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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
	10:00 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

### 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

## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

On October 26th at 3:00pm, we will have what is called "A Celebration of New Ministry". Many refer to it as my Installation as the 25th rector of this parish. My installation as rector is part of this event, but it is not the sum total of what we will be doing at the end of the month.

I see this event as marking more than just my coming to this parish. I see this event as marking a renewal of ministry at St. Matthew's. This is a ministry that is not just mine, but a ministry that belongs to all of you as well. You have likely already heard me say, and will hear me say many more times, that ministry is not just something for those of us who wear a collar. Ministry is something that is for all baptized Christians. When any person serves God in any way, that person does ministry. This means that ministry is something that you do, and something that the person sitting in the pew in front of you does. My hope is that the event that takes place on October 26 will be a way that we can all celebrate our own ministries.

Celebrating ministry can take many forms, though. It is not just in the context of the liturgy. This also is the time of year that we talk about stewardship and budgeting. I have been talking to the folks on the Stewardship Committee, who are doing a marvelous job planning for this year's stewardship season. Also, I have been talking with the finance committee and staff about how we as a parish rightly use the resources that God has given us. I see a few years of prayer and discernment ahead, thinking about what our budget says about who we are.

On the surface, this may not seem like the most interesting part of ministry. To be honest, many shy away from the topic, altogether. And, that really is unfortunate, because it is a gift, like so many others God has given us. Jesus reminds that "Where your money is, there your heart is also." The way we care for the resources given to us says a lot about how we view our own ministries in the world. Money itself is not a bad thing. It is like any other gift God has given us. It is its use that makes a difference.

As a Christian, not just a priest, but someone who follows Christ like all of us do, I have made it a personal spiritual practice to give a tithe - that is 10% of everything that comes into my household budget goes back to God. This is something that I have done for as long as I can remember. When I give, I think about the wonderful ministry that all of you do. I think about how many of you give your time to work with young people, to take care of the buildings and grounds, to run the business of the church, and to care for the needy of our community. These

are all ministries that I am honored to support, because I know that each of you give a piece of yourselves to do these ministries. And, I know it does greater good for the world when you do them.

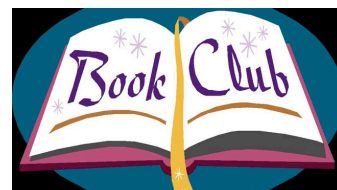
There are many ways I want to celebrate your ministries. I have no shame about recognizing the good that you do. I want to make sure that you are thanked and appreciated for all that you do. When you need help and when I can, I want to roll up my sleeves and work beside you. I also want to make sure that what you do can continue, and so I recognize that to celebrate your ministry, I need to support it. What you do is important and it makes a world of difference. I hope that in any little way that I can, I can celebrate your ministry.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



### The G2G Guild

The G2G Guild was formed to bring two generations of the church together to serve God, the church and the community, and to give support to the youth programs at St. Matthew's. There are no monthly meetings, however your help with various projects and events is needed. If you are interested in joining the G2G Guild contact Dawn Christiansen.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Linda Bogdala's home to discuss *The Bird Sisters* by Rebecca Rasmussen. The author, who grew up in Wisconsin, has set *The Bird Sisters* in Spring Green in the 1940s.

Winner of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Library Association in 2012, *The Bird Sisters* is the lyrical and poignant story of two sisters, Millie and Twiss, and their rural Wisconsin community during the summer that changed their lives. Moving between the sisters' childhood and their old age, it's the deep and touching story of lost life, lost dreams, lost hope and yet there remains the hope that wounded and damaged things can fly again under the care of the Bird Sisters.

Please contact Linda if you plan to attend



## Blessing of Pets

On Sunday, October 6th, at 3:00 PM Fr. Matthew will hold a service for the blessing of pets in the east yard of the church. Fr. Matthew will bless your animals, birds, and all creatures large or small in keeping with the tradition of St. Francis' love of animals.

## Children's Choir

Sunday School Choir begins today, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Children can meet with Kay Sutton downstairs after the 10:30 service and learn a new song during the coffee hour. This will be for about fifteen minutes.



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## Diocesan Convention

The 2013 Convention will be just one day, Saturday October 19, a change made to reduce costs and spare deputies from having to take time from work. Fr. Matthew and our delegates will be attending all sessions on the 19th. Any member of the parish who would like to attend just the Convention Eucharist and/or the garden party celebrating the tenth anniversary of Bishop Miller's consecration is encouraged to do so and there is NO CHARGE. The eucharist is at 1:30 PM at All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, with the garden party immediately following.

## Highway Clean-Up

The last highway clean up for this year is Saturday, October 5th, at 8:00 AM. "Litter Gitters for God" should meet at the WLIP parking lot, 8500 Green Bay Road. Remember to bring your work gloves and to wear long pants.



## Celebration of New Ministry

Saturday, October 26, 2013

*What:* Fr. Matthew Buterbaugh's official installation as the twenty-fifth rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

*When:* Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.

*Where:* Our beautiful church with a reception to follow in the Guild Hall

*What is needed?*

We will be hosting the reception immediately following the service and expect around 200 guests, family, friends, neighbors, Bishop Miller, and Gary Hall, the Dean of the National Cathedral. The reception will be about an hour long and feature warm and cold hors d'oeuvres.

In order to have enough "bread to break together", we are asking our parish family to contribute to the buffet. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

If you can bring a dish to pass, please plan on 20 to 30 servings. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will gratefully use those funds for the celebration. There will be envelopes and a box next to the sign-up sheet where you may put your donations. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

## Men of St. Matthew's

An evening dinner meeting for the men of St. Matthew's is planned for Thursday, October 10th, at the Fireside Restaurant, 2801 - 30th Avenue. We will order off the menu and the meal will be served at 6:30 PM.

After the meal, Father Matthew will reflect on his new ministry at St. Matthew's. This is an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new members of our parish family. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church

## Stewardship Letter

“Where your treasure is, there will  
your heart be also.”  
Matthew 6:21

This speaks to me. Where is my treasure, where do I find my heart? For me, personally, my heart is with my children, always. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I joined St. Matthew's when I moved to Kenosha so one day I would be able to raise my children in the Episcopal faith. God, and my faith, has gotten me through many trials but participating in the worship at St. Matthew's has brought me comfort in knowing that my church family is there.

The Episcopal Church has spoken about time, talent and treasure in conjunction with stewardship for a very long time. What exactly is stewardship I wondered? I wanted a definition so I looked it up. The Merriam Webster Dictionary states: “Stewardship is the conducting, supervising or managing of something, especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” The National Episcopal Church definition of Christian Stewardship is “grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian Stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.”

I discovered that for me that means not only do I reap the rewards of belonging to the church community, of being supported in a time of need and participating in communion but also being a supporter of others in the church community.

The next question that I have for myself is how do I go about doing this? I know God is within me, always. He is ever present in each and every one of us. God is in the little details of our lives. I feel that service to God and our church is not always in the grand sweeping gestures, but in the moments that we choose to connect with each other in a loving, kind way. I have chosen to serve St. Matthew's by participating in the service as a lay reader, welcoming visitors to our church, and singing in our church choir as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

I have brought my children, my treasures, to our church to know God's love within our community and experience learning to serve the community. They were baptized and confirmed at St. Matthew's so they would have a feeling of belonging. They served by participating in the Christmas pageants, as acolytes, by singing in the choir and helping at the soup kitchen. I know that all of these experiences have helped shape them into who they have become as young adults.

Stewardship is not always comfortable. You may be called to do something outside of your comfort zone, for example, speaking and writing about stewardship! If you do it with an open heart and a willingness to be yourself, you can reach and touch others in ways that are life changing. You don't have to do anything extraordinary! Remember, it is about serving God in the little details of life.

by Jenny McCombe



### Alive! Youth Group Ministry

The ALIVE youth group ministry is for girls ages 10-15 who could use their interest and talents to help our church and the community. If your daughter would be like to join the group please sign them up at the back of the church on contact the church office at 654-8642. The first meeting will be on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Guild Hall.

Areas of interest for the girls:

- music (singing or instrumental)
- baking & cooking
- sewing, knitting, crocheting
- arts & crafts
- visiting nursing homes at holidays
- photography & computers
- helping at St. Matthew's events

The ALIVE leaders are asking for help from parish members. Would you be willing to share your time and talent with the girls in any of the above areas? If so, please contact Dawn Christiansen.



### Energy Assistance Available

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) starts Oct. 1 2013. To apply for assistance call: [262-657-2170 ext. 221](tel:262-657-2170) for appointments east of I-94, and ext. 224 for appointments west of I-94. If you cannot get to the office call [262-657-2170, ext. 221](tel:262-657-2170) to make arrangements for an appointment in your home. In these difficult financial times this assistance may help to keep you warmer this winter.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 3rd!**