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### *Staff*

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Carly Jepson, Nursery

### *The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

The Rt. Rev. Steven A Miller,

Bishop of Milwaukee

### *St. Matthew's Church*

### *Worship Schedule*

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Nursery Care to 1:00 PM
	10:00 AM	Sunday School on First and Fourth Sundays
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	10:00 AM	Bible Study in The Guild Hall

### Wardens

Karen Dubiel, Senior Warden

Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

### Vestry

Linda Bogdala

Walter Breach

Guida Brown

Dawn Christiansen

Cary Pallin

Michelle Plichta

Ken Specht

Frank Summers

Elisabeth Westphal

### Treasurer

Jon Cushman

## A Pastoral Letter from The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Dear Friends,

I cannot say enough how blessed I feel to be called as your new rector. I am very excited to begin my ministry at St. Matthew's. You have such a great church in a wonderful city. My wife Kristen and I have already had such a warm welcome from those I have met. I am overwhelmed by the help and hospitality we have been given. You all have shown yourselves to be an open and caring community. And, that is just what I know from a small few of you. I look forward to meeting the many of you who are the St. Matthew's community.

I write this as I am very much in the middle of a transition. I am sitting in a nearly empty house, with my furniture on its way to my new home in Kenosha. This morning the movers came and loaded up the truck and drove off on their way west. Now, I am making sure that all the details are done. I am double checking all my lists, hoping that there is nothing I have forgotten. These are the things that must be done in a transition. However, they do not speak to the whole of a transition.

Transitions are an interesting time - not just for clergy, but certainly for all of you too. Transitions represent something new and unknown. They represent something that can even be a little scary. I am sure many of you are asking, who is this new guy? What will our ministry be like together? How bad are his jokes? Getting to know one another is a new and exciting process, but is also one that can make us a bit anxious. We want to make the best impression and really hope the other one likes us.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own." This is where I am reminded to put aside my worries about all this. I see this time of getting to know one another as an adventure. I know enough about St. Matthew's to know that God is calling me there. The rest will be a fun learning process as I get to try and remember all of your names and who you are. It will be a process of finding out whose kids play which sports and who volunteers where. It will be a time when I get to find out who the people are that make up this faith community. This is where I put aside all anxiety and I just trust in God's guidance.

Trusting in God's guidance is a lifelong process. We trust that God knows what is right, and we trust that God will make all things go well. We can also trust that God will make what God will make happen in His time and in His way. I can not say that I have mastered this process. Sometimes I am quite bad at it! Nonetheless, like everyone who follows Christ, I am learning and I keep trying.

So, we have no idea what the future will bring, but we do know some things. We know that there will be laughter shared. We know that there will be tears shed together. We know that there will be coffee hour. We know that there will be joy and prayer and singing. We know this because these are signs of the presence of God. We know that God will be among us as we grow in friendship.

This is what makes God's ways so wonderful. We never quite know what God is up to, but we know that whatever it is that God is doing, it will be amazing. We have no idea what the next many years at St. Matthew's will bring, but we know that God is up to something and whatever God does is good.

This is what excites me. I am excited to see what God will be up to at St. Matthew's. I am excited to see how I will continue to grow in my own faith, and I am excited to walk with you as you grow in your faith. Let's get ready for this new adventure.

Blessings & Peace,  
Fr. Matthew+

## Welcome Fr. Matthew and Kristen

On Sunday, May 19th, we will welcome Father Matthew and Kristen on their first Sunday at St. Matthew's with two celebrations. Join us for one or both of these opportunities to meet and greet our new rector and his wife. If you have any questions contact the church office, Linda Bogdala, or Jenny Cobb.

### COFFEE HOUR 8:30 AM

Between services at 8:30 AM there will be a "Coffee Hour" in the back of the church. The 7:30 parishioners are asked to bring goodies to share (only if you are able - there will be plenty).

### POT LUCK LUNCHEON 11:30 AM

As soon as the second service is over there will be a pot luck luncheon in the Guild Hall. Parishioners from the 10:30 service are asked to bring a dish to pass.

### SIGN UP SHEETS

Sign up sheets for both events are at the back of the church, or you can call the church office weekdays at 654-8642.

## G2G Guild

The G2G Guild will be doing various summer events this year so if you would like to join contact Dawn Christiansen. Your help and participation are needed to make these events enjoyable for all. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.



On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the G2G Guild is hosting a **Summertime Ice Cream Social** in the Great Hall following the 10:30 AM service. There will be three types of ice cream, toppings, ice cream cones and more. All generations are invited for fun and fellowship. Watch for the sign up sheet at the back of the church!



Until this period of transition comes to a close and Fr. Matthew is present, someone is always available to administer pastoral care for parish members.

**Hospital Calls:** Parish Nurse, Lynn Heller, is available for hospital visitation when the church is notified. State and Federal confidentiality laws make it impossible for the office to know whether one has been hospitalized. Please call the office to let us know if you or a loved one is in need of prayer, anointing with holy oil, or pastoral care. We would need to know the name of the patient, hospital and room number.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors:** Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors visit shut-ins regularly. If you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office at 262-654-8642.

**Emergencies:** In the event of a pastoral care emergency you may reach the parish nurse through the parish office at 262-654-8642 or directly at 262-496-812.

**Prayer Requests:** If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, please call the office at 262-654-8642 with your request.

Contact the parish office at 654-8642 with your requests or concerns. All information will remain confidential.



## Little Lamb Nursery and Sunday School

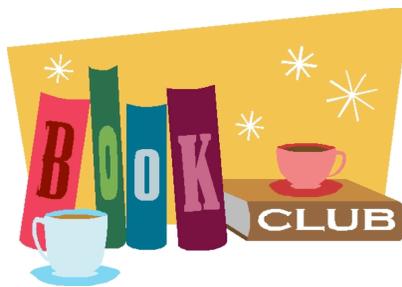
Parents, this school year has been wonderful, and it has truly been a pleasure to have your children in our nursery and Sunday school. To watch them learn and grow in Christ has been a great experience for children, teachers, and volunteers alike. We hope your children have enjoyed their time here this year, as well.  
Sincerely, Dawn Christiansen.

Little Lamb Nursery will be available through the summer from 9:45 - 11:45 AM every Sunday.  
We thank Carly Jepson for her dedication to our children.

Sunday school's last day for this school year is May 5. We look forward to seeing your children next fall when our Sunday school will start up again.

### New This Summer - Children's Bible Study Week!

Summer Bible study will be offered this summer beginning Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Class will meet in the Guild Hall from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.  
Plan to register children before class on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Adelle Wheeler's home to discuss *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Alexander McCall Smith introduces us to a new female sleuth, Isabel Dalhousie, to tackle murder, mayhem – and the mysteries of life. As her hero WH Auden maintained, classic detective fiction stems from a desire for an uncorrupted Eden which the detective, as an agent of God, can return to us. But then Isabel, being a philosopher, has a thing or two to say about God as well.

Please read the book and join the discussion on May 5.



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### Parish Nurse Health Information