?

Is there such a thing as “the Rapture?” Saturday session only will include showing of the movie “Left Behind” (2000, 1 hr 35 mins long) in Ed Bldg. We will start movie at 2:30pm. Popcorn provided, bring your own beverage.

Nov 7 & 9 – Ways to enrich your Bible Study

Nov 14 & 16 – Overcoming anxiety in sharing your faith – The E word -- Evangelism

Nov 21 & 23 – A deeper look at the Creeds of the Church, what they mean/say.

Nov 28 & 30 - No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday). Advent starts Dec. 1st. Classes will resume in January.



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES – CENTERING PRAYER



Monthly Spiritual Practices Saturdays: Would you like to learn other ways that can enhance your prayer, meditation, connection with God? Saturday September 7th, 9-11am, we will explore the way of Centering Prayer, with a strong emphasis on interior silence and being “centered entirely on the presence of God.” The first session will be led by Cheryl Stone.

PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Making a difference in the Kingdom of God since 1883
A worldwide ministry to men and youth in the Episcopal/Anglican Communion & beyond

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW *From Bruce Dockter*

The next **Brotherhood of St. Andrew** Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will consist of a short prayer service, a discussion of Chapter 1 of “Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God” by Dallas Willard and discussion of a potential community service project. All men are invited, bring a friend.

The **Brotherhood of St. Andrew Service of Admission will be on Saturday, Sept 21** as part of the 5:00pm Church Service. **Eddie Masga and Ed Stone** will be presented for admission by Richard Brown, the Diocesan coordinator and inducted by Brother Fr. Donne Puckle. Anyone interested in being admitted to the Brotherhood at this special service is welcome to join us, even if your name isn't Ed. Please contact Bruce Dockter at 520-249-1489 or dockterbc@centurylink.net if you might be interested in finding out more about the Brotherhood or come to the meeting on Sept. 5th.

INFORMAL MEN'S GROUP *From Ed Stone*

We will be starting our **Informal Men's Group** meetings again in **September**. We had great success last year and hope to have an even better year coming up. We took a short break over the summer as everybody was enjoying their family time while their kids were on summer break.

We will have our first meeting on **Saturday, Sept.14th** starting at **8:30 AM** in the same location as before. We will continue with the pot luck breakfast and have those who are going to attend to bring their favorite dish. We will need to know the week prior on who is going to attend so we know how much to make.

I will put together our first discussion and will open it up to those who would like to lead one of our groups.

In October, we will also have our first group meeting between the Men's and Women's groups. I know we had a great meeting the first time we met and there was a lot of interest to keep it going. The original plan was to have our combined group meetings once a quarter and we will continue with this plan.

I know Bruce and I look forward to seeing everybody at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please let Bruce or I know.



MORE PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



The **September** meeting will be held on Sunday the **8th at 12:30 p.m.** Lunch and conversation is the theme and the place is the home of Priscilla Burrows – 1316 Joshua Tree Drive, Sierra Vista. Please RSVP to 409-782-5327 or 520-335-2810.

“DOWNTON ABBEY”

“Downton Abbey” at Cinemark Theaters at Sierra Vista Mall – For those who fell in love with the PBS T.V. series



“Downton Abbey” and Anglophiles everywhere, let us go see the movie on **Friday Sept 20th at 12:30pm** (early bird prices) and then go have lunch together at Applebees to talk about it!

From Rev. Allison



PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Farewell for **Deacon Ben Wetherill** – He is retiring from the Border Patrol and looking forward to spending time with his family and relaxing. He and his wife will be with us for the last time on **Sat/Sunday Sept 14-15**. We will have a potluck lunch on Sunday the 15th in the Ed. Bldg. to celebrate his retirement and wish him well. *AND HE WILL BE MISSED*

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

5th – Brotherhood of St. Andrew meet. 6:30pm
8th – ECW – Noon
11th – Vestry meeting
14th – Holy Cross Day
14th – Informal Men’s meet – 8:30 am
15th – Farewell Potluck for Ben- Noon
21st - St. Matthew
29th – St. Michael and All Angels

Mondays at 5:30 pm - EFM
Wednesdays – 9:30 service
Thursdays at 11:30am & Saturdays at 4:00pm
Discipleship Classes
Saturdays at 9-11 – Spiritual Practices
Sundays after church – Book Read- Along
Rev. Allison will be out of town Sept 11-13
And Sept 21-22

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

DOTTIE GUTWEIN – Sept. 9th
JEFF SPEER – Sept. 25th

THANK YOU VALLA
For the lawn mover



NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

From Dottie Gutwein

Let us help the folks in Bisbee/Douglas who are feeding migrants in Agua Prieta. We need the items listed on the table by the coffee pot. Renee Olejnicak and Dottie Gutwein will be delivering and distributing your donations to help these people trying to enter our country. Please help us to bring some comfort to our neighbors



[See items listed to the right and more information below]

Top Ten Humanitarian Aid Items WANTED

10. Baby Bottles
9. Baby Formula
8. Children's Books
7. Children's Coloring Books and Crayons
6. Diaper Wipes
5. Diapers
4. Feminine Hygiene Products
3. Hygiene Products
2. Plastic Garbage Bags
1. Soccer/Kick Balls

Your donations will be taken to the Border Patrol Station at the Douglas/Agua Prieta Port of Entry. The items will given to persons waiting to be interview/processed by the Border Patrol in the church or tent.

Your donations will have a direct impact on the Border Patrol operation. These donations will help eliminate some the immediate needs of persons waiting to be processed (and distract the children), which will allow the agents to work on the interview process completely.

