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## Worship Schedule

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 AM	Sunday School (1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist and Holy Unction in the Chapel
	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Guild Hall

## Staff

Kay Sutton, Organist/Choir Director  
Abigail Wincek, Office Manager  
Mary Weiser, Parish Secretary  
Jeff Tyree, Facilities Manager  
Lynn Heller, RN, Parish Nurse  
Franklin Gail, Verger

## The Mentor

February 2014

The Episcopal Diocese of  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh, Rector

### 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

## Nursery Care

Care for toddlers at the 10:30 AM  
service is available upon request.

## Pastoral Letter

## 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Dear Friends,

As we have gotten through January with its transitions, celebrations and cold, I am

looking to what we will be doing in this coming year. At the annual meeting, I spoke about some things I'm looking forward to and things I am excited about. The thing I am most excited about, though, is the opportunity to continue to build community.

February is an appropriate time to talk about this, since it is a month full of times to build relationships. We start off with Super Bowl Sunday, when we get together with friends, laugh at commercials, share food and drink and I suppose if there's any time left, we get a glimpse or two at the game. Of course, there's also the 14th day of the month when we remember those we love (Ahem, put it on your calendar, guys).

Most of the things we remember in February are secular. Even St. Valentine is hardly known beyond the celebration of his feast day. What happens in the Church, is different, though and is not limited to one time of year. In the Church, we talk about building Christian community. There is a term in Greek, *koinonía*, which has the sense of that which we all hold in common together. It is this idea of community, but one centered on Christ.

St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12-13: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." We all have our lives, we have our jobs, clubs, etc. But coming together in *koinonía* is something different.

We do not come to church because it's just another activity on our ever-filling calendar. We come to church because it is the one place that we intentionally experience Christ in one another on a regular basis. Church is where we pray as individuals in concert as one body. Church is where we learn from one-another about how to become better people. Church is where we are filled with the body of Christ as the Body of Christ. This is something that we can only get from our weekly experience of *koinonía*.

What I am excited about this year is continuing to build *koinonía*. St. Matthew's has no shortage of great camaraderie, and this is strength that we can build on. There is a real welcoming spirit among people here that we can work from. Looking at these gifts, how can we reach out to people whom we haven't seen in a while? How can we spend more time intentionally together? How can we nourish and build Christ's body as a Church? These are the things that I am looking for this year.

This month, let us begin to build up this body of Christ we have in the church. We'll look forward to time together. We'll see new faces and old. We'll welcome people and laugh or cry with them. This is the community into which Christ calls us.

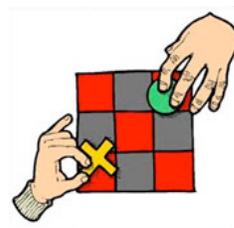
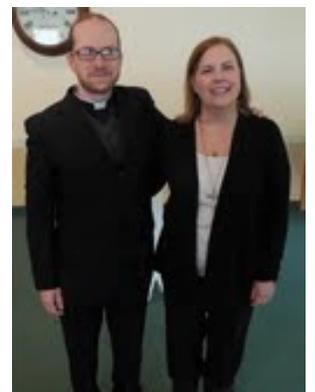
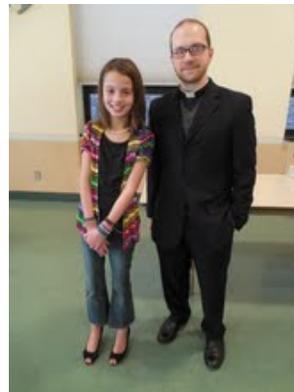
Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+

The 174th Annual Parish Meeting was well-attended in the Great Hall on January 19, 2014. A proposed slate of wardens and vestry persons were elected for the 2014 term. They are:

Senior Warden: Debi Rengers  
Junior Warden: Jamie Cairo

Vestry: Linda Bogdala, Guida Brown,  
Dawn Christiansen, Don Gosse,  
Jim Kremers, Jennifer McCombe,  
Cary Pallin, Michelle Plichta,  
Ken Specht, and Frank Summers

At the meeting the Women's Service Cross was awarded to Linda Bogdala for her work with the transition team, the vestry and the choir. The Men's Service Cross was awarded to Don Michie for his ongoing gift of leadership in adult study classes. Abbie Christiansen was awarded a prize for logging the highest number of hours as an acolyte.



**Free  
Family  
Fun  
Night**



Come join the fun on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm for chili, pizza and games in Guild Hall. The event is free and open to the public as part of Kenosha's "Second Saturdays." It will be intergenerational with cards, cribbage, Apples to Apples, Sorry and many other games. Food is served from 5:00-5:30pm, and games (with prizes) will be from 5:30-7:00pm. If you can, bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Shalom Center. Please sign up at the back of the church indicating how many will attend and whether you can bring a 2 liter bottle of soda (diet or regular), bottled water or a dessert to the event. **BRING A FRIEND** for a fun evening.

## Candlemas



Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on February 2nd. It celebrates the occasion of the presentation of the child Jesus and his first entry into the temple. The date of February 2nd places the Candlemas celebration forty days after Christmas and continues the religious cycle that leads up to Easter Sunday. Additionally, it is also the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox, which is the basis for various ancient European celebrations that commemorate the annual beginnings of the agricultural season. For the Church, however, Candlemas remains a day of hope and light. It is a time to honor the Lord as the Light of the World and to remind us that we, too, have that light within us.



## Healing Service

St. Matthew's will observe Candlemas on Sunday, February 2nd with a healing service at 10:30 AM. After receiving communion, those wishing to receive Holy Unction are invited to go into the chapel where Eucharistic Ministers will be available to anoint them.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 16, at 6:00 PM at Eva Hoey's home to discuss *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. In a stunning and ambitious departure, bestselling author Adriana Trigiani draws on her grandparents' story of passion and perseverance in *The Shoemaker's Wife*, a sprawling epic of love and family, war and loss, risk and destiny – a story Trigiani says she was meant to write.

Trigiani spent more than 25 years researching the details of her grandparents' relationship in order to bring them to life in the characters *Ciro Lazzari* and *Enza Ravanelli*, who meet and fall in love as teenagers among the beauty of the Italian Alps. Soon the pair is torn apart by circumstances beyond their control. *Ciro* is banished and leaves for America without explanation, and eventually *Enza*, too, heads to America.

Unbeknownst to one another, *Ciro* and *Enza* build separate lives in New York, until fate intervenes and reunites them. But by then it is too late: *Ciro* has volunteered to serve in World War I and *Enza* begins her impressive career as a seamstress at the Metropolitan Opera House. Over the course of the subsequent years, these star-crossed lovers meet and

separate until, finally, the power of their love changes both of their lives forever.

Please read the book and join the discussion on February 16.



## Acolyte Training

Adults and children over age 7 are invited to attend an acolyte training on Saturday, February 15th, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the church. Being an acolyte is a special opportunity for our children to become involved in the worship service on Sundays. This session is only for those new to the acolyte ministry.

## The Ridiculously Awesome 2014 Spring Acolyte Festival!

All of our very own awesome acolytes (and anyone wishing to become one) are invited to attend this gathering on Saturday, April 5th, from 10am – 4pm at Grace Church in Madison, WI. The day includes sessions for children, youth, and adults. Registration cost is \$17 before March 1 (\$25 afterwards) which includes a t-shirt, lunch, and a photo-op with Bucky Badger. Full scholarships are available by contacting Fr. Matthew at the church office.

## Ushers



The ushers for both Sunday services are asked to attend an usher training session on Sunday, February 16th at 9:00 AM in the church. This is a refresher course for all of our current ushers and also for anyone wishing to become a part of this lay ministry.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday occurs the first Tuesday before [Ash Wednesday](#). It officially ends the season of [Epiphany](#) and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. This year St. Matthew's will hold a pancake supper in the Guild Hall on Tuesday, March 4th. Volunteers, both youth and adults, are needed to make pancakes, serve, and clean up. Watch future publications for times and more information.



In the past eight years St. Matthew's has been blessed with a number of knitters and crocheters who supplied us with many, many prayer shawls, lap robes, and infant blankets for the *Prayer Shawl Ministry*. Sadly, our ministry members have dwindled and our supply is also dwindling. On Sunday, February 2nd, Fr. Matthew will bless some of the remaining shawls.

To keep this ministry alive, more people are needed to make the shawls, lap robes, and infant blankets. All that is required is that you say a prayer while working for whomever may receive the item.

Contact Lynn Heller, Parish Nurse, if you would like to join the *Prayer Shawl Ministry* at St. Matthew's.



The 2014 flower chart is now in the church office. Memorial dedications for altar flowers can be made at any time of the year by calling the office with your information. These dedications can be for loved ones as memorials, birthdays, or other special occasions.

Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, or you can check the "other" line on your pledge envelope and enclose your donation along with your Sunday offering. The standard donation for flowers is \$20 to \$25.



Camp Webb is an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee. Camp is held at the beautiful and centrally located Lutherdale Camp near Elkhorn. It has a lake, large playing fields, basketball court, archery range, large campfire pit, volleyball court, rock wall to climb, ropes course and more. We will be using the air-conditioned DeBack Family Lodge with open and inviting large group spaces, kitchenettes, and beautiful sleeping quarters with attached bathrooms and more.

Camp Week for kids in 3rd - 8th grades and senior high is June 22-27

**Contact the church office for registration and scholarship information. One (1) full scholarship is available along with one (1) half scholarship, but they must be claimed before March 15, 2014**

### **Teens of St. Matthews**

We are looking to reach all the teens of St. Matthews. We want to formulate a Mentor just for you to keep you up to date on things you might be interested in that are happening in our church & in the diocese. If there is some activity a few of you are interested in in the diocese, we will make every effort to get you rides & possibly even scholarships if needed. We plan to do this by e-mail. If you or your parents, grandparents or friends could send us your contact address we will be happy to include you. Forward your e-mail address to [parishnurselynn@wi.rr.com](mailto:parishnurselynn@wi.rr.com) or to the church. Looking forward to working with you all.

submitted by Lynn Heller

### **A winter safety reminder to St. Matthew's parishioners...**

the sidewalks on the church grounds and around Guild Hall are slick due to cold temperatures even after clearing of snow and salting by the professional contracting service.

If you find the walks need a "light" touch up on the weekends and it is safe to do so, please shovel and/or salt if needed before Sunday worship. A shovel and bag of salt are inside the church entrance and Guild Hall.

Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer on a rotating basis to clear the walks with a snowfall under 2 inches on the weekends. Jeff, our facilities manager will call you to help when needed. If we are able to use volunteers to keep the walks clear on the weekends, the professional service will not be called to do the job. Snowfall over 2 inches is automatically cleared by the contracting service.

On a warmer note, the first day of spring is less than two months away, March 20, 2014. In the meantime, wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and beautiful winter season.