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

Wardens

Karen Dubiel, Senior Warden

Jamie Cairo, Junior Warden

Vestry

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Walter Breach

Guida Brown

Dawn Christiansen

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**A Pastoral Letter
from The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh**

Dear Friends,

We are right in the middle of summer. This is usually the slow time of year on the church calendar, but things are going on at St. Matthew's. Not only have we had some great activities over the summer as a parish, but we're already gearing up for the fall. It's hard to imagine, but we're already talking about planning Christmas!

We live by the calendar. In the church office, we really live by the calendar. I credit the amazing and talented staff at this parish for keeping me and everything on track. It is such a privilege to work with such exceptional people. I think it is surprising to many how much it takes to run a church, and we are very lucky to have those we do. They are making sure that when we get where we are going, everything is ready for us.

Having given accolades where they are due, and remembering that these folks are helping me look ahead and implement things in the distant future, I have to stop and think. I must remind myself that summer is literally only still half over! While I am thinking in the future, as is sometimes necessary, I have to pull myself back into the present. Matthew 6:34 says: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." Here I am, living five months in the future, and then I go, "Oh right Jesus, there is that today thing. What about that?"

I have always had a bit of a complex relationship with the summer. When I was growing up in Kansas, I remember the summers with 110°+ heat, which I never was a fan of. Even now as a priest, with all the programs taking a break, I sometimes get a little tripped up at the change of pace. It's kind of like driving 70mph on a highway and then seeing that sign for a sharp curve telling you to slow down. If you don't slow down, you could get into some trouble or at least have trouble handling everything.

Why I say that I have a complex relationship with this time of year, though, is that there are things I really enjoy about the summer. I love being outdoors, especially in nature. One of the things that is great about this part of the country is how everyone goes out and how much fun activity happens this time of year. It's great seeing the holiday activities and seeing people in the parks, or just being able to sit outside at a restaurant.

Living in the present is good for our spiritual health. It keeps us grounded and it allows us to enjoy the gifts God has given us. It also requires a little bit of faith in that we have to trust that the past is past and God will manage the future. While we cannot escape living by the calendar or the clock in our society, we can be careful not to make it an idol. Like anything else, it can obstruct our view of God. As we live our lives, we need to be aware of the future. We need to be prepared for what may come. However, we also need to live for today and this moment right now. I once saw a t-shirt that said, "Today is a gift; that's why it's called 'present'." Sometimes we all need to slow down and enjoy that gift.

Blessing and Peace,
Fr. Matthew+

Upcoming Women's Events

**Women's
Book
Club**

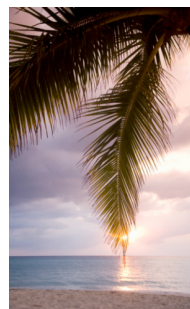


St. Matthew's Women's Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Julia Price's home to discuss *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach.

"At Westish College (which is said to be based on Kenosha's Carthage College), baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league until a routine throw goes disastrously off course. In the aftermath of his error, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life.

"As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets." (Amazon)

Read the book and join the discussion on August 11.



Women's Mini-week

Women's Mini-week will be Aug. 15-18, 2013-- Thursday dinner through Sunday brunch at Camp Lakotah on Little Hills Lake, Wautoma, WI.

This is an annual retreat for women of all faiths and their friends, offering a time to relax, to learn, to discover, to bond, to have fun, to laugh, to be renewed--and to eat meals you don't have to plan and cook first!

Each woman can set her own length of stay and her own agenda. You can be involved in planned activities as much or as little as you choose, or bring your own resources for an individual retreat--whatever is right for you to be refreshed. Activities include beach and waterfront options, massages, nature & labyrinth walks, campfires, crafts, glee club & music, talent show, yoga & other fitness experiences, book discussions, Taize service & other Christian worship opportunities, delicious & healthy meals (with adjustments made for those with dietary restrictions), and much, much more.

Discover more details and download a brochure with registration form at: www.womensminiweek.com or contact us: womensminiweek@gmail.com.



Highway Cleanup "Litter Gitters for God"

The Litter Gitters for God have set the final highway cleanup dates for 2013. On Saturdays, August 24th and October 5th, meet at WLIP Radio at 8500 Green Bay Road at 8:00 a.m. to make our community a little cleaner. Volunteers should be 11 years old or older and should wear long pants and gloves to pick up trash on the mile stretch of Green Bay Road (Hwy 31) between 75th Street (Hwy 50) and 87th Street. Litter Gitting for God is a great way to get in some exercise, some sun, and some quality time with friends. Many hands make light work; this volunteer event takes only an hour! Feel free to call David McGrath or Guida Brown for more information.



Update

Thank you to all who volunteered and/or gave to the Kenosha Convoy of Hope Outreach. Here is the impact that was made on the community:

Volunteers 1,200+	Guests 4,215
Haircuts 210	Portraits 260
Health services to 600	Shoes to 2,000
Prayed with 3,290	
People who turned in a card indicating a desire to connect with a church and get a follow-up call: 225	

Great job!



LAST CALL FOR BRICK ORDERS

Purchasing a custom-made, engraved brick is a special way to remember loved ones. The cost of a 4 X 8 brick is \$150 and there is space for a dedication of three lines with 14 characters each. Forms for bricks can be found on the table at the back of the church. Orders are due by August 14.

"May the souls of the departed rest in peace." (BCP)

David Horsley died on July 4, 2013. The St. Matthew's parish family extends our condolences to Dr. Boyd and Susan Horsley at this time. May David's soul and the souls of other departed rest in peace.

Upcoming Fall Events

Choir Information for fall



Our first choir rehearsal for Adult Choir will be on Sunday, Sept. 15th after church. We will sing in church the following Sunday, Sept. 22nd, with warm-up at 10:00 a.m. 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 or Father Matthew after church if you would like to sing in the choir this year.

The Sunday School Choir will rehearse during Sunday School time with the Sunday School teachers. In addition, they will meet with Kay Sutton downstairs in the choir room following the 10:30 service during coffee hour for ten or fifteen minutes on Sunday School days beginning October 6th. They will sing in church on days to be announced at a later date.

Annual Picnic

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!

The Vestry will need helping hands for the picnic. In two weeks there will be sign up sheets at the back of the church for workers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. Please be generous with your time!

Little Lamb Nursery

Nursery care is available on Sundays beginning September 15, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the north room of the Guild Hall.

GLOW Sunday School

Generations Lighting Our World

Let your light shine and make the connection

Sunday School is offered for children grades K4 – 6th every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the school year beginning on September 15 at 10:15 a.m. in the Guild Hall. Students are escorted to the church at 11:15 to join their parents for the remainder of the service. Please join us this fall when Sunday School resumes. Registration begins August 18, 2013.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to be an acolyte should notify Father Matthew and plan to attend the training.

Fall Service Schedule Change

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1, Sunday service times will return to 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.