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Worship Schedule

Sunday	7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Adult Study Class
	10:00 AM	Nursery Care
	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
	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Guild Hall

The Mentor

November 2013

*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*

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Walter Breach

Guida Brown

Dawn Christiansen

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Pastoral Letter

Installation of The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh as the Twenty-fifth Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Dear Friends,

October 26, 2013

We are in an in-between time at St. Matthew's. We launched our fall programs, celebrated ministry in this parish, have gotten through the Stewardship Season, and now we wait. In the life of the Church, we are waiting for Christmas and the lead-up to it. In a way, this is like our Advent.

Advent, which will be starting on December 1st this year is a time of anticipation. While it is a holy time for Christians, it is a time that is largely ignored by society. We live in a culture that does not do well with waiting. Our society has a habit of beginning Christmas with Thanksgiving, and then ending Christmas as soon as it begins. This leaves no time for anticipation and by the time we get to the celebration, we're too exhausted to celebrate.

Now, I recognize the irony of spending time talking about waiting for a time of anticipation a full month before it is even beginning. But, this is where I come back to say that we're in a time of anticipation for our parish. This is a time when we remember what has happened and we can see something on the horizon, but we're just not there yet.

This is also a time that it is even more necessary to live in the present. John Lennon is quoted as having said: "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making plans." It's good to remember that right now is just as important as the past and the future. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

So, what are we supposed to do for today? We've celebrated ministry, done all these other things, and now we're waiting for the next thing. This is exactly the time to be thinking about today. Tomorrow there will be something coming and yesterday is gone. But, today there are people at the Shalom Center to be fed; there are friends who need prayer; and there are plenty of opportunities to refresh ourselves and others with the sacraments. Yesterday and tomorrow are distractions.

As we gear up for the next thing, let us not forget what we are doing right now. As we remember those commissioned for various ministries, let us not forget that those ministries are going on. We are not actually living in a time of anticipation. We are just living in a time with God and with each other.

Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Matthew+



Traditional gifts presented by the Bishop and members of the parish.



Fr. Matthew and Kristen



The Very Rev. Gary R. Hall,
Dean of the National Cathedral
in Washington DC

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller,
Bishop of Milwaukee

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh,
Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Thank You

No matter the language, I want to say a big “Thank you” to all who helped make both Fr. Matthew’s Celebration of New Ministry on October 26th and the 2014 Commitment Sunday festivities on November 3rd the successes they were.

First and foremost, your Transition Team members: Jenny Cobb, Rachel Lochtefeld, Pamela Spoto and David McGrath. These individuals have been great to work with from saying good-bye to Fr. Braun, welcoming and saying good-bye to Fr. Gary, and welcoming Fr. Matthew. Wow – we did a lot of “hellos” and “good-byes” during the past three years. With all those hellos and good-byes came lots of food. If nothing else, Episcopalians know how to throw a party! There were many hands that prepared, served and cleaned up, with the Hospitality Committee being ably headed up by B.J. VanKammen and then Dawn Christiansen. Thank you to our Sunday Stewardship speakers: Walt Breach, Jenny McCombe, David McGrath, and Ken Specht. I won’t list all of the wonderful parishioners who helped out for fear of forgetting someone but please know that these times of celebration would not have been possible without your help! From making food to serving in the kitchen to making phone calls and anything else that needed doing, you were there. Thank you, St. Matthew’s parishioners.

Our vestry members also deserve a round of applause for their help and support throughout this time. Karen Dubiel and Jamie Cairo were always there when we needed a question answered or another person to bounce an idea off. Thank you for your dedicated service to St. Matthew’s. The help and guidance of Walt Breach as the Stewardship Co-Chair was invaluable to the success of this year’s campaign.

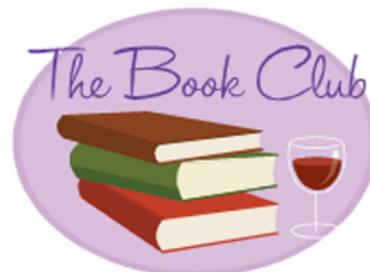
Thanks go out as well to Carly Jepson, Nursery Coordinator, and Jeff Tyree, Facilities Manager. For caring for the “little people” and making sure our buildings and grounds looked ship shape – thank you both.

For me, the last (but by no means the least) individuals who deserve a huge “*Thank You*” are the office staff of St. Matthew’s – Franklin Gail, Mary Weiser and Abigail Wincek. During the preparation for both of these events, they were being constantly bombarded by yours truly with questions, questions, questions. They were always ready, willing and able to answer our questions and get us the information we needed.

St. Matthew’s has so many hard-working and dedicated parishioners. It is truly a blessing to belong to such a great parish family.

Thank you and may God bless us as we continue to do God’s work in this place.

Linda Bogdala



St. Matthew’s Women’s Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Guida Brown’s home to discuss *A Patchwork Planet* by Anne Tyler. Barnaby Gaitlin is a lovable loser trying to get his life in order. He’d been in trouble since adolescence, but for eleven years now, he’s been working steadily for Rent-a-Back, renting his back to old folks and shut-ins who can’t move their own porch furniture or bring the Christmas tree down from the attic. At last, his life seems to be on an even keel.

Still, the Gaitlins (of “old” Baltimore) can’t forget the price they paid for buying off Barnaby’s former victims. And his ex-wife would just as soon he never showed up to visit their little girl, Opal. Even the nice, steady woman (his guardian angel?) who seems to have designs on him doesn’t fully trust him, it develops, when the chips are down, and it looks as though his world may fall apart again. (from Ballantine Reader’s Circle)

Please read the book and join the discussion on November 10th.



All children and adults of the parish are invited to join the fun and fellowship of working on and presenting this year’s “*Christmas Pageant*.” Rachel Lochtefeld is writing and directing the pageant to be performed on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2013. There will be parts for both children and adults with sign-up sheets at the back of the church and also in the Sunday School room.

A schedule for rehearsals will be published in the Sunday bulletins.



All children of the parish are welcome to join the “*Children’s Choir.*” The choir is directed by Kay Sutton and she rehearses with them on the first and third Sundays of the month after the 10:30 AM service. They will be singing at the 10:30 service on November 3rd and also rehearsing after church that day.



Loom Bracelets for a Cause

The G4 Youth Group is making Loom Bracelets for a Cause to help the Dream Playground Project of Kenosha. They will be sold for \$1.00 each starting November 3rd and throughout December. For those interested in purchasing the bracelets there will be order forms at the back of church. Order forms should be filled out and placed in the box marked *Loom Bracelet Orders* in back of church, along with cash or checks made out to K.A.C. All orders will be filled the Sunday after the order was placed.



November

November 3rd: Pledge Sunday - a time to renew your annual pledge to the Operating and Heritage Funds.

If you find you were unable to attend one of the Sunday services on November 3rd, contact the church office at 654-8642. Staff will be happy to mail your cards or one of the campaign committee members could arrange a home visit.

November 10th: Adult Study class at 9:00 AM
 Sending out of Eucharistic Ministers at 7:30 and 10:30 services.
 Diana Iorio String Recital 3:00 PM
 Women’s Book club at 6:00 PM



2nd Annual Keeping Kenosha Cozy & Warm Mitten and Scarf Drive

St. Matthew’s Sunday School, G4 Youth Group, and Little Lamb Nursery are sponsoring this drive to collect gently used, new, or handmade mittens and scarves. There will be a holiday gift box at the back of the church for your donations. Start bringing your items on November 3rd and the drive will end on Sunday, November 24th.

All donations will go to the following organizations:

- * The Shalom Center
- * Margaret Ann’s Place
- * The KHDS Kare Center

Please help the youth of our parish as they try to make a contribution to the Kenosha community.

Highlights

November 12th: Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM

November 17th: Adult Study Class 9:00 AM
 Sunday School at 10:15 AM
 4G Youth Group Meeting 2:00 PM
 Soup Kitchen at 3:30 PM

November 24th: Tea Luncheon 11:30 AM
 (sponsored by the G2G Guild)

November 28th: Happy Thanksgiving Day
 (no church service scheduled)

December 1st: Kenosha Chamber Choir Concert
 2:30 PM in the church