



The Mentor

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Worship Schedule

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist and Holy Unction in the Chapel

Staff

Kay Sutton, Organist/Choir Director

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Mission Statement

St. Matthew's, an historic church rooted in the Episcopal tradition, shares the love of Christ, putting faith into action through worship, prayer and outreach in the downtown community and beyond.

*The Episcopal Diocese of
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller,
Bishop of Milwaukee

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Very Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh,
Rector & Dean of Racine/Kenosha
Convocation

Wardens

Debi Rengers, Senior Warden

Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

Vestry

Linda Bogdala

Guida Brown

Dawn Christiansen

Don Gosse

Jim Kremers

Jennifer McCombe

Cary Pallin

Michelle Plichta

Ken Specht

Frank Summers

Treasurer

Jon Cushman

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

We are nearing the end of summer. Most of August is ahead, but Labor Day is just around the corner. I find this time an interesting time in the life of the Church. Many are still in and out on vacations and day trips. I am included in this group. At the same time, committees are hard at work, planning for the fall.

We have a lot that is happening here at St. Matthew's. Our outreach committee has been doing some really neat things, connecting us to our community. Stewardship is looking really exciting this year, with fantastic line-up of speakers from in and outside of the church. There are plans in the works for Christian Education, both for adults and children. People are already finalizing plans on the parish picnic. The task force for the Saturday Service is formed and will begin meeting soon. And, we have our Mutual Ministry review coming up on August 12th, where we'll look at how we as a parish are doing ministry and living into our mission. Whew! These are all the necessary things that keep a church working, and the members of this parish are doing a phenomenal job of making it happen.

One of the things that August reminds me of is that we are still in this time of rest and recreation. We do this to help recharge our batteries and help us focus. Focus is especially important, both in our personal lives as well as in our common life as a church.

I always begin meetings with intentional prayer and reflection. I do this, not just because it's a church meeting and that's what we're supposed to do. I do this because it helps us lift our questions to God and ask for guidance as we make decisions. It reminds me that the work I do is not mine, but that it is God's work. I would encourage this practice in all of our doings, especially in what we do together as a church.

This idea of focus has value in our daily lives as well. When we are off doing this and that, we should also take time for God. Part of recharging isn't just ignoring everything of our regular routine. We still stop for meals when on the road. Otherwise, we would get cranky, sick and eventually starve. In the same way, we need to feed ourselves spiritually. While away, I try as much as possible to go to church when away. Part of this is to satisfy my curiosity about how other people do things. But, mostly it's because I recognize that church isn't just something I do when I'm home; it's the way that I feed myself spiritually. There are other things we can do like this as we recharge and focus. We can pray for safety on the road, and then thank God when we arrive and that prayer was answered.

This time at the end of the summer can be a reminder of many things. We remember that the return to our regular routines are not far off. We remember that we still have time to rest and recharge. In this time, though, we must remember that part of our

recharging is resting in the Lord, and the routine we will return to will also be for the work of God's kingdom. This time of focus for our life is a time we can center ourselves on how our life is a life for Christ.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



Sunday, September 7, 2014

This year it will be held in Library Park immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. If the weather does not suit an outdoor picnic, we will move it into the Guild Hall.

Watch for sign-up sheets at the back of the church! The Vestry will need help with setting up, cooking, and clean up.



Communion is available to all members of our parish family. If for any reason you are homebound, one of the eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring you communion at home. Call the church office, 654-8642, to make arrangements for one of our eucharistic ministers to make a home visit.



All Saints' Walk

Memorial bricks are located in the east yard of the church. Purchase a brick as a lasting memorial for loved ones or friends at the cost of \$150 per brick. Each brick is 4 X 8 and provides 3 lines with 14 characters per line for your memorial. Order forms are on the table at the back of the church. Order now and have your brick(s) installed this fall.



Book Club

St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Julia Price's home to discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón (translated by Lucia Graves).

“Barcelona, 1945: A city slowly heals in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, and Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son who mourns the loss of his mother, finds solace in a mysterious book entitled *The Shadow of the Wind*, by one Julián Carax. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes a shocking discovery: someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book Carax has written. In fact, Daniel may have the last of Carax's books in existence. Soon Daniel's seemingly innocent quest opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets--an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love.”

Out of 185,510 ratings on Goodreads, this book scored 4.21 on a 5 point scale! It's a great time to read a book, ladies!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

In August we will be collecting rice & beans for the Shalom Center Pantry. Bring your donations on Sundays and place them in the blue baskets at the back of the church. This is an outreach program that can involve all members of the parish. Let's make a difference in the lives of many people.



Let's Celebrate with Prayer

Beginning June 8th and continuing through August 27th, the Evangelism Committee invites all of our church members to add their birthdays and wedding anniversaries to the list at the back of the church. Each month of the year has a separate space. In the fall, each family will receive a booklet containing

these special dates. Having this information will help all of us pray for our church family (sending cards is optional). As the hands and feet of Jesus, we are called to hold up our brothers and sisters in prayer. The Evangelism Committee thanks you for your participation in this important ministry in which we can all participate.



Once the worship has ended, then the service can begin. St. Matthew's has made it easier for you to actively serve our community! Pick up a **Service & Outreach** sheet at the back of church to see the myriad ways you can serve with ease!

There is a box at the back of church to accept your donations so they can be delivered for you. Just place your items in the box with your contact information (so the agency can thank you), and indicate what items you want to go where (please list all items, just in case something gets separated).

For more information, contact Guida Brown of the Service & Worship Committee by phone at (262) 914-1820 or at guida315@gmail.com.



Mutual Ministry Review

You're invited to join the Vestry for an opportunity to look at how the life of the congregation is going. On Tuesday, August 12 at 7 p.m. (the regularly scheduled Vestry meeting) we will have a facilitated discussion to begin answering the following three questions: “What are we doing?”, “What are we doing well in this area?” and “What can we do better in this area, and how?” The five areas we'll review are: **Worship**, *not just on Sunday morning, but all around*; **Hospitality and Community**, *both among our own parishioners and newcomers*; **Spiritual Formation**, *looking at every aspect, every age range and every group*; **Stewardship**, *in every sense of the word*; and **Missions**, *looking at what we are doing beyond our walls*.

Please join the Vestry for this important discussion on Tuesday, August 12 at 7 p.m. in the Lower Hall in Guild Hall.

Food

Fun

Fellowship at Young Couples Event

Those couples with at least one person under age 40 are invited to a cookout and potluck dinner on Saturday, August 9th at the rectory, which is located at 6035 – 7th Avenue. This get-acquainted event is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please email Fr. Matthew at rector.stmatts@gmail.com if you intend to come for good food, fun, and fellowship.



May the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Bonny Cahill died on July 26, 2014 in Chisago City, Minnesota. She and the late Jack Cahill attended the 7:30 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. After Jack's death Bonny moved to Minnesota to be closer to their children. A funeral service for Bonny was held on July 31st at St. Matthew's Church.

Leona Lucas died on July 8, 2014 in Mesa, Arizona. Lee and Don were long-time members of the parish and retired to Mesa several years ago. A memorial service for Lee will be held at St. Matthew's on Friday, August 29th, at 1:30 p.m.



St. Matthew's Church has been involved with the Soup Kitchen from the beginning of the program at the Shalom Center of the Interfaith Network. Our volunteers have been there each third Sunday of the month for over 30 years. The program has evolved and changed over the years, but our outreach has been steady.

On August 17th St. Matthew's will prepare and serve the evening meal at the Shalom center. About 12 volunteers are needed to assist with outreach activity. When you see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, please be generous with your time.

Prayer

changes things

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*