



The Mentor

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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.

Worship Schedule

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Saturday	5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Bishop of Milwaukee

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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A Pastoral Letter from Fr. Matthew

Dear Friends,

Summer is here! This is the time of year when everyone's schedule changes. For some, it's time for vacations and for others, it gets busier with summer activities. In the Prayer Book, the prayer "For Quiet Confidence" says, "O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved..." (BCP 832). It is a reminder to me that we find God both in our times of rest and in our times together.

One of the things I love about living here is how alive everything is in the Summer. The farmers' market is one of my favorite places to go. I love how every time I go there, I not only get to support local growers and crafters, but I get to see almost everyone I know. In our wider area, Summer means festivals and travels. There is so much life this time of year, not just in the green plants, birds and bugs, but in the energy everyone has when the weather warms up. I was talking to a friend the other day about how, when we get a warm day after a cold spell, everyone abandons the indoors and is out doing things.

For many of us, in one way or another, Summer goes at a different speed than the rest of the year. In your changes of pace, I encourage you to use your times of rest for prayer and reflection. Use your times of rest to take your mind off the worries and burdens you carry. Jesus reminds us many times in scripture to leave worrying aside and to place your cares on him. This time of a change in pace gives you all kinds of opportunities. You will have opportunities to reconnect with old friends and family members. And, in your travels, you may have opportunities to worship with other faith communities. These all are good ways to expand your faith and keep grounded in this time.

While this may be a time of rest and travel, the work of the Church continues on. You will notice that this issue of *The Mentor* is full of things going on both at St. Matthew's and in the larger Church. At St. Matthew's, we are continuing to develop our small group program and reaching out into our community. In the wider Church, this Summer will be the Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention. There is more information about all of this inside. I encourage you to look over all of it, follow the links if you are receiving this electronically and get to know what all is happening in the Body of Christ.

These are all things we have, not to weigh you down, but as a reminder that the Church is still a living, moving thing. The Church is organic in many ways, always growing and changing. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, and like so many things this time of year, there is continued life.

Let this Summer can be a time of returning and rest. Rest from all that troubles you and return to Christ for refreshment. As the Church takes on new tasks and embarks in new directions, we remember that it is a sign of life. This is the life we have in Christ. This is the life that this time of year reminds us of.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Matthew+

General Convention

Beginning on June 25, Episcopalians from all over the church will gather in Salt Lake City for our church's triennial General Convention. The deputation of the Diocese of Milwaukee has set up a web page for more information on this year's convention <http://www.diomilgc2015.com>. This site has all kinds of information about, not just the business of the convention, but also how General Convention works and information about the Diocese of Milwaukee's deputation.

Many of the resolutions on the floor are routine. Some will pass and some will not. Some of these orders of business will possibly go unnoticed by most of you. Others will have effects on the ground. There are three big things that will likely affect ministry, or at least get attention at the parish level. As with any General Convention, I ask your prayers for the Church and the deputies who are participating in the process.

Presiding Bishop Election

<http://www.generalconvention.org/pbelect>

The Presiding Bishop is the primate (leading bishop) for the Episcopal Church, which is the Province of the Anglican Communion that includes the United States and its territories, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Taiwan, and some congregations in Europe. The Presiding Bishop is the chief pastor, the chairperson of the House of Bishops, the spokesperson for the Episcopal Church and administrator for the Episcopal Church Center.

After nine years in office, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori's term is up and a new Presiding Bishop will be elected. There are currently four candidates: Thomas Breidenthal of Southern Ohio, Michael Curry of North Carolina, Ian Douglass of Connecticut, and Dabney Smith of Southwest Florida.

TREC (Task-force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church)

<http://reimaginetec.org>

At the last General Convention, a task force was formed to examine the structures and functioning of the Episcopal Church as a whole. This group has proposed a series of resolutions for amending the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. The range of proposals will hit every level of the church. Some of these proposed changes may affect the way General Convention is structured and some of these resolutions will have affects directly on how dioceses and congregations do mission. Most of the proposed changes will more directly alter the governance and structure of the church, and not all of these resolutions may pass as proposed. However, it is likely that all of us will see some of the results of this task force's work on the ground, once they take effect.

Marriage Canons

These will be the most noticeable canonical changes. You will probably hear about these in the news and it will directly affect how ministry is done at the parish level. There are a series of proposed canonical and liturgical changes to respond to, not just the changes in the social reality around us, but also the theological work the Church has done over the past several decades.

The one that will get the most attention will be the change in wording in the canons from “man and woman” to “two people”. If passed, this canonical change will effectively make same-sex marriage a reality in the Episcopal Church. It will also put the canons in line with the practice of most dioceses. Of course, this does not mean that anyone will be forced to participate in a marriage that goes against his/her conscience. However, it will give the option to those who have a pastoral need to be met.

Along with this canonical change are a series of proposed supplemental liturgies that may be used alongside, in place of, or in accompaniment to the *Book of Common Prayer* rite. We have several similar rites in *Book of Occasional Services* and the *Enriching Our Worship* series that meet the needs of specific pastoral situations. The proposed liturgies will probably take on a supplementary form, similar to our service for healing or the burial of someone who does not practice the Christian faith. These liturgies will not only be available for use in same-sex marriages, but would also be a resource for options for opposite-sex couples. In fact, as the *BCP* already allows flexibility with this, I have used some of the proposed prayers in weddings of opposite-sex couples in the last year.

Some of the other proposed changes to the marriage canons may not make the news, but will affect future weddings in the Episcopal Church. Most of the other canonical changes will clean up the language, and streamline the process for marriage. While not everyone will notice the changes, if passed, they will make the marriage process much smoother in the Episcopal Church.

How We Will Respond at St. Matthew's

As I do not have a crystal ball and cannot see what will happen at General Convention, we can only be certain of one of two options. The first option is that these, or most of these changes to the marriage canons will pass. If they do, they will take effect on the first Sunday of Advent (November 29). At that point, there may be further pastoral direction from our bishop. The other option is that they are tabled or rejected, which leaves us where we currently are.

Our current diocesan policy regarding same-sex couples is that if a parish has done a study, writes a report to the bishop explaining how they will pastorally respond to those who disagree, and approves with a 2/3 majority of a vestry, they may use a pastoral provision for blessing same-sex couples. This provision is to bless an already civilly married couple, one of whom is active in the parish, with a series of prayers approved by the bishop. You can read about it here: <http://www.diomil.org/contact/news/bishops-response-to-standing-committee-report-on-blessing-of-same-gender-marriages-2014/>

A few months ago, the Vestry of St. Matthew's discussed going through this process; however, knowing about the proposed canonical changes, we wanted to make sure any discussion we have will be worth our time and energy. So, what will happen following General Convention is that there will be a series of discussions and Bible studies around the topic of same-sex relationships and marriage. This series will either be a preparation for the canonical changes, or the beginning of the current process laid out by our bishop. Once we know what direction we are heading, we will inform you of the next steps. Stay tuned!

In the mean time, pray for all those participating in General Convention.

To contact Fr. Matthew after office hours or
for an emergency call 262-515-9883.



Historical Tidbits

- In the spring of 1844, St. Matthew's its first organ was installed.
- In July of 1872, ground was broken for the present church. In November of that year, Lucien Lance was called to be the rector. (He had previously been rector at a church for "colored people" in Charleston, South Carolina.) He was very instrumental in overseeing the construction of the church. The chapel was completed first. Services were held there until the sanctuary could be completed. It wasn't until 1878 that the church was fully occupied.
- A Good Friday offering taken in 1913 was for "a school for negroes in Lawrenceville, Virginia."

Summertime

New summertime schedules sometimes interfere with Sunday worship. There are opportunities during the week to attend services either on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel or Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the church. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at both services. Also, as you plan your summer vacation, please remember St. Matthew's and pre-pay your pledge for the time you are away. Our expenses continue during the summer, and it will be appreciated if the pledge income continues as well.



Couples and individuals are invited to an usher training session on Sunday, July 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the church. This form of lay ministry is a way to give your time and talent to the church. After attending the session you will be put on the schedule for either 7:30 or 10:00 (10:30 in the fall) services on a rotating basis. Please prayerfully consider joining this group.



For our children

St. Matthew's has a few items at the back of the church for the convenience of parents to use during church services. There is a supply of children's bulletins on the back table with coloring pages and information about the Gospel for that Sunday. In the tower area there are toys suitable for toddlers and a comfortable chair so parents can rock sleepy infants. At any time during the service parents are welcome to use what is available.



This coming Fall, we will be launching a Small Group program which has as its purpose, the means by which we can build a sense of community within our parish - a time and place to reflect on our faith and to strengthen relationships. We will be building on the work of past and existing activities, such as the Men's Group, the Women's Book Club, the Soup Kitchen team and others that have brought together parish members.

A core group of seven parishioners has met several times during the past two months to work on a startup plan. One of the objectives of the core group is to prepare a cadre of facilitators. Each small group would have a facilitator; each group would determine its own agenda, topic (for discussion); meeting day and time, etc. The intent is to have groups organized and meeting by mid September 2015.

The summer meetings are open to all. We will meet next on Wednesday, June 24th, in the Guild Hall (north lounge) at 7:00 PM. Your input is needed; we are especially in need of those who would consider serving as a facilitator.

For those who are interested, or just curious, please contact: Franklin Gail, 262-565-0641, or fpgail@gmail.com



The coffee corner is a great space for family and friends to gather for fellowship after Saturday and Sunday services. However, coffee hosts and hostesses are needed to keep this activity going. Sign-up sheets are on the coffee cabinet for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and also 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. There are instructions available for making coffee and tea. You would also be responsible for bringing a quart size container of juice for the kids and a snack for all to enjoy. Please think about becoming a host or hostess for one of the coffee hours.



1st Sunday Lunch Program Please join the Service and Outreach Committee each first Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a free community meal (box lunch) in the Lower Guild Hall. As part of the Senior ECHO Project, anyone aged 60ish or more or those with disabilities are encouraged to share in this meal, but even if you're under 60ish, we'd love to have you attend! Please RSVP by calling Guida at 262-652-1964 or signing up at the back of the church.

Volunteer Drivers Still Needed St. Matthew's is offering FREE rides to church for the elderly and disabled in our parish and other downtown parishes. We will offer FREE rides to our 10:00 a.m. service and others on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteer Driver application forms are in a manilla folder in the back of church.

All drivers need to be registered with KAFASI (Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services). Drivers will be compensated for their services. Parishioners who would like to sign up for the FREE rides can call KAFASI at 658-3508.

Anyone who has any questions about being a driver or getting a ride can also call the parish office at 654-8642 or Dave McGrath at 652-1964.



Outdoor Worship

The Kenosha Civic Day Parade will march past St. Matthew's on Sunday afternoon, June 28th. On this date the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. services will be held outside in the *fish area* on the east side of the church. Plans have been made for an altar and seating. We may even attract a few bystanders to worship with us! Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up and take down for these services. Early risers can sign up to create a seating area for worshipers and those who choose to sleep in can sign up to take down. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church. Please be generous with your time and talent.



Bake Sale

The GLOW Sunday School is looking for volunteers to donate baked items for their 4th Annual Bake Sale on June 28th during the Civic Day Parade. Items can be dropped off on Saturday, June 27th, at the Guild Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or on Sunday, June 28th, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. Please write your name, item(s) being donated and drop-off day of choice.



Monastic Prayer, Modern Practice.

Join us in the church on Thursday, June 25th at 8 p.m. for "No Man is an Island." Enjoy an evening compline service where we will lift our hearts in prayer to the poetry of John Donne along with the ancient liturgy of compline from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This healing service is dedicated to those in need in our community. Michael Brooker will lead the service.



All Saints' Walk with Memorial Bricks

Memorial bricks are located in the east yard of the church. Purchase a brick as a lasting memorial for a loved one, family members, 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 at a later date this summer.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Julia Price's home to discuss *The Jesus Cow* by Michael Perry.

Book Summary: Michael Perry makes his fiction debut with this hilarious and bighearted tale – a comic yet sincere exploration of faith in the face of the modern world. Life is suddenly full of drama for low-key Harley Jackson: A woman in a big red pickup has stolen his bachelor's heart; a Hummer-driving developer hooked on self-improvement audiobooks is threatening to pave the last vestiges of his family farm; and inside his barn lies a calf bearing the image of Jesus Christ. Then the secret gets out – right through the barn door – and Harley's "miracle" goes viral. [...] Harley goes all in, cutting a deal with a major Hollywood agent that transforms his little farm into an international spiritual theme park – think Lourdes, only with cheese curds and souvenir snow globes. Soon, Harley has lots of money...and more trouble than he ever dreamed. All women of the parish are welcome to join the club.



During the month of June we will be collecting *canned soup* for the *Shalom Center Food Pantry*. Bring your donations to church and place them in the blue baskets at the back.



SAVE THE DATE for PIPESCREAMS

St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, October 25th at 5:00 PM

An evening of Halloween music featuring organists from Wisconsin and Illinois plus some musical and dramatic surprises.

The WITCHES' CHORUS is looking for ladies who will sing a three part arrangement of 'For Good' from the musical 'Wicked' and lead the audience singing of the Pumpkin Carols. Get your copy of the music and rehearsal times from Kay after July 4th. Concert dress is all black with witch's hat.

This is a family friendly event open to the Kenosha community. Sometimes serious, sometimes silly, sometimes scary but always appropriate.

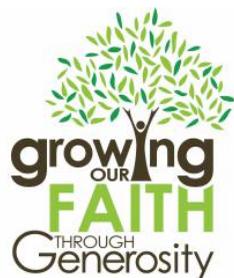


Silent Auction

St. Matthew's will be holding a silent auction during our 175th Anniversary celebration. We are looking for new items to be donated to put together in baskets. We are also interested in obtaining tickets to sporting events, concert or theater tickets or vacation rentals. All of the items donated are tax deductible. Please contact Jamie Cairo at [262-914-0369](tel:262-914-0369) or Jenny McCombe at [262-945-1240](tel:262-945-1240) if you have any questions or items to be donated.



Acolytes If you are looking for a way to get involved in the church and are between the ages of 7 and 18 - look no further - become an acolyte! Watch the Mini Mentor and the Sunday bulletin for upcoming events. This is a great way for the children of the parish to get involved, make new friends and serve God all at the same time. Mark your calendars for upcoming acolyte events set for September 11, 2015, January 8, 2016, and April 15, 2016.



Missions Giving Tithe

In the first six months of 2015 the vestry voted to send a check to the following organizations:

- January - The Hospitality Center (St. Luke's in Racine)
- February - Kenosha Human Development Services
- March - Haiti Project
- April - Congregations United to Serve Humanity (CUSH)
- May - Kenosha Community Sailing Center
- June - Genesis House

Each month the Vestry votes to decide which agency will receive 10% of the amount pledged to the church for 2015. All of the above received a check for \$1,377.50 and their grateful responses were published in the Mini-Mentors.



Welcome to the inaugural “**Newcomer Profile**”. We are pleased to introduce you to the Foutches – Aaron, Jessica and 2 year old Holden. If you see them, please introduce yourself and get to know this wonderful family. We will be featuring other newcomers to St. Matthew’s so watch for them in the next issue of the *Mentor* as well as weekly *Mini-Mentors*. We hope you enjoy getting to know the newcomers to our St. Matthew’s parish family and make them feel welcome. Read on to get acquainted with the Foutches:

How long have you been attending services here? **The Foutches have been attending St. Matthew’s since they moved to Kenosha in October, 2014.**

Are you life-long Episcopalians? If so, what other Episcopal churches have you attended? **Aaron is a life-long Episcopalian, but Jessica is not. They attended St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Stillwater, OK together when they were in college.**

If not a life-long Episcopalian, what is your previous church experience, if any? **Jessica was raised Southern Baptist until she was 10, and then her family began attending a Pentecostal church. That is where she remained until she left home.**

What did you like about St. Matthew’s? **They knew Fr. Matthew from college in Stillwater, OK, so they liked that right away. Aside from that, they have really enjoyed getting to know the other members. They like the friendliness and the community outreach. The sermons are wonderful, and it feels very centering in what can be a chaotic week.**

Was there anything that “turned you off”? **It would be nice if there were more couples their age or with children their son’s age. It can be difficult to keep a 2 year old still and quiet for the duration of the service. It’s also difficult to know where the restroom is if you aren’t familiar with the church.**

What inspired you to attend? **They wanted a church for Holden to grow up in, and when they told Fr. Matthew they were moving for Aaron’s job, he suggested Kenosha and told them about St. Matthew’s.**

What would you want to tell others about St. Matthew's to encourage them to come and explore our parish? It is very welcoming, the people are lovely, the services are beautiful and they do so much for their community.

Tell us a bit about yourself outside St. Matthew's – your jobs, your family, your hobbies.
Aaron is an aerospace engineer for the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), working in Chicago. Jessica has a degree in Health Care Administration but has been a stay-at-home Mom since their son was born. They love to travel, visiting new countries, learning about new cultures and people. They enjoy hiking, going to the theater and museums. Aaron loves board games, puzzles and geocaching. Jessica loves needlepoint, reading and cooking. Holden loves finger-painting, anything to do with water, and all animals.

The Foutch Family



Welcome to St. Matthew's

Summer Service Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:30 a.m. and
10:00 a.m.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 19, 2015

3:00 p.m.

175th Anniversary Celebration
of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Parish Calendar

To view our parish calendar go to: <http://stmatthewskenosha.net/events/calendar/>