



THE ST. MATTHIAS

Messenger

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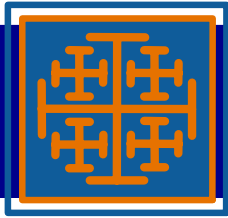
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Messenger Deadline is the 3rd Wed. of the month.
Email articles/photos to Nancy Peterson at peter-son400@sbcglobal.net



Holy Week and Easter Services

- Maundy Thursday, April 21 -** 7PM with Vigil in Chapel to follow
- Good Friday, April 22 -** Noon stations of the Cross, 7PM Good Friday Liturgy
- Holy Saturday, April 23 -** 9AM Holy Saturday Liturgy, 8PM Great Vigil of Easter
- Easter Sunday, April 24 -** 8AM Easter Service
10:15 AM Easter Service



PASTORAL LETTER

By Fr. David Simmons



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

- 1 Timothy 1:1-2

Dear Beloved People of God,

Just this week, I had an opportunity to serve as a poll worker again. I've been doing this for the last couple of years at South High School, and it's an interesting experience. As a priest, I'm highly sensitive to symbolic language and action, as it's what we do in church. Every week, as we gather around the altar, we re-participate in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord in the bread and wine. The Eucharist is the central sacrament of our common life, and it is packed with meaning and symbolism. By participating in it, we affirm our common values and "re-member" our community.

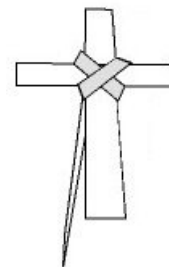
One of my seminary professors once remarked that the Superbowl is the central "sacrament" of American society, and while that may be certainly true of the pop culture, It seems obvious that voting is the essential "sacrament" of our democracy. Twice a year, thousands of poll workers follow exact, arcane instructions handed down from the state. We treat ballots as if they were more than just sheets of paper with markings on them. We make solemn public announcements when we enter absentee ballots or assist in curbside voting. The whole process is covered in unstated meaning and symbolism. While it is not a sacrament from a Christian theological standpoint, voting certainly fulfills a "Sacramental function" in our society.

One of the dangers inherent in sacramental function in America is our consumerism. When we come to the Eucharist, we sometimes ignore the full range of meaning due to our obsessive focus on consumption. It is very easy for the Eucharist to become exclusively a "Magic Cookie" or a way to "recharge our spiritual batteries." In Eucharistic Prayer C we ask God to help us avoid this trap: "Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name."

The eucharist is meant to not only feed us, but to challenge us to renewal and to serve the world.

Likewise, it is all too easy to become focused on the returns in voting. When we treat voting as simply a way to get something we want politically, we lose a broad range of meanings. Next time you are in a poll, look around. The flag, the broad diversity of people all standing in line, the way a school gymnasium has been transformed for only a few hours into a sacred space that reinforces the core values of American democracy. After a sixteen-hour day as a poll worker, we run the tapes to find that often the candidate I support has lost the race in our wards. But that doesn't cheapen the experience for me. It is the process of voting that is more important than the actual results. Once or twice a year, we gather together to "re-member" ourselves as Americans. No matter who wins or loses the races, as long as we continue to vote, the republic wins.

Fr. David



**Join us to make Palm Crosses
at 9AM on Saturday, April 16th**

Please find the Easter Flower Offering envelope included with this Messenger. These may be returned in an offering plate or by mail. All names will appear in bulletins during the Easter season.

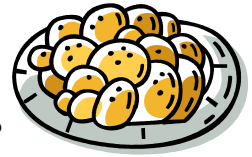
Lenten Bible Study with Bishop Miller

This Lent, FrDavid is involved in the production of a Video Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew that will be presented on YouTube featuring Bishop Miller. Along with the videos, clergy and laypeople from the diocese will be presenting daily blog posts about the section of that Gospel. In addition, there will be questions provided for small group study. **St. Matthias will hold a group to watch the videos and consider the questions on Thursday Nights from 6 to 7 PM, starting March 10th.**

The videos and blogs will be found online at: <http://biblestudywithbishopmiller.blogspot.com/>

Help with Hospitality

Please sign up to bring goodies for Hospitality Time after the 8:00 am and 10:15 services. Don't worry, you don't have to make the coffee!!!



Contact Harriet Schassberger with questions at 262-549-5179.



Adult Forum

Come on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am between the two services for some Christian formation for yourself. Topics vary and are noted in the Sunday service bulletin. We meet in the undercroft.



April 3	TBA	
April 10	Sacred Music/Handel's Messiah Part II, Easter section with the Halleluja Chorus	Jim Machan
April 17	Prayer/ Why Should we Forgive?	Chuck Runge
April 24	Easter Sunday — no formation	
May 1	TBA	
May 8	TBA	
May 15	Sacred Music/ Handel's Messiah Part III—Resurrection section	Jim Machan
May 22	Friendship / I have Called You Friends	Chuck & Marilee

Emergency Preparedness



Dear friends in Christ,

This month's letter is information about --Emergency Preparedness!! This information has been taken from healthywomen.gov.

Get a Kit Together-

Pack a disaster supplies kit that your family can use at home or on the go. A basic kit includes a three day supply of items needed for survival, such as water, food, and first aid supplies. Emergency workers will most likely be in the area after a disaster. However, they can't get to everyone right away. Keep in mind that you may need to "shelter in place" for several days. This means you stay in your house and don't go out. Services such as power, water, and heat or air conditioning may not be working. Or, you may need to evacuate. So it's wise to store all must-have supplies in an easy to carry container that you can "grab and go" should you need to leave your home quickly.

A well stocked disaster kit includes the items listed here. Your health, safety, and even survival, may depend on them.

Water

Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person and pet. Each person and pet needs one gallon of water each day. For example, a family of four needs 12 gallons of stored water for three days. Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Label the storage date and replace every six months.

Food

Store at least a three-day supply of food that will not spoil, such as: canned meat, beans and vegetables, peanut butter or other high-energy food, canned fruit and juices, unsalted crackers, etc. Think

about family members with special food needs. Be sure to include a nonelectric can opener.

Canned pet food

Utensils and other supplies for eating

First aid kit

Sterile dressing to stop bleeding
Sports wrap for sprains or other injuries

Safety pins to close sports wrap
Adhesive bandages in different sizes

Scissors and tweezers
Over-the-counter pain medication
Antibiotic ointment

Burn ointment
Eyewash solution
Thermometer
Cough suppressant
Antihistamine
Antidiarrhea medication

First aid manual
Medications and supplies
All medicines you and your children are using, as well as a copy of the prescriptions (if possible)

Extra eye glasses or contact lenses and supplies

Tampons or sanitary pads

Special items for infants, elderly, pets, or disabled family members

Baby formula if you are not breast feeding
Hands-free baby carrier
Diapers and wipes
Oxygen
Batteries for assistive devices
Pet supplies

Household and sanitary supplies

Whistle to signal for help
Battery powered flashlight and radio with extra batteries
Matches in a waterproof container
Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each member of your family
A complete change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes
Dust masks, plastic sheeting, duct tape

Nurse Notes

by Kathy Mallory

Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
Wrench or pliers
Credit cards and cash
Keys for House, Car, Safety deposit box, or post office box
Cell phone with charger

Important papers and family information

Keep all important family papers in a safety deposit box or other safe location. Make copies of papers you may need on hand in an emergency. Keep copies of all your important papers together. You may want to put them in a waterproof bag. Keep this information in your kit:

Identification for all family members and pets (for example, birth certificate, photo ID, driver's license, passport, green card, pet license and vaccination records)

List of family doctors

List of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices, such as pacemakers

Copy of emergency plan and contacts

Local map

Things to help you cope, if you have space

Pictures and small keepsakes
Children's small toys or books
Your BIBLE!!!

Other resources:

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready_full.pdf

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

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Caring Thru Meals Sign up for a month or be on call. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Prepare a casserole or soup for a church member! Be a blessing in times of need.



Food Items Put the items you bring into the basket at the front of the church. Food donations will be taken to the food pantry.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors visit ill and infirm members regularly. If you would like to participate in this ministry of worship and visitation, please contact the Rector. If you know of someone who would like to receive Sunday communion, contact the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Knitters, keep knitting shawls. If you have questions about this important ministry, call Marge Konetzki 547-1379.

Donate Flowers for weekly services Flowers can have a “memorial” or “in honor of” placed in the bulletin. Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Tardiff Room. Talk to Liz Craney if you have questions.

Jail Ministry Since the 1980’s, the St. Dismas Jail Ministry has been meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical

needs of inmates at the Waukesha County Jail and Huber Facilities. They are always in need of volunteers and financial support. If you feel called to this ministry, contact Virginia Hoeft at 262-549-0669.

Nursery Helpers We have 1 paid staff person to be in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to the end of the 10:15 service. But an extra person (age 12 and up welcome) to help out would be such a service to our St. Matthias family. The safety of our littlest ones is important to us. Middle school and high schoolers from 8th grade on up can add their volunteer time to future college and scholarship applications, and National Honor Society students need those volunteer hours. A sign up sheet should be posted on the nursery door or students can sign up on a sheet in their Sunday school class. Questions, call Nancy Peterson 262-542-1273.

Help with the Hope Center Meal Program Volunteers are needed to help serve. We are scheduled to serve next on Wednesday, December 28, 2011. **Call Megan Koch, Outreach, at 547-9381 to volunteer or for more information.** The time to report is 5:00 pm at Hope Center, 502 N. East Ave. To **serve & clean up** 6-8 people are needed (children age 14 and up welcome). Donation of dessert for 70-80 people or 6 milks if you can’t come.

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<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/epc.pdf>

<http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.pdf>

I have materials in my office from the Red Cross, please stop by or call.

In Christ, Kathy

Kathy will be doing blood pressure checks in her office Sunday, April 17 after the 8 am service



Volunteer Driver Needed for Brookfield Man

Interfaith Senior Programs is reaching out into the community on behalf of an individual we serve who lives in Brookfield who has a mental health diagnosis but is also on probation for a non-violent crime. He needs a volunteer driver so he can visit his parole officer twice per month and to get to counseling appointments. If you are interested in providing transportation or would like more information, contact Barbra Lauterbach, Mental Health Program Coordinator, at Interfaith at 262-549-3348 ext. 2411 or barbl@interfaithwaukesha.org

Children's Christian Formation News

Share a Prayer with the children of St. Matthias

The large bulletin board next to the parish office is sporting a **prayer** theme this spring. One topic we've been focusing on this school year is prayer as a way to talk to God. We've been collecting prayers all year and are getting ready to finish up the books we've been creating.

A wonderful addition to their personal books of prayer would be some favorite prayers that members of our church share with the kids. It could be a prayer you use regularly, a favorite from your childhood, one you find especially helpful in times of need, or that you've heard and find especially beautiful. The children would love to see what prayers others use.

There are 3 ways you can share:

- † On the bulletin board I've posted a **prayer of thanks that has a few blank lines** so that you can **add your own ending**. Just pencil in your idea right onto the prayer sheet.
- † **Write out a prayer that you know on the yellow lined pad of paper** on the bulletin board. You can leave it there or tear it off and put it in my mailbox in the office, or
- † **Send me a prayer in an email** at peterston400@sbcglobal.net. I'll make sure the prayer gets into the children's books.

Sign your name, if you feel comfortable with that. It would make a connection between the children and other members of our parish family. But even without your name, your prayer would be appreciated. I will type it up to add to the kids' books.

Water for the Church One Sunday in Lent, when the day's lessons were about thirst and water, Father David joined us to talk about some of the ways water is used in our church services. We learned what a lavabo bowl, a cruet, and ewer are, and how holy water can be sprayed onto the congregation on certain Sundays to symbolize cleansing.

Nancy Peterson



The children had fun with our Bible Floor Game one recent Sunday, answering questions from stories we've read throughout the year and advancing along a colored path-

way. We'll get it out another time soon so watch for it! We also had a visit from Father David a week ago and had an interesting discussion.

Hilda's Hope

An Afternoon Women's Group for Christian Fellowship

Schedule 2010-2011

Meets Wednesdays from 1-2 pm

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
April 6	TBA	Barb Heighway
May 4	Out to Lunch	
June 1	Potluck Picnic	Sister Mary Grace

Hilda's Hope will have a book discussion for our next program, on April 6.



Our book is *Late Home-comer* by Kao Kalia Yang. It's the memoir of a Laotian girl who flees Laos and Thailand and comes to America. Please read up and plan to join us.

The Waukesha County Seasonal Overflow Shelter for Men will run through April 30.

It is located at the Corner of Northview Rd. and Grandview Blvd. It has **three major needs**:

(1) **Money** Due to decreased governmental funds, more money needs to be raised by our communities of faith. It will cost just over \$60,000 to run the shelter through April. In reality, this saves our communities thousands of more dollars in unnecessary incarceration and emergency room time.

(2) **Volunteers** This year, we must rely on more volunteer staffing. Churches can help by volunteering to bring in Sunday night meals. Individuals can volunteer through the Salvation Army website.

(3) **Materials** Needed: Coffee(Decaf, creamer, sugar), Laundry Detergent, Cereal, Milk (Boxed, powdered or condensed), Juice, Utensils, Cleaning Supplies, Toiletries, Pillows, Blankets, Books and Magazines.

All materials can be dropped off at the shelter location from 7PM to 7AM.

To Volunteer or for more information: Call Hebron House of Hospitality at 262-549-8720

Go to <http://bit.ly/hb4OEA> for links, directions, and more!



Gluten-free Host

Do you require gluten-free hosts in order to take communion? Contact Father David and he will be able to supply that for you.

Children's Worship Bulletins

If you have children who are getting squirmy during service time, check the back table near the ushers for a copy of the Children's Worship Bulletin for the week. There are two versions ...one for ages 3 to 6 years and one for ages 7 to 12 years, with puzzles and pictures based on the week's readings which can help keep children busy.

MEN OF MATTHIAS

The Men of Matthias will be playing **SHEEPSHEAD** on Friday, April 15 beginning at 7pm.



Getting a new computer?

We need some "newer" equipment. Consider donating your old computer to the church for a tax write-off. Requirements: computers must be running Windows XP or Mac OSX 10.4 or later. They also should have a network (Ethernet) port and use USB for peripherals.



If you Facebook, please "Like"

St. Matthias' new Facebook page! We will be using it for all sorts of information in the future.

New Text Messaging Service to keep you in touch

We are experimenting with a text messaging service for your mobile phone. This service allows us to send announcements (including weather closure, should it occur) to your mobile and is an addition to our presence on the web, Twitter and Facebook. It will send no more than 5 or so texts a week. There is no cost to receive it beyond the standard texting rate of your cell carrier, and you will not receive "spam" texts.

You can sign up three ways:

1. Go to the [Contact Page](#) of our website and sign up there
2. Go to the "Txt Msg" tab of our Facebook page and sign up there
3. Text the keyword "stmatthias" to 7606703130 on your mobile phone

Fr David+

Lay Service Schedule for Entire Year now available Online

We have recently changed the method of getting the names for the lay ministry schedule. Names are now entered onto a Google Docs spreadsheet directly by the persons who are in charge of a ministry. The monthly and weekly schedules draw off of this master sheet automatically so we will hopefully have less errors in the Messenger and Red Door.

The other nice effect is that the entire schedule in its most current form is always available to view online. You can do so from the links on the [Calendar](#) and [Worship](#) pages of our web site.

If you need to make a change to the calendar, contact the person in charge of scheduling your ministry.

David+

Anchorhold

Next meeting
Tuesday, April 5
6:30-8:00 pm in the chapel

From Inside the Anchorhold

You've been hearing about the Anchorhold for almost a year now, but what does being a part of the Anchorhold mean to those who participate? Why do they keep coming back each month, even if they did not take official vows to be a sustaining member?

The following thoughts are offered anonymously, but they come from real people in the parish. If you can relate to any of them, perhaps you might want to check out the Anchorhold the next time it meets on Tuesday, April 5th.

"I have just felt called to pray for St. Matthias and for other people and find it easier to do so with the support of others similarly called."

"The monthly meetings allow for sharing and growing in spiritual practices."

"Intercessory prayer is an essential way that we can help others even when it seems like there is nothing else we can do. It may seem like the least we can do, but perhaps it's actually the most we can do."

One last quote actually captures the blessing of perspective that comes from putting our spiritual focus onto the needs of others through supporting them in prayer. "The more I pray for other people, the less I have to pray for myself!"

We're all just ordinary lay folks like the rest of you. If you feel the boney finger of the Holy Spirit poking you through what you have read, in the words of Jesus to the disciples, "Come and see."

Peg Nugent

Pastoral Care

Hospital Calls

Clergy and our Parish, Nurse, Ms. Kathy Mallory, are available for hospital visitation when the church is notified. State and Federal confidentiality laws make it impossible for clergy to know whether one has been hospitalized. Please call the office to let us know the name of the hospital at which you are staying, and room number, in order to receive this healing ministry of prayer, anointing with holy oil and pastoral care.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay Eucharistic Visitors visit shut-ins regularly. If you know of someone who would like to receive Sunday communion, please contact the church office at (262) 547-4838.

Emergencies

In the event of a pastoral care emergency you may reach the Rector most directly by calling his cell phone at (262)347-7446.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request for yourself or on the behalf of others, please fill out the prayer request form in the back of the church and place it in the alms basin at the time of the offering, place it in the hands of an usher, or submit it to the church office.

Reading Suggestions?

Have you read a good Christian book lately?

One about Christian life, learning ... or a novel that tells a story about a Christian? Write up a short paragraph (or two if you'd like) very briefly telling what it is about and why you would recommend it to us and send it to Nancy Peterson via email at peter-son400@sbcglobal.net.



April Birthdays

1	Victoria Kutz
4	Olivia Canham
6	Kori Zuniga
7	John Melster, Bette Marshment
8	Alexandra Smyczek
11	Mae Kanters, Thomas Nebel
12	Richard Hammersley
13	Rachel Hill
15	Elizabeth Poulson
19	Nancy Harland
20	Steve Pellechia
21	Robert Wilkiewicz
22	Dick Bird
24	Pat Lee, Ellen Byler
25	Hannah Woods
26	Margaret Anthonijis, Diane Canham
27	Mike Hoeft
28	Jerry Nabak, Ginny Mack
29	Bill Kocher
30	Craig Bodoh, Jonie Varner



If you or a family member has a birthday that we haven't listed or is listed incorrectly, call to let the church office know or let Nancy Peterson know at peter-son400@sbcglobal.net.

Music @ Matthias needs Help with Hospitality

The music department is looking for people who like to make food! We are in need of people who can provide goodies towards the concert receptions. The post concert receptions are a BIG hit with concert attendees and we are in need of additional people to support these events. Please contact Craig Bodoh, Director of Music if you are able to assist with a future concert.

Messenger Deadline

Next issue will be in early May

NOTE: The Messenger is published 10 times annually. Look for the next edition in early May. **Be sure to save the enclosed Ministry Schedule.**

April 20: Article deadline. (3rd Wed. of month) Please send your article/ photos directly to Nancy Peterson via e-mail: peterson400@sbcglobal.net

May 7: (first Saturday of mo.) Messenger due in most homes.



How to reach us

Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 824
Waukesha, WI 53187-0824

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Church Website: www.stmatthiasonline.org

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111 E. Main St. (East Ave. & Main St.)

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Deadline for Service Bulletin

Please submit all items for the weekly service bulletin to the parish office at stmatthiaswk@sbcglobal.net or by calling 547-4838. **The deadline is Tuesday at 4 pm.** Copy may be edited to permit publication of maximum number of items.

Wardens and Vestry Members

Lee Dreyfus Jr.	Senior Warden (<i>term ends Jan. 2012</i>) 262-544-1104
Brian Prom	Junior Warden (<i>end Jan. 2014</i>) 262-782-4714 brianprom1@yahoo.com
Jeff Blodgett	Treasurer (<i>Ex-Officio, vestry appointed</i>) 262-408-8114
Harriet Schassberger	Fellowship (<i>end Jan. 2013</i>) 262-549-5179 harriet731@msn.com
Vicki Kutz	At Large (<i>end 2013</i>)
Barb Heighway	Pastoral Care (<i>Jan. 2013</i>) 262-549-1722
Mary Bird	Worship (<i>end Jan. 2012</i>) 262-538-1906
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Robbi Heighway	Incorporation (<i>end Jan. 2012</i>) 262-549-3118
Catherine Clark	Outreach (<i>end Jan. 2014</i>)
Susan Kerr	Adult Formation (<i>end Jan. 2014</i>)
Betty Adams	At Large (<i>end Jan 2014</i>)
Open position	Children's Formation

How can I do my part?

If you're interested in serving the parish and sharing your time and talent to do God's work, contact Lee Dreyfus Jr., senior warden. Lee can be reached at 262-544-1104

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Share a prayer!

with the
children of
St. Matthias

The large bulletin board that centers on the children of the church is sporting a prayer theme this spring. They'd love to see some prayers from their parish family so **please** share one...or two with the kids!

See page 7 to see how to participate.

HOURS

Church Office Hours
9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Tuesday through Thursday

SERVICES

Saturday
5 p.m. Eucharist

Sunday Morning Hours
8 a.m. Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Eucharist

Wednesday
Service at Noon in the Chapel