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*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

Worship Schedule

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

Wardens

Karen Dubiel, Senior Warden

Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

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Walter Breach

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

“Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.”

I greet you this new year with a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson, the same man who said "It is better to have loved and lost, than to never have loved at all." I think of this poem every new year. 2013 was a year of ringing in the new for St. Matthew's. It was not just greeting a new rector, but so many new things going on. In a way, I am looking forward to 2014 as I year I can settle in a bit more and not feel like I am in transition, as I imagine you are too. Now that we have gotten to know and love one another, there is some comfort in knowing that all of you will just be here, and I'm sure there is comfort in knowing that I will just be here.

At the same time, I am excited for 2014 and the new challenges and opportunities it will bring for our wonderful parish. This church has nothing but good things going for it. The place is so rife with opportunities. As we turn the page into the new chapter of our lives, and we're now a few pages into that chapter, what things will be starting to happen? I don't know the answer, but I can't wait to turn to the next page and find out.

Some of this may require ringing out the old. As with any new beginning, something is always put to rest. What are the things that we will be glad to put to rest? What are the things that we know need to be rung out, but may be a little more challenging to do so? What is the false that can be rung out, and what is the true that can be rung in? These are questions to ponder as

we enter the new year. They don't have to be answered right away.

As we begin this new year, I look forward most to more happy memories with all of you. I look forward to seeing where God is taking us this year. I know that not all times will be good and there may be moments of sadness as all years bring, but I also know that Christ will be at the center of all times, both good and bad. And, I know that these times will be few and the good times will be what we remember.

So, let us look forward to a new year together and welcome it. May Christ be with us this year and always.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



Bishop Miller Visitation

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller will be the celebrant and preacher at both the 7:30 and 10:30 services on Sunday, January 5, 2014. Candidates will be received and others will renew their baptismal vows at the 10:30 AM service.

In his role as chief pastor, teacher and guardian of the faith, the bishop shares his vision, hopes and concerns for the diocese through his sermons, reflections and Sunday visits to congregations.

The parish is invited to a gathering in the Great Hall at 8:30 AM so all will have an opportunity to meet with Bishop Miller. A potluck breakfast will be served so please bring a dish to pass.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Rachel Lochtefeld's home to discuss *Does This Church Make Me Look Fat?* by Rhoda Janzen.

Please read the book and join the discussion on January 12th.



Our parishioners have the option to give their weekly pledge donations online through our website:

www.stmatthewskenosha.net

Online giving is a convenient and secure way to stay up-to-date on your pledge whether you're away for the weekend or just want to give in the comfort of your own home. You can make your pledges through the secure service of PayPal, and the church will never have your account information. There is no charge to you for this service, and you don't need to have a PayPal account to give online. If you have any questions or concerns about online giving please contact the church office at 654-8642.



There is still time to join a confirmation class that begins on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7:00 PM in Fr. Matthew's office.

This is a class designed for adults and teens wishing to be confirmed or anyone wishing to take a refresher course in the Episcopal faith. Contact Fr. Matthew or the church office at 654-8642 if you wish to attend. This is a class that will meet at 7:00 PM each Wednesday for approximately six weeks.

@ kindness week

Kenosha's 18th annual Kindness Week is January 17-25, 2014. This year's theme is "Creating Kindness in Our Community". On Thursday, January 23rd, St. Matthew's will host a *Family & Friends Community Interfaith Service* at 7:00 PM in the church. This service is open to the community and free of charge. It is sponsored by the Coalition for Dismantling Racism and the LaFave Family Fund of the Kenosha Community Foundation. Click on *Kindness Week - Kenosha WI* to see their web page for a listing of all the week long activities.



Acolytes

Children over age 7 are invited to attend an acolyte training on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 AM in the church. This is an opportunity for our children to become involved in the worship service on Sundays. This session is only for those new to the acolyte ministry.

Nursery Care

Child care will no longer be available on Sunday mornings in the Guild Hall as our care giver, Carley Jepson, has resigned. Carley has moved out of the area. Currently there is not a demand for infant and toddler care, so the position will not be filled at the present time.



There is a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers at 7:30 on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving as a chalice bearer contact Fr. Matthew or the church office. A training session will be set.

link to calendar

<http://stmatthewskenosha.net/events/calendar/>