



## *The Mentor*

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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 (beginning Sept. 15th)
	10:15 AM	Sunday School (beginning Sept. 15th)
	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

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Dawn Christiansen

Cary Pallin

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Frank Summers

Elisabeth Westphal

### Treasurer

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## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

This is always an exciting time of year in the life of the Church. This is the time of year, when things start gearing up. Choir, Sunday School, Adult Education, Bible Study, to mention a few, are all going to be gearing up within the next few weeks. This is the time of year when as our lives settle down, the life of the Church gets going.

This is a time of year when we start thinking about ministry. Ministry is not just for those who wear a plastic dog collar around their necks. Our catechism talks about ministry in a question and answer form. It asks, "Who are the ministers of the Church?" The answer has nothing to do with ordination or seminary. The answer has to do with calling: "The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons." Most of these mentioned probably will not surprise you, except maybe the first one - lay persons. That's right, you are a minister of the Church!

The catechism continues on to tell us that "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." Your ministry may sound like a tall order, especially after having just learned that you had one to begin with. But, let's look back at this description. Isn't that what you're already doing? Aren't you already representing Christ and the Church, bearing witness, etc? This is part of what it means to be a Christian, and that is ministry.

The word minister comes from the Latin, *ministere*, to serve. The word means that as ministers, our primary function is to serve. So, what does that mean right here and right now? First of all, it means doing those things we already know to be part of the Christian faith and life. We know as Christians, that we are called to serve Christ and one another. This is something we are taught from the beginning. It also means that there are numerous opportunities to serve.

Being part of a church gives us many unique opportunities to minister. It allows us to minister to and with one another. There are many ways that we can minister, within the context of St. Matthew's alone. There are various functions in the liturgy, where we can serve. One can be a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, Altar Guild Member, or any other number of things. We can also serve in the community in the name of the Church. One can volunteer at the Shalom Center, take communion to Shut-Ins, or pick up litter on the highway. There are also lots of opportunities in the governance of the Church. These are all

ways in which we can minister in the Church and in the community.

I mention all of this because it is part of being the Body of Christ. In a body, each part has a function and when one part ceases to function, it affects the whole body. Within the Body of Christ it is no different. When we help out in the liturgy, we enhance someone's prayer life. When we minister in the community, we enhance someone's physical and emotional life. By being ministers of the Church and adding our gifts to the Body of Christ, we make others' lives better.

You have the gifts already to do this. You have the gifts that God has given you to better the world around us. Ephesians 4:11-13 says, "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." God has equipped you for ministry. Even if your ministry is simply praying every day for those on the prayer list, you have a gift for it and it better our world. No ministry is insignificant and no gift need be wasted.

God has given us all gifts and calls us all to ministry. To know our gifts and to know how God is calling us is part of the deal. We should each pray to understand what it is that God is calling us to. Your gifts are valued, no matter what they are, because you are a minister of this Church.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Matthew+



## Choir Information for Fall

Our first choir rehearsal for Adult Choir will be on Sunday, Sept. 15 after the 10:30 AM service. We will sing in church the following Sunday, Sept. 22 with warm up at 10:00. Choir rehearsals are held in the choir room every Sunday after the 10:30 service. New members are welcome and all voice parts are needed. Contact Kay Sutton after church if you would like to sing in the choir this year.

Sunday School Choir begins on September 29th. They will sing with their teachers in Sunday School class and meet in the choir room with Kay Sutton during the coffee hour.



The annual church picnic will take place on Sunday, September 8 at 11:30 at the South Pavilion of Alford Park. Bring the whole family out to this event for food, fun, and fellowship. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to the church office or on the sign-up sheet at the back of church so that we have an idea as to how much food will be needed. See you there.

### **Acolyte Training and Acolyte Mentors**

Acolyte training will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 AM. This is for all returning and new acolytes. Anyone wishing to be an acolyte should plan to attend the training.

At least two adults are needed at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Please call the office at 654-8642 if you can come 15 minutes early to mentor our youth serving in this ministry.

**When:** Sunday, September 15 is our first meeting. We will be meeting every first, third and fifth (if there is one) Sunday of the month. We will meet from 10 to 11:15 AM. The children will be escorted to church at the Peace, so they may join their families for the remainder of the service.

**Where:** We meet in the Guild Hall in classrooms closest to the north door.

**Who:** All children from kindergarten to sixth grade. We will be meeting in age appropriate classes. If we happen to have children older who want to come, we will happily accommodate an older class. Please invite your children, grandchildren or any child you know who might be interested.

**Plan:** We will start with a short worship service consisting of prayer and music. Then we will break up into classes for readings, discussions, crafts & games related to the church calendar. Starting in November we will incorporate Christmas pageant practice into our studies.

All the teachers look forward to a new and exciting year. Please join us!

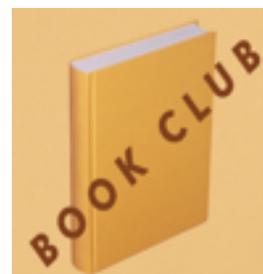


### **The G2G Guild**

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.

### **Blessing of Pets**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 PM for blessing of pets in the east yard. Fr. Matthew will bless your animals, birds, and all other creatures in keeping with the tradition of St. Francis' love of animals.



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.

Author Rebecca Rasmussen, who grew up in Wisconsin, has written *The Bird Sisters*, which is set 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 read the book and join the women for a lively discussion on October.



The shawl ministry is made of parishioners who are willing and able to knit, crochet or sew shawls or lap blankets. There are no meetings, just bring completed shawls to church or the church office. The pattern is up to you. To make it a prayer shawl you say a prayer asking God's comfort and guidance for the receiver of the shawl. Later it is blessed in church. Blessed shawls are found in the cabinet at the back of the church for anyone to take to someone in need. Someone in need may be: a hospitalized person, ill person, getting married, having a baby, birth of a child or any other reason you may feel comfort is needed. Please feel free to take one of the shawls and remember to sign the list in the cabinet. Also, please help us to keep our supplies up by making a shawl if you are able.

The next blessing of shawls will be in church on Sunday, October 13th.

### Men of St. Matthew's

An evening dinner meeting for the men of St. Matthew's is planned for Thursday, October 10th. Details as to time and place will be announced by mid September. This will give all the men of our parish a time to get acquainted or renew old friendships.



### A Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh will be installed as the twenty-fifth rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miler, Bishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee will install Fr. Buterbaugh at a 3:00 PM service in the church. The guest preacher will be The Very Rev. Gary R. Hall, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral. Further information for the day will be published on Sundays and the October Mentor.

## Lay Reader Training

Fr. Matthew has set a training on Sunday, September 29th, at 8:30 AM for those who read lessons and prayers on Sunday mornings. This is also open for anyone who wishes to become a reader at either 7:30 or 10:30 AM services. Registration is not required, just come to the session on the 29th.

## Stewardship Letter

Dear Fellow St. Matthew's Parishioners,

Your 2013 Vestry and, specifically, the Stewardship Committee is excited to invite you to this year's Stewardship Ingathering - Sunday, November 3, 2013 at both the 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. services.

The commitment we will all be making of our time, talents and treasures is a very personal one and one in which we should prayerfully consider in the coming weeks. During October, members of the Stewardship Committee will be writing in the Mentor or speaking during Sunday services about what our church means to them and why they give to St. Matthew's.

The last two years have been ones of uncertainty and anxiety following the search for our new rector. Now, we are embarking on an exciting new chapter in the life of our parish with the calling of Fr. Matthew Buterbaugh.

Each and every one of us has a share and a voice about what we want to see happen in the life and ministries of St. Matthew's. We strongly encourage all parishioners to attend either the 7:30 or 10:30 a.m. service on Nov. 3rd. During each service, we will present our 2013/2014 Stewardship Commitment cards, pledging our time, talents and treasures for the work of God in our church. After each service, we will celebrate with a potluck breakfast/brunch. Beginning Sunday, October 6th, there will be sign-up sheets at the back of the church for you to share some of your culinary delights.

If you will be out of town or find it difficult to make it to St. Matthew's on November 3rd, please contact the office at [\(262\) 654-8642](tel:2626548642) and someone from the parish will contact you about a home visit to pick up your Stewardship Commitment card.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 3rd. As a reminder, that is also the end of Daylight Savings Time so make sure and turn your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night. And, for those Packer fans at St. Matthew's, the Pack are not playing that day!

In His Love,  
Walt Breach and Linda Bogdala  
Stewardship Co-Chair