



*The Mentor*

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### *St. Matthew's Church Mission Statement*

St. Matthew's, an historic church rooted in the Episcopal tradition, shares the love of Christ, putting faith into action through worship, prayer and outreach in the downtown community and beyond.

### *Worship Schedule*

Sunday      7:30 AM    Holy Eucharist  
                 10:30 AM    Holy Eucharist

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

*The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller,

Bishop of Milwaukee

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

The Very Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh,

Rector & Dean of Racine/Kenosha Convocation

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Leigh Travanty, Sexton



## ST MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

## A Letter from Fr. Matthew

### **GLOW Sunday School**

Children in kindergarten through grade six are invited to Sunday school this fall beginning on Sunday, September 22nd. Classes will meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Parents, please send a wallet size picture of your child as we will be putting together a special bulletin board in the classroom. Sunday school registration forms are available at the back of the church. Fill one out for each child attending and turn it in to the church office, or return it to a teacher on September 22nd. Contact Dawn Christiansen at 262-652-2067 with any questions.

### **Adult Forum**

All adults are invited to join facilitator Don Michie for a new adult forum. The group will begin meeting on Sunday, September 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the adult lounge. They will begin a year-long study titled *The Bible Challenge*, a program adopted by the General Convention in 2012 for all Episcopal churches. The goal is to read the entire Bible in one year.

A sign-up sheet for the class is on the table at the back of the church, along with an informational booklet.

### **Introducing Our New Sexton**

At the end of August we officially welcomed Leigh Travanty as our church sexton. She has moved into the third floor apartment in the Guild Hall and will be assisting the church and staff in various capacities. If you see Leigh at the 7:30 service or in the Guild Hall please give her a warm welcome!

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year. Time for gearing up for all the fall activities of the Church. Soon, Christian Education will be in full swing, the choir will be singing, and we will be gathering for all kinds of activities. Fall is a busy and life-giving time in the Church.

There are a few things that I am really excited about this coming fall. We are continuing some of our regular events: various outreach projects like the soup kitchen at the Shalom Center and the highway cleanup; our annual parish picnic on September 7 after the 10:30 service; acolytes, eucharistic ministers and lectors will continue to lead us in our services; worship will continue on as it has; and there will be social events to build community.

Some of the new and exciting things going on are expanding what we've been doing. Our outreach endeavors are expanding. We have been collecting food for the Shalom Center's food pantry. The Sunday School has some plans for outreach projects this fall as well. There is discernment going on as to how else we can reach into our community.

Christian Education will continue on as it has. However there are new things happening in Christian Education at St. Matthew's. Our Christian Formation committee has put together a curriculum for this year, and we will now offer classes for two age ranges. One for younger kids, and another for Jr. High and above. These classes will begin on September 21 at 10:15am and meet on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month.

The Adult Forum will see a change as well. In the past there has been a book study on topics of theology or ecclesiology. These have always been very engaging, but the time has been limited by the length of the book. This fall, beginning on September 14 at 9:00am, St. Matthew's Adult Forum will do "The Bible Challenge." This is a program of the Episcopal Church, approved by the 2012 General Convention, to read through the Bible in one year. The weekly discussion will be on what we read that week. This will allow parishioners to engage in the Bible in ways that they may not have before. If you have ever wanted to read through the Bible, this is your opportunity. In addition to being a great opportunity for engaging Scripture, it will also allow us to have a year-long adult forum, which is something we have not done in a long time.

One other thing I am excited about is our stewardship campaign. Now, I know what you might be thinking: Fr. Matthew's gone off his rocker and really needs a vacation. That may be true, but aside from that, I am actually excited about the program that our Stewardship Committee has put together. As we have had in the past, there will be speakers, but this year our speakers will not just be parishioners talking about their experience in stewardship. As you probably know, St. Matthew's has been tithing our pledge income; for every dollar you give to St. Matthew's, 10¢ has gone back into the community. This year, part of our stewardship campaign will include speakers to tell us about the good that our tithe, and ultimately your giving, has done in the community. There is much more planned this year, and you will hear about a lot more of it soon.

Needless to say, I am incredibly proud of the work of the various committees of this parish. I am very proud to be the rector of a parish that has touched and will continue to touch the lives of those beyond our walls and within our church. This is what a church is called to be. At St. Matthew's we are living into the call to better the lives of those we come into contact with and those we don't even know. This is living the good news! Thank you for all that you do. I hope that you, too, are looking forward to this upcoming program year as much as I am.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Matthew+

## SERVICE TIMES

**Beginning on September 7th our Sunday service times will be 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

### **October dates to remember:**

**October 5th: Blessing of Animals at 3:00 p.m. in church yard**

**October 17th: Parish Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m.**

**October 19th: Soup Kitchen at 3:00 p.m.**



## Stewardship

*Walking the Way* is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign at St. Matthew's. The followers of Jesus were often called People of the Way. What did that mean? When Jesus called his first disciples, Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, he told them to follow him - walk His way (Matthew 4:19). He called them away from fishing in the Sea of Galilee and called them to be fishers of men. Jesus wanted them to follow His teachings and share the gospel with others. Does this mean we all have to go about preaching and teaching? Of course not. Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians that there are different kinds of gifts, of service and of work. When we study God's word and listen for that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit that speaks to us, we will be able to discern just what our gifts are. We are called to use these gifts rightly, in the service of others. For what did Jesus say when asked by the Pharisee what is the most important commandment? Jesus said we must love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. And the second commandment is like it - we should love our neighbors as ourselves.

This year, as we have done for so many years, your wardens and vestry will be asking you to make a personal commitment to the life, work and ministries of St. Matthew's - to Walk the Way. This commitment will come in the form of a monetary pledge as well as giving of your gifts to further His work in Kenosha and the broader community. We ask that you begin to pray about what those commitments will be for 2015.

Our stewardship campaign kickoff will be Sunday, October 5, 2014 and run for six weeks, culminating with one 9:00 a.m. commitment service on Sunday, November 9, 2014 followed by an all-parish potluck brunch. You will be receiving a letter in the mail soon with more details about the events of the campaign. A sign-up sheet for the potluck brunch will be on the table at the back of the church starting Oct. 5th.

We ask that you think about how the spiritual practice of giving shapes us into a "People of the Way." Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

- Linda Bogdala



The parish picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 7th in Library Park following the 10:30 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those willing to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Food and beverages will be provided.



### Children's Choir

We want all school age children who like to sing to join the children's choir. . The choir will meet on Sunday School days of the month directly following the 10:30 a.m. service for about 15 minutes in the downstairs choir room. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and you may call Lynn Heller, 262-496-8124 for information.



### Food Pantry

During **September** we are accepting donations of **rice & beans** and for **October** the item is **canned gravy**. Bring your items on Sundays and place them in the *big blue baskets*. All donations go to the Shalom Center and they make arrangement to pick up the items.



### Caps of Care for Aurora Cancer Center of Kensoha

The G2G Guild and G4 Youth Group invites you to decorate a bandana for the cancer center on Sunday, October 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Guild Hall. There will be light snacks, apple cider, and coffee for all to enjoy. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.



You may have heard something about St. Matthew's making donations to different agencies and organizations around Kenosha County. Do you know why? Fr. Matthew is offering his unutilized health insurance allotment of \$1,235.00 as a tithe to local or Episcopal agencies to support their missions. Below is the list of the agencies that have received this donation to date:

- January - Hope Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- February - First Step Services, Inc.
- March - Genesis House
- April - Kenosha Dream Playground Project
- May - Shalom Center
- June - Women's & Children's Horizons
- July - Hospice Alliance, Inc.

The vestry has received a letter from each of the above expressing their thanks for our generous donation. The thank you letters were published in the Mini-Mentor. We are excited to have embarked on this outward and visible sign of living out our mission.



The “Litter Gitters for God” will be out in force on Saturday, September 20th to pick up trash along a section of Highway 31. They will meet at the WLIP parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Adults and families are welcome to help. Please bring work gloves and wear long sleeved shirts and long pants for this task of picking up litter for about a one mile stretch of the highway.



### ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir begins on Sunday, September 14th with the first rehearsal after the 10:30 a.m. service. On September 21st choir warmup will be at 10:00 a.m. and then they will sing in church. All voice parts are needed and everyone is welcome to sing. Make this your year to sing in the St. Matthews Choir! Talk to Kay Sutton for more information.



St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Bekos to discuss *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. This darkly suspenseful, highly controversial tale tells of two families struggling to make the hardest decision of their lives – all over the course of one meal.

“It's a summer evening in Amsterdam, and two couples meet at a fashionable restaurant for dinner. Between mouthfuls of food and over the scrapings of cutlery, the conversation remains a gentle hum of polite discourse. But behind the empty words, terrible things need to be said, and with every forced smile and every new course, the knives are being sharpened.

“Each couple has a fifteen-year-old son. The two boys are united by their accountability for a single horrific act, an act that has triggered a police investigation and shattered the comfortable, insulated worlds of their families. As the dinner reaches its culinary climax, the conversation finally touches on their children. As civility and friendship disintegrate, each couple shows just how far they are prepared to go to protect those they love.

“Skewering everything from parenting values to pretentious menus to political convictions, this novel reveals the dark side of genteel society and asks what each of us would do in the face of unimaginable tragedy.”

Please read the book and join the discussion on September 28.

### *Welcome New Baby to Our Church Family*

A baby shower is being held in the Great Hall for Cheyrill Cartwright's daughter, Grail, on Saturday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. The entire parish is being invited to love and support Grail as she begins her journey of motherhood. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. by October 11th to Jennifer McCombe at (262) 945-1240 or [mrrninglory64@gmail.com](mailto:mrrninglory64@gmail.com). If you cannot attend but would like to bless Grail, cards or gifts can be sent to the office and Grail will be presented with them on the day of the shower.

## CHANGE

### *A Change Coming to *The Mentor**

As we are in ever-changing times, so goes how we communicate. We have been publishing our parish newsletter, *The Mentor*, on a monthly basis for as long as anyone can remember. However, in the last few years, St. Matthew's has dramatically changed how it has communicated. Our Sunday bulletin has been beefed up. We now communicate through our Facebook page, our website and online calendar. We also send out a weekly publication, known as the "Mini-Mentor."

The result of this is that our monthly publication often has many repeat items that you have already seen in other communications. In many ways, much of what is in this publication has become redundant. Additionally, putting together a monthly publication is time consuming and expensive. Our office staff often spends a cumulative twenty hours on writing, printing, and collating this publication. While many of you receive this electronically, there is still a high volume of paper used to print this.

Because of these issues, we have decided to move *The Mentor* to a quarterly publication. ***However, one thing you will not miss out on is any communication from the parish.*** As mentioned above, all the information regularly contained in *The Mentor* you are already receiving through other channels. All the announcements contained in this publication are already in the Sunday bulletin, the Mini-Mentor, and on any of our online sources. We also encourage you to like our Facebook page and check out our website and online calendar, if you have not already done so. Those who have limited internet access and are unable to attend church regularly are still receiving communications via regular mail. Our shut-ins receive the bulletin every time they are visited by a Eucharistic Visitor. No one will be left out of the loop.

In addition to the change in frequency, there will also be a change in format. Historically, *The Mentor* has been primarily a tool to disseminate announcements which are now published in many other places. While announcements will continue in this newsletter, the focus will shift more toward the cycles of the life of the church. We will be publishing around the cycles of Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Summer, Fall/Program year. This will allow us to focus articles around events and issues of those times of year. We hope that this change in *The Mentor* will make this publication more enjoyable for you as well as a more efficient means of communication for the parish.