



The Mentor

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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
	10:15 AM	Sunday School (1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist and Holy Unction in the Chapel

Wardens

Debi Rengers, Senior Warden
Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

Vestry

Linda Bogdala
Guida Brown
Dawn Christiansen
Don Gosse
Jim Kremers
Jennifer McCombe
Cary Pallin
Michelle Plichta
Ken Specht
Frank Summers

Treasurer

Jon Cushman

Staff

Kay Sutton, Organist/Choir Director
Abigail Wincek, Office Manager
Mary Weiser, Parish Secretary
Jeff Tyree, Facilities Manager
Lynn Heller, RN, Parish Nurse
Franklin Gail, Verger

Nursery Care

Care for toddlers at the 10:30 AM
service is available upon request.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us. While there is still snow on the ground, and certainly there are a few more cold days to come, the days are getting longer and the temperatures are slowly rising. This time of year brings hope and sometimes disappointment. It brings joy and it brings still reminders of the season that is past.

The Old English word *Lenten*, from which we get our word “Lengthen” was the word used for Springtime in the Middle Ages. It referred to the lengthening of the days as the calendar approached the summer solstice. While most of the liturgy until the 1500’s was done in Vulgate Latin, in the Middle Ages the Church found it necessary to have sermons preached in English. As this time of year approached, the liturgical season that came with it, which in Latin was called *Quadragesima* (40 days), began to be referred to by the word for Springtime. This was later shortened from “Lenten” to simply “Lent”.

The timing of the season of Lent always seems like an odd juxtaposition. It comes just at the time when everything is starting to look up, but the Church is telling us, “Not so fast! Now is time to do a little soul searching.” Just when you think it’s OK to celebrate, the reins get pulled back a little and we have to slow down.

It may initially seem strange to have the Church’s most solemn time of year in the spring, but there may be some wisdom in it. Years ago, I remember a seminary colleague of mine, who was previously a clinical psychologist, giving a sermon in which she explained that spring is not always what it’s cracked up to be. It turns out that rates of depression are highest this time of year. Often what happens is that people are so hopeful because of the promise of moderate temperatures and longer days, that they put too much stock into things going their way in the spring. Then, when life doesn’t happen the way they had hoped, there is disappointment. While sunny days become more common, so do violent storms.

Perhaps the Church is wise to tell us to slow down this time of year and look inward. Maybe the Church Mothers and Fathers were more savvy than we give them credit for. The things we expect from Spring - renewal, life, refreshment, warmth - are things that do come with Easter. But Easter cannot exist without Lent. We cannot achieve what we hope for until we truly understand more about what we need. And, we cannot understand what we need until we come to know ourselves more fully.

The wisdom of Lent is that it reminds us that with hope, we must maintain realism, and with renewal, we must be willing to let go of things. When we take on a discipline, we do so not just

because we’re expected to, but because it helps us more fully understand ourselves and our relationship with God. This is not to be a time without joy, instead, it should be a time when we understand what joy is and we learn to appreciate it. This is a time that we are reminded not to jump in at the deep end, but temper ourselves and learn where the deep and shallow ends truly lie. We do this, not because we want to deprive ourselves meaninglessly, but because doing so makes us better people and teaches us to experience a much richer joy in the end.

May this Lent be, for you, a time of understanding, so that you may more fully know the risen Christ.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



The Ridiculously Awesome 2014 Spring Acolyte Festival!

All of our very own awesome acolytes (and anyone wishing to become one) are invited to attend this gathering on Saturday, April 5th, from 10am – 4pm at Grace Church in Madison, WI. The day includes sessions for children, youth, and adults. Registration cost is \$25 which includes a t-shirt, lunch, and a photo-op with Bucky Badger. Full scholarships are available by contacting Fr. Matthew at the church office.

Please let the office know if acolytes are planning to attend so transportation can be arranged.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday occurs the first Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. This year St. Matthew’s will hold a pancake supper in the Guild Hall on Tuesday, March 4th, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be pancakes, beverages, and lots of fun and fellowship. Volunteers, both youth and adults, are needed to make pancakes, serve, and clean up. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church for volunteers and for those wishing to attend.

Ash WEDNESDAY

Services on March 5, 2014

Holy Eucharist at

**9:00 AM in the chapel
and
7:00 PM in the church**

with Imposition of Ashes at both services

Ashes to Go

Following the 9:00 AM service on Ash Wednesday, Fr. Matthew will be located on the east side of the church offering the imposition of ashes to the general public. On this first day of the Church season of Lent we call all Christians to a time of 40 days of penitence and fasting in observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

Safeguarding God's People Spring 2014

This is a national program that helps in the education and training for preventing and responding to sexual harassment and exploitation in the church and ministries. It is geared to clergy, church staff, vestry members, and congregation members who are responsible for ministries with adults.

The training provides a basic understanding of the dynamics of harassment and exploitation, how to recognize signs that an adult may have been abused, and what to do if you have concerns about a person's behavior toward another adult. For registration information go to the Diocesan website at www.diomil.org or call the church office at 654-8642.

Chili/Pizza/Game Night a Success!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the event on Saturday, February 8th. Not even another significant snowfall could keep almost 40 folks from attending, and we didn't run out of food! Beef, turkey and veggie chili warmed the tummies, kids loved the pizza, and everyone loved the appetizers and desserts! It is safe to say, a good time was had by all.

There were rousing games of Gin Rummy (see photo of Ollie Christiansen, Kirsten and Paul McVey) Apples to Apples, Clue, Left-Right-Center, CandyLand, and the Memory Game (see photo of Lynn Heller, Stacy and Miyanna Travis. Ken Specht, you can play the next game!)

Many thanks to all who brought soda, desserts or friends and to Dawn and Abbie Christiansen, Kirsten McVey, Pat Christiansen, John Rugg, Mary and Tony Weiser, Franklin Gail, Julia Price, Jim Kremers, and Jen Zaph for all they did to make this night a success. Proof of the good time had by all is in the pictures below!



Oliver Christiansen
Kirsten McVey
Paul McVey



Miyanna Travis
Stacy Travis
Lynn Heller
Ken Specht

Watch for information on our next event - **St. Matthew's Open House and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 10, 2014.**

Organ and Flute Recital Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 3:00 PM in St. Matthew's Church

International performing artists, Jaroslaw Malanowicz and Joann Turska will perform a joint recital for organ and flute on Sunday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. Jaroslaw Malanowicz was born and educated in Poland. He has performed throughout Europe, Japan and the Philippines and won prizes for international organ competitions in Budapest, Toledo and Rome. He currently works at the Fryderyk Chopin University in Warsaw.

Joanna Turska has performed extensively throughout Europe and was the first prize winner at the International Competition "Premio Ancona" in Italy. In Chicago, Ms. Turska has performed with Music of the Baroque, Chicago Baroque Ensemble, Chicago Chamber Orchestra and was featured on the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series. She teaches flute at the College of Lake County, Illinois.

A reception in the church will follow the recital. There is free admission, but a freewill offering will be accepted.



HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 13th seems like a long way off, but it is the beginning of Holy Week and hopefully warm weather will bring us a chance to be outdoors. On this Palm Sunday Fr. Buterbaugh and Pastor Berlew of the First United Methodist Church have planned a joint service for the blessing of the palms. The two congregations will gather at 10:15 AM in Library Park (on the west side of the Library) for a service of blessing of the palms. We will go to our respective churches for our Palm Sunday services.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th:
Holy Eucharist at 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 18th:
12 Noon Service

Holy Saturday, April 19th:
Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

All services will be held in the church.

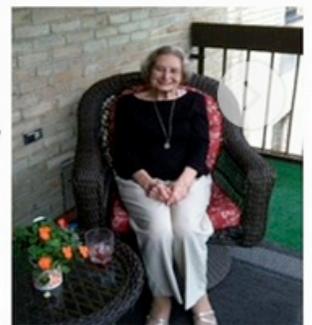
**THE DEKOVEN CENTER LENTEN SILENT RETREAT
MARCH 11-13, 2014**

**THE REV. MATTHEW BUTERBAUGH, LITURGIST AND PRESENTER
CANON KATHERINE CLARK, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**



BRACKETED BY THE DAILY OFFICES, FATHER MATTHEW WILL LEAD US ON A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE MAJOR FEAST DAYS OF LENT; ASH WEDNESDAY, PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, AND GOOD FRIDAY USING THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AS OUR GUIDE. FATHER BUTERBAUGH IS RECTOR AT ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, KENOSHA.

KITTY RETURNS TO DEKOVEN TO HELP US PREPARE FOR LENT AND THE RESURRECTION. SHE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION DURING THE RETREAT.



RETREAT BEGINS TUESDAY AT 10 AM WITH A MEDITATION FROM FATHER TRAVIS DUPRIEST ON THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER; FOLLOWED BY EUCHARIST, LUNCH AND THE BEGINNING OF SILENCE. SILENCE ENDS AT BRUNCH ON THURSDAY.

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$200 FOR THE RETREAT.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT HANNAH KIND AT 262, 633-6401 EXT. 106 OR EMAIL [HKIND@DEKOVENTCENTER.ORG](mailto:hkind@dekoventcenter.org)

Attached is the March Calendar!