



The Mentor *June 2016*

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St. Matthew's Church 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.



Saturdays 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist
Sundays 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (10:00 in June, July & Aug.)
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
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

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From the Rector ...

Dear Friends,
There's an old gospel hymn that goes:

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.*

As we enter the summer months, we will be involved with activities, family events, vacations, and all kinds of other things. Downtown Kenosha will be abuzz with festivals. Both major cities to our north and south will have plenty of draws. Many will spend weekends at cabins or summer homes. Others of you are coming home to Kenosha for the summer.

These are great things to be able to do. We need downtime and a change of pace. We need refreshment and rest. There is a temptation, though, to put our faith life aside when we're away or busy. Our faith life remains important, even when we have many distractions. So, how can we use this time of year and our change of pace to build up our life with God? How can we continue, as the hymn says, to "take time to be holy?"

Prayer

Prayer is always important. You can always do this however you find most comfortable. There are also devotional materials to help guide you. Many of you have used *Day by Day* as a devotional. Things like this are great for summer times. Another great resource for daily prayer that a parishioner of this church pointed me to is Mission St. Clare ([http:// www.missionstclare.com](http://www.missionstclare.com)) They have Morning and Evening Prayer put together in a usable format and made it compatible with a number of technology devices. If your preference is for traditional paper books, check out "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" on page 136 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. You can plug in the daily readings, looking at the Lectionary on page 933. We're currently in Year Two, which will be the readings on the right hand page.

Meditation

One part of our prayer life that we often forget is quiet time. We think of prayer as being the times when we talk to God. However, there are times that we need to sit quietly and listen for God's voice or just sit in God's presence. No words are necessary for prayer. Sometimes, just knowing that God is present and being open to that is enough. Quiet times in nature are ideal for this sort of thing, but sometimes we can get

this in other moments. We can sit in the quiet car on a train or have this time while sitting in your car. We don't even have to carve out extra time for this. We can just use the time we already have.

Worship

Don't let summer activities get in the way of your time with God. Worship always remains an important part of the Christian life. We continue to have all of our regularly scheduled services at St. Matthew's, although the late service is moving to 10:00am for the summer months. If you have a conflict on Sunday morning, remember that we have a service on Saturdays at 5:00pm. If you are out of town, visit another parish. It's fun to see how other churches worship. There's a listing here: [http:// www.episcopalchurch.org/find-a-church](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/find-a-church) If you're unable to get to a church, a priest friend of mine in England does an online church, where you can download the service (<http://saintlaika.com>). If nothing else, you can always say Morning Prayer. Rite I is on page 37 and Rite II is on page 75 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Sunday readings for Year C are listed on page 911, or can be found at [http:// www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

There are many ways you can maintain a robust spiritual life over the summer. As your schedule changes and you are involved with your various activities, I encourage you to use this time to build your relationship with Christ. In this summertime, with its change of pace, you can still "take time to be holy."

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Matthew

Click Here to Make Your Pledge Today!

As you plan your summer vacation, please remember St. Matthew's and pre-pay your pledge for the time you are away. You can utilize online giving by going to:

<http://stmatthewskenosha.net/give-online/>

Our expenses continue during the summer, and it will be appreciated if the pledge income continues as well.



Memorial Bricks

In the northeast portion of the church property there are two walkways paved with memorial bricks. Here you will find bricks with inscriptions dedicated to loved ones past and present. Purchase a brick as a lasting memorial at the cost of \$150 per brick. Each brick is 4 X 8 and provides 3 lines with 14 characters per line.

Order forms are on the table at the back of the church or contact the office at 262-654-8642. Order now and have your brick(s) installed at a later date this summer.

Summer Worship

As of June 5th the late Sunday service started 1/2 hour earlier at 10:00 a.m. Don't let this time change and our summertime schedules interfere with summertime worship. You have the opportunity to attend the Wednesday morning healing service and eucharist at 9:00 in the chapel, or the Saturday evening service is at 5:00 p.m. in the church. The Saturday evening service is a more contemporary service of scripture, music, and the Holy Eucharist. Beginning June 11th and through August, the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Service will be held in the cool air conditioned lower hall.



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors

On May 22nd a special coffee hour was held following the 10:30 a.m. service to honor our high school graduates. Ryan Hoey, Gavin Lochtefeld, and Steven Rera have completed their senior year of high school. We wish them well as they go forward.

Confirmation

A Service of Regional Confirmation will be held on June 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's in Racine. It will be a Convocation event with all the parishes invited. From St. Matthew's, Geoff Price and Jessica Foutch will be confirmed. Diana Iorio was also received this year on June 5th. Come celebrate Confirmation and Holy Eucharist with Bishop Steven A. Miller and our parishioners at St. Luke's at 614 Main Street, Racine, WI on June 18th.

A Community Garden

Through our Service & Outreach Committee the church is donating the use of land located at 5835 4th Avenue for a raised-bed community garden. The name of the garden is "St. Matthew's Lakefront ElderGarten". Our mission statement explains our objective: "To design and develop a raised-bed community garden in a park-like setting for residents aged 55 and over." The board overseeing the design and implementation of the garden is reaching out to church members with artistic talent to design a logo that will be used on future signage and advertising. The requirements are fairly simple. We are looking for a logo that demonstrates what is in our name and mission statement. The word "vintage" comes to mind since we are serving seniors. The gardeners will mostly grow fruit and vegetables, but some may opt for flowers. In your design, keep in mind the area where the garden is located. The deadline for your entries is July 1, 2016. Entries may be dropped off at the church office. If the artwork can be emailed, please send to holly.stoddard@yahoo.com



ECHO Senior Lunch for July

The next date for our senior lunch falls on July 3rd, but because of all the holiday activities planned on that day the lunch has been moved to July 10th. All seniors around age 60ish are invited to attend this monthly luncheon in the lower Guild Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you are in need of transportation to church and the lunch please contact Guida Brown at 262-652-1964.



The Eucharistic Visitors are now a part of the newly formed Pastoral Care Team. We are committed to bringing communion to all of our shut-ins. Many of our shut-ins are members who, even with the new ride ministry, have a problem getting out to church. Others cannot get out in inclement weather. This team reaches out to them so that they know we at St. Matthew's still care about them. We make these visits about once a month and provide communion along with some social time. It is a well-received ministry. We will also be the ones to lead the healing service each month. If you have any interest in joining this team or you know of someone in need of this ministry, please contact Lynn Heller (262-496-8124) or Fr. Matthew at the office (262-654-8642). Parish Nursing is also a part of this team. Any shut-ins, whether a permanent condition or short term, with any type of illness, injury, or community resource need can be referred to Lynn Heller by calling her at 262-496-8124 or the office. This volunteer team is dedicated to ministering to the mind-body-spirit of our congregation.

Healing Service

We are happy to be expanding the ministry of St. Matthew's to provide healing prayers and anointing on the second Sunday of the Month at the 7:30 a.m. and the 10:00 (or 10:30) a.m. services. Everyone is welcome.

We will be doing this in the chapel just after you receive communion on those Sundays. If you are unable to come to church or someone you know is in need of this service, please contact the office and a member of the Pastoral Care team will get in touch with them.



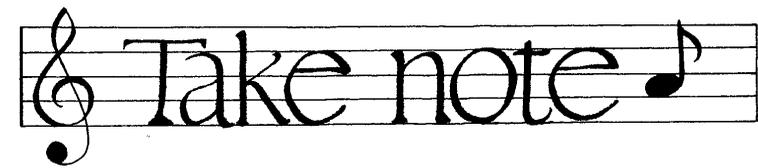
This ministry is made up of anyone in the congregation (or outside the congregation) who can crochet, knit or sew with no meeting to attend. They make shawls or lap blankets for anyone with a need. Sometimes this is a celebratory need and other times it is for comfort. The shawls/blankets are blessed at a service in February. They are then wrapped and placed in

the back kiosk for anyone in the congregation to take to those in need. Baby blankets are given to every child at the time of baptism. If each person who can donate a shawl/blanket does so, this ministry can continue. Everyone given one of these blessed gifts has been so grateful and feels the love they represent.

A Note from our Senior Warden...

As I have been going through the historical information for the church, I am reminded of the circle of life. From the men who went out into the woods in 1840 to cut the timber for the first church building to the establishment of ECHO to benefit seniors (which St. Matthew's was an integral part of) to the establishment of the elder garden to all the faces I see each Sunday at worship, St. Matthew's has been a part of the circle of life in Kenosha for over 175 years. We are fortunate to have people who are willing to give of their time and talent to help with all the work it takes for the parish to function. As in most organizations, there is a core group that can always be depended on. However, there is always room for more volunteers. There are many areas that the parish could use help with - from serving on vestry, to Altar Guild, to gardening, just to mention a few. Please prayerfully consider what time and talent you have to offer. You can contact the church office for information on volunteering.

- Debi Rengers
Senior Warden



Let this be your year to join the St. Matthew's Church Choir. They meet in the choir room on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for warmup and rehearsals are held after church from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The choir returns on Sunday, September 18th with rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. and then singing in church for the 10:30 service.

Contact Kay Sutton for more information.



Banquet Update

St. Matthew's Church had a full table of representatives at the banquet. We all stood as the parish was welcomed to CUSH. Pastor Tim Berlew of First United Methodist Church (our neighbor on Library Square) received an award for his work with CUSH and on behalf of the Kenosha community. Pastor Berlew has been reassigned to the United Methodist in Wauwatosa. He will be missed.

The banquet program provided an overview of the issues that CUSH advocates for in Kenosha: voter registration, public transit, immigration reform, criminal justice reform and improved student supportive services in public schools.

The banquet, CUSH's largest single fundraiser, was deemed a success at the board meeting following the event. Thanks to everyone from St. Matthew's who supported the event by either purchasing a ticket or contributing to CUSH financially at this time. CUSH provides a voice for those without a voice.

- Deacon Bob



A Note from our Treasurer

Pledged contributions through May totaled \$69,644. This is \$4,859 over the budgeted amount. Plate offerings totaled \$18,395. This is \$475 under the budgeted amount. We are over budget \$4,384 for the first five months for all contributions.

- Rick Stoddard,
Treasurer

FREEZE IT FORWARD

Share love by sharing a meal.

Meals for Parish Emergencies

The Pastoral Care Team would like to start collecting simple meals for parishioners in emergency situations to be given out on a one-time-only basis. For example, at the time of illness, a death, or other circumstance. The meals need to be ones that can be frozen such as soups, chili, or casseroles. Please list the ingredients or attach the recipe in case of food allergies. They will be distributed at the discretion of the Pastoral Care Team. Meals can be dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Current information, service times, and updates can be found on either our webpage (stmatthewskenosha.net) or on our facebook page at (facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurchKenosha).

Take a look and refer others to our sites.

To view our parish calendar go to:

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