



# The Mentor

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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## Wardens

Debi Rengers, Senior Warden  
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## Vestry

Linda Bogdala  
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Jim Kremers  
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Cary Pallin  
Michelle Plichta  
Ken Specht  
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## Treasurer

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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

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## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

This August, we will be doing something new to us, but not new in the Church.

We will be doing a "Mutual Ministry Review". This is something that is done in almost all parishes and is written into clergy Letters of Agreement (Contracts). It used to be that this was a time to do a performance review for clergy. In recent years, churches have found it more productive to review the aspects of ministry as a whole, rather than one person's performance. What we will be looking at is how we, as St. Matthew's Episcopal Church are doing ministry together.

St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11-13: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Based on this five-fold biblical ministry model, churches for years have identified 5 principal areas of ministry.

The five areas of ministry that we are reviewing at St. Matthew's are: Worship, Hospitality and Community, Spiritual Formation, Stewardship, and Missions. Worship is something we do on Sunday mornings, but it is also something we do at meetings and mid-week. Hospitality and Community are areas that we look to build, both with our own people and with newcomers. Spiritual Formation happens in many forms for many ages, and is not just limited to formal class settings and preaching. Stewardship is any use of our resources for the greater glory of God and God's people. Missions are what we are doing beyond our own wall, whether it is being present in the community, serving in the community or giving to the community. With each of these areas, we will ask what we are doing, what we are doing well, and what we can do to help us do these things even better.

The reason for doing this exercise is not just because we're told we should, but rather we are doing this to become even better at ministry and ultimately more effectively live out Christ's calling in the world. In the last year, we have started new ministries and expanded existing ministries. These may be exciting things happening, but there is always room for review and improvement. Hopefully, this exercise will help us fine tune our ministry and live into our mission statement that we worked so hard to develop.

This review session will be during the normal August Vestry meeting time on August 12 at 7:00pm. It is open to the whole congregation, not just the Vestry. I want this to be an opportunity for your voice to be heard, so I will not be present. I will write my own review separately. Jan Merkt has

graciously stepped up to facilitate this discussion. She has good experience, both as a CDI (Church Development Institute) trainer, as well as her experience of facilitating a previous parish-discussion.

I know this discussion will be a fruitful experience for our parish. As we are called to ministry in our community and beyond, we should be mindful of continuing to listen for the voice of the Spirit. Where God leads us from here on out will depend on how we see ourselves serving, both now and in the future. As Christ equips the Saints for ministry, we are to be ever aware of where we are and where we are going.

Blessing and Peace,  
Fr. Matthew+



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.



St. Matthew's has adopted a mile stretch of Green Bay Road (Hwy. 31) between 75th Street (Hwy. 50) and 87th Street.

The *Litter Gitters for God* have set the final Highway Cleanup dates for 2014. On Saturdays, July 19 and September 20, meet at WLIP Radio at 8500 Green Bay Road at 8:00 a.m., to make our community a little cleaner. Volunteers should be 11 years old or older and should wear long pants and gloves to pick up trash. *Litter Gitting for God* is a great way to get in some exercise, some sun, and some quality time with friends. Many hands make light work; this volunteer event takes only an hour! Feel free to call David McGrath or Guida Brown at 652-1964 for more information.



Save the date of Sunday, September 7th, for our annual picnic. This year it will be in Library Park following the 10:30 a.m. service. If the weather does not suit an outdoor picnic, we will move it into the Guild Hall.



St. Matthew's VBS will start on Monday, July 21st and run through Friday, July 25th. from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Guild Hall Sunday school room. Hopefully there will be some outdoor activities if the weather cooperates.

Children ages kindergarten through grade six are welcome, and they can bring a friend. Registration packets are on the table at the back of the church or can be obtained from the church office.

## 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!



### All Saints' Walk

The walk is 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.



### Shalom Center Food Pantry

One of our most successful outreach programs was the filling of the big blue baskets for the food pantry. In July we will once again start collecting items for the pantry on a monthly basis. During the month of July we will be asking for donations of spaghetti sauce and pasta. 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 and 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, the service begins, and 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](mailto:guida315@gmail.com).



We need your suggestions! The Stewardship Committee would like to hear from YOU regarding what kinds of activities or events YOU think would be helpful in bringing in new people to St. Matthew's as well as engaging our current congregation with some new events or ideas. Starting Sunday, June 8th to Sunday, July 27, 2014, there will be a *suggestion box* on the table at the back of the church. There will be slips of paper for you to write down your ideas. Remember, stewardship and evangelism are not just the responsibility of the committees or the vestry or the rector. This is OUR church, and we would like to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to current members as well as engage those members of our community who perhaps don't know what this good news stuff is all about or what a great place St. Matthew's Episcopal Church really is! We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your responses.



A *Men's Night* has been set for Thursday, July 17, 6:00 PM at the Fireside Restaurant. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church.



## 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.

Please see attachments:

1. July 2014 Calendar
2. Parish Nurse Article