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May 2014

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

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist and
Holy Unction in the
Chapel

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

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As Episcopalians, we believe in ministry. Any of you who have spent some time around me have probably heard my spiel on this, because it is a really important part of who we are as a Church. The word "minister" comes from the Latin "Ministere", which means "To serve". One of the mistakes we make in the Church is to assume that the ministers are the folks like me who wear a plastic collar. Ministry is really much bigger than that. Ministry is any time anyone serves in the name of Christ. So, you are the ministers of the Church. By virtue of your baptism, each one of you has a calling to serve Christ and others in the name of your faith.

We are nearing the end of our Confirmation Class. I should probably say that only three in the class are actually being confirmed. The others are either joining the Episcopal Church, or renewing their baptismal vows before the bishop. The big celebration will be on June 28th at 3:00pm here at St. Matthew's, when we will be joined by other congregations in the area for a service of baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation all in one. This is truly a celebration of ministry! It is a celebration of all of our ministries, not just those who are going through a sacramental act.

This will be, though, a very special day for those who are standing at the front of the church before the bishop. And they are still in preparation for that day. You have seen them now stand twice at the front of the church to be presented for the sacrament that they will receive. What you have not seen is that these eight candidates have been meeting weekly and learning about the various aspects of the Church. They have been studying Scripture, Theology, History, The Anglican Communion, and Liturgy. They have been working hard over the last five months as we go through all these things.

There is one additional task that I have all these folks do. At the end of the process before the big service, I have everyone present a Ministry Plan. This is to articulate what is their ministry. We all have a ministry. It's part of being a Christian. It's what the Church teaches. So, what is it? They will be presenting over the next couple weeks, and I always am impressed what people talk about. Discerning and finding one's own ministry is a very special gift. It is something that is valuable for everyone to do from time to time.

So, for those of you who are reading this, I ask you the same question: What is your ministry? As a baptized Christian you have one. Most of us don't ever really think about it. How do you serve God and God's Church? There are plenty of ways people serve, both in and out of the Church. St. Paul tells us: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the

knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-13). If we were to put this into a contemporary context, we might say, "Some are acolytes, some serve communion, some are on the Vestry, some set up and some clean up..." There are lots of things that you do. There are lots of things that you do that are not in the church, but are still serving Christ in the world.

The question and challenge I have for you who are reading this is to think about in what ways you serve Christ. Do you serve Christ in the Church? Do you serve Christ out of the Church? How can the Church support you in your ministry. While the roles may have changed since St. Paul's day, we are still here to "build up the body of Christ", and support one another.

In the next month, I will also be asking for help with various ministries in the church. We will be trying to call new Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. We will be open to having new readers and Altar Guild members. Part of the reason for asking is that we need people to do these tasks. The Church cannot function without them, and we are running short of people in various roles. The other part is to help you to find a way that we can support you in your endeavor to serve Christ and the Church. We want to help you find and build up a ministry of your own.

In the next couple months, as we approach this "celebration of ministry" with the bishop and candidates for various sacraments, let us all pray about how we can serve God and the Church as well. As we put out a call for people to fill roles, pray to see if that role is right for you. As you live your daily life, pray and see where God is calling you to serve in the world. You are a minister of the Church. What does your ministry look like?

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



Communion is available to all members of our parish family. If for any reason you are homebound, one of the Eucharistic Ministers would be happy to bring you communion at home. Call the church and make arrangements for someone to make a home visit. Just because you can't get to church does not mean the church cannot come to you. The church phone number is 654-8642.

Plant the seeds... share the JOY!



** Planting the seeds
of discipleship*

** Nurturing the growth
of His mission*

** Sharing the joy
of abundance*

The 2014 budget presented at the annual meeting placed \$14,820 for the year as a tithe that is designated to go to outreach from the money not spent on health insurance for Father Matthew. This would be \$1,235 on a monthly basis. Each month the vestry is designating one twelfth (1/12) of the outreach budget to be given to a specific cause or non-profit, charitable organization (proposed by parish members and voted on by the vestry) *within the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Milwaukee, or within Kenosha County.*

Parishioners who would like to suggest future recipients that fall within the guidelines can find forms on the table at the back of the church. They can be dropped in the offering plate or contact the office at 262-654-8642 with your information.



Time for spring clean-up in the east garden and Guild Hall areas. Plan to meet me, Marsha Krzyzanowski, Saturdays May 3rd and May 10th. Bring your rakes, pruners, shovels, bags, and containers. I will be digging up plants and giving them away. If you are unable to make these dates, feel free to take 15-20 minutes and fill up 1 bag of leaves whenever you can. Every bit helps. Many hands make less work for everyone!

Hope to see you in the gardens! Also, anyone who is interested in taking over the care of the gardens when Steve and I move this October, please contact me at mkrzyz@wi.rr.com or 262-652-6045.



G4 Youth Group

The girls will lend helping hands to the May 10th Open House in the church. They have also made bookmarks and inserted them into all the Sunday bulletins. These bookmarks are for all to enjoy. Their next meeting is Sunday, June 8th in the Guild Hall at 2:00 p.m.

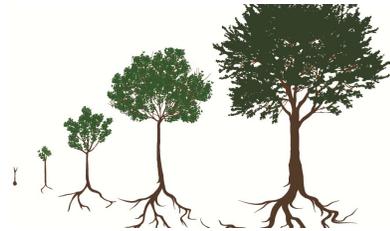


Spring Sunday School's last day will be Sunday May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Guild Hall. Please have your children bring a wallet-size picture of themselves for a project.



IT'S VBS TIME!

Registration for VBS 2014 begins this Sunday, May 4th! If you would like to have your children attend the 2014 session it will be running Monday, June 16th through Friday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please check the yellow folder coming home from Sunday School as this will have all the information and registration forms for VBS. Registration forms can be turned in to the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or given to Dawn Christiansen on Sundays.



Evangelism Committee

Open House & Bake Sale May 10th

The Evangelism Committee has scheduled an Open House/Bake & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10:00am-1:00pm in the church. This is also Kenosha's 2nd Saturday, and we're hoping that we'll have a few folks stop by to pick up some nice goodies for Mother's Day, enjoy our beautiful church and organ, and have a cup of coffee. To entice some of our local college students, we've offered a free cupcake to any Carthage, Parkside or Gateway student who shows us their school I.D.

That's where you come in. We hope you can attend (bring a friend) and also make something (cookies, cakes, breads, cupcakes or that one dessert that you are so proud of) for the bake sale. You can either drop them off at the church office on Friday, May 9th before noon or at the church by 9:00am on Saturday the 10th. Please mark the name of your item(s) and if they contain nuts or are gluten-free.

If you have already signed up, THANK YOU! And thank you for your valuable ministry to St. Matthew's.



Formation of Parish Committees

2014 parish committees have been organized and chairs have been selected. Many of these committees are in need of members. If you would like to be a part of one of these committees, please contact the corresponding committee chair.

- Evangelism & Stewardship: Linda Bogdala
- Music & Worship: Cary Pallin
- Service & Outreach: Guida Brown
- Buildings & Grounds: Jamie Cairo
- Hospitality: Dawn Christiansen
- Finance: Jon Cushman
- Christian Formation: Dawn Christiansen

Book Club Reminder

St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Nancy Barasch's home to discuss *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.



Vision Statement of St. Matthew's Church

The vestry of St. Matthew's is developing a vision statement for the parish and would like your input. Please read the two versions of the statement (below) that have been proposed thus far:

“The vision of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is to be 1. a spiritual presence in downtown Kenosha, 2. rooted in the Episcopal tradition, and 3. interwoven with stewardship of the greater community.”

The most recent draft states: “St. Matthew's is 1. an Episcopal church community that 2. shares the love of Christ through worship, service, and prayer and 3. puts faith into action in the greater community.”

If you would like to modify any of these three points, write your suggestions and send them to the church office or find a form on the table at the back of church and place it in the offering plate.