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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*

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care until 11:45 a.m.
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist and Holy Unction in the Chapel
Saturday	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer in the Chapel

### Wardens

Karen Dubiel, Senior Warden

Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

### Vestry

Linda Bogdala

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## A Pastoral Letter From the Rev. Matthew Buterbaugh

Dear Friends,

This has been a very exciting time for all of us here at St. Matthew's. As I said last month and will say again, I feel incredibly blessed to be here. I cannot express enough my gratitude for the overwhelming hospitality you all have shown my wife and me.

The psalmist tells us in Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever." Similarly, my former bishop would always say, "God is good," and we would all respond, "All the time." Whether we always realize it, we live with so many blessings in our lives. Not all of us are blessed with the same things, but we all have things for which to be grateful.

It is just to have gratitude. God has given us much and we must keep in mind from where our blessings came. It gives credit where credit is due, but it also reminds us that we can do nothing, save for God's help and guidance. It reminds us, while we certainly do occasionally earn things, that ultimately we have what we have because they are gifts. They are not simply given by our own merit, but by grace.

Gratitude is not only just, it is good for us. When we live giving thanks, we live healthier lives. We become happier people, because we form a good habit of recognizing the good that is in our lives.

Most of all gratitude is a spiritual practice. Our Catechism talks about thanksgiving as one of the principal forms of prayer. It says, "Thanks-giving is offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God." (BCP 857) I think about these things that draw us closer to God.

Sometimes we talk about something being a vicious cycle. This is a bit of an "unvicious" cycle. We give thanks for that which draws us closer, and our giving thanks in turn draws us closer. And, so it keeps repeating itself over and over, bringing us ever closer to our Creator who loves us and cares for us, so deeply.

I bring these thoughts to where I am today, because of what God has done for me in my life. Certainly, not every day has been easy. Having just gone through a move, I have seen a few bumps in the road, even recently. Nonetheless, I try not to see my journey as a series of bumps in the road. I don't always succeed at this, but I try. I strive to see the safe arrival and adventures along my journey. It's not always easy, but it is part of the deal. God calls us to sort through it all and look for the blessings we have been given, and then acknowledge His grace.

So, I continue to work to give thanks to God for the abundant grace that I have received, both now and throughout my life. I give thanks for safe arrival and things that have fallen into place so well in the last few weeks. I give thanks to God for the overwhelmingly warm welcome at this church and for the help that I have been given in my move. For all of these things and more, I give thanks. God really is good...all the time.

Blessings & Peace,  
Fr. Matthew+

## Summer Hours - Church & Office

Beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and through the months of June, July, and August the late service on Sunday morning will be held at 10:00 AM. The 7:30 AM service will remain at the same time.

The office will continue to be open on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Fr. Matthew will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for phone contacts and appointments. His schedule may change due to out-of-office meetings or conferences. Fridays he will be available by appointment. Fr. Matthew can be contacted by calling the office (654-8642), his cell phone (732-692-3846), or his home phone (577-5254) and also by using direct email (rector.stmatts@gmail.com).



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet at on Sunday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Judy Ashley's home at 4906 68<sup>th</sup> Street to discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks. (Judy's email address is cmajba@msn.com, and her phone number is (262) 652-0844.)

"When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead *annus mirabilis*, a 'year of wonders.'

Inspired by the true story of Eyam, a village in the rugged hill country of England, **Year of Wonders** is a richly detailed evocation of a singular moment in history. Written with stunning emotional intelligence and introducing "an inspiring heroine" (**The Wall Street Journal**), Brooks blends love and learning, loss and renewal into a spellbinding and unforgettable read." (Amazon)

Please read the book and join the discussion on June 9.



The G2G Guild is sponsoring a **Summertime Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 AM service. Come to the Guild Hall to sample 3 types of ice cream with different toppings, ice cream cones, and more.

All generations are invited to sign up for fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.



V. B. S. Summer Bible Study will be held at St. Matthew's the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to Noon. Children and their friends can be registered by calling the church office at or by picking up a registration form at the back of the church. Pre-registration will end on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. After the 15<sup>th</sup> you may call the church office to see if space is still available. Come join the VBS team for fun and fellowship this summer!



Acolytes will not be listed on the July and August lay ministry schedules. There will be a general review of their duties in late summer and their scheduling will resume in September. Children are invited to serve their church as new members to the acolyte ministry by contacting the church office.

### Flower Gardens

The flowers are being invaded by weeds and grass, so your help is needed! Marsha and Steve have been working in the gardens on the east side of the church and on the west side of Guild Hall in the afternoons, but you can come any time, any day that it is convenient for you. A half hour of your time would be appreciated. Eventually we will need to mulch again. The cost is about \$250.00 plus delivery, so we may need to ask for a very small donation from everyone to help pay for this expense. The free mulch at the city yard waste is only available for residential homeowners.

A belated THANK YOU for all of the gardeners who helped out in the April clean-up!!! Your time and talent was greatly appreciated by Marsha and Steve Krzyzanowski.

## A Note from Fr. Gary Lambert

Friends in Christ:

I was overjoyed by the celebration we shared together on April 22. The opportunity to speak to so many of you before and after our worship will always remain with me. There are so many high points of that day to remember. Most of all I am grateful for the God to whom we belong, in giving us the grace to share the past 19 months together. Thank you so much for the generosity of your hearts and spirits, and I am glad to enter retirement having St. Matthew's as the icing on the cake in my life and ministry as a priest.

Do know that I keep you and your new rector in my prayers. I pray that your new beginnings bring a glorious resurgence in the life of St. Matthew's Church.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Gary+



### A Day Without Poverty

Convoy of Hope, an international organization that does disaster-relief work and poverty-relief events, is putting together "A Day Without Poverty" in Kenosha on Saturday, July 27, 2013. The event will take place in the field near Brass Elementary School and will offer free health services, groceries, clothing, children's shoes, family photos, haircuts, job counseling, a free lunch, and a Kid Zone with children's games and entertainment.

The goal of the event is to give those in poverty a day without troubles and to offer them hope by connecting them with local organizations that help to meet their needs. "A Day Without Poverty" is a community-wide event requiring 750-1,000 volunteers from the community, area churches, and local organizations. In addition to all-purpose volunteers who can help distribute items, provide security, supervise the Kid Zone, help with set-up and clean-up, and other general tasks, they will also need volunteers with special skills such as health care, dental, photography, hairstyling, job counseling, and language translating.

Anyone from St. Matthew's who is interested in being a part of this great event should sign up at the back of church or call the office. A volunteer rally for all Convoy of Hope event volunteers will be held on July 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Journey Church (10700 75<sup>th</sup> Street) where details will be given as to assignments and stations of volunteers.



**Attachments for this issue!**

Parish Nurse Health Information,  
June 2013 Calendar, and Current Budget