

# The Messenger

August 2009



St Matthew's Episcopal Church 19580 Pilgrims Place Parker, CO 80138

## STRATEGIC PLANNING AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The deadline for this survey has been extended to Tuesday, August 4.

The Episcopal Church is at a watershed moment. We have the opportunity to become a truly multicultural church and are poised to effectively reach the "spiritual but not religious" in new ways. Technological and cultural changes sweep our planet at an ever-increasing pace. Never before has it been easier to spread our message. Never before has it been more critical for our message to be shared.

As a member of the Episcopal Church, this is your chance to shape how we carry out our mission. Your voice is sacred. Please take some time to share your thoughts and dreams with our community.

Your response will shape the decisions made by the Strategic Planning Committee as it drafts a plan for consideration by the church. The results of this survey will be publicly accessible at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) this fall. To complete the survey, please click on the following link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?m=Wu5I75KPqOhmGku87xaL6A\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?m=Wu5I75KPqOhmGku87xaL6A_3d_3d)

## Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for all interested youth will be held in the parish hall **Sundays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. beginning August 9** and will continue through mid-October with some breaks. Confirmation will be here at St. Matthew's on Sunday, September 20, 2009 with Bishop O'Neill. This course will build upon what you have learned in Sunday school /Youth Group and will be a place for you to ask questions regarding the Christian faith. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael at 303-841-0121 or 303-840-4419.

**Adults interested in being received into the Episcopal Church may contact Fr. Michael for information.**

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## Thank you, Kipper!

A Big Thank You to The Rev. Kipper deGarvre for presenting a month long course of the Exodus event, which examined the historical and theological implication of this central story of salvation. Combining her gifts as a teacher and speaker, as well as her unique first-hand experiences from traveling to the Sinai Desert, Kipper truly brought the Exodus to life for all who attended the class.

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## Faith Formation Training

There will be 2 days this summer dedicated to training those who minister to our children and youth. We will have a day on the Front Range and one on the Western Slope that will focus on developing programs and ministry through our churches to young people.

Seminars will include ways to choose and use Sunday School curriculum, develop effective and imaginative ministry with youth, guiding children in their spiritual development, how to incorporate children in the life and liturgy of the church, understanding youth so you can minister to them the love of Christ in a relevant manner, and much more. Please inform your children's ministry people, youth leaders, vestry members, and others who would benefit from this opportunity.

## Faith Formation Training Days

### **Western Slope**

Saturday, August 22, 2009;  
9:00am until 3:00pm  
Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church  
3888 27 1/2 Road,  
**Grand Junction, CO 81506**

### **Front Range**

Saturday, August 29, 2009  
9:00am until 3:00pm  
Christ Episcopal Church,  
**Denver, CO, 80210**

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

For more information feel free to contact the Office for Faith Formation ([cgreene@coloradodiocese.org](mailto:cgreene@coloradodiocese.org) or [mstern@coloradodiocese.org](mailto:mstern@coloradodiocese.org) or 303-837-1173) or go to the diocesan web site at [http://www.coloradodiocese.org/03\\_faithformation/training.html](http://www.coloradodiocese.org/03_faithformation/training.html)

## Volunteer Opportunity

Night Owls is a fun, easy way to volunteer and have an impact on children with special needs and their families. On one Friday night a month, trained volunteers provide an evening of individualized care and fun for children with special needs and their siblings, ages 1 month to 12 years at the Fisher Early Learning Center. They participate in pre-planned activities and events according to each child's interest. There are nurses and security staff on site to assure the health and safety of all the children. Night Owls reaches out to families of low income who may not be able to afford a babysitter and the evening is free of charge. Please go to <http://www.du.edu/fisher/nightowls.html> to get more information or to sign up.

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## Episcopal Church Women

All women of St. Matthew's: the ECW is your group! We have compiled the dates of all the planned activities for the remainder of 2009. Please mark your calendars and hopefully you will be able to join us for one or more of the following:

**Friday, August 7** – Scrap booking 6pm to whenever.

**Saturday, August 22** – Scrap booking 10am-5pm

**Sunday, August 23** – ECW meeting after 10:30 service in the parish hall.

**Saturday, Sept. 12** – Scrap booking 10am-5pm

\*\* We have 30 years of St. Matthew's pictorial history we are trying to sort, so even if you do not scrapbook, please join us to organize photos and put names to faces. We meet in the kindergarten room across from the Children's Chapel in the Education building\*\*

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**Sunday, Sept. 20** – St. Matthew's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion Potluck (parish hall)

**Friday, Oct. 16** – BUNCO (parish hall) 6:30-9pm

**Saturday, Nov. 7** – English Tea, Brown Palace, Denver (more information to follow in the fall)

**Sunday, Dec. 13** – Christmas Cookie & Ornament Exchange after the 10:30 service (Parish hall)

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If you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee please contact Tina Newlin at 303-840-8367, or [ok4unme@qwest.net](mailto:ok4unme@qwest.net).

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### Altar Flowers

To continue to have the beauty of flowers during our services, please sign up for flower donations on the flower memorial list on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To request a remembrance, please write your name on the chart. Add appropriate language such as: In Loving Memory of....., In Thanksgiving for ....., or in Celebration of ....., please print clearly or email Christine at: [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com).

The minimum donation for Sunday flowers is \$40 payable on or before date requested and may be shared with another family. Please mark check in memo area: Flowers for .....

Thank you to everyone who has provided beautiful fresh flowers for our church altar. This is wonderful opportunity to honor a loved one's memory, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, or just simply to share your joy with the rest of the church.

### St. Matthew's Community Supper: August 9 – BBQ Chicken

Please join us for our Community Supper Chicken BBQ Pot Luck in our parish hall on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm. In addition to BBQ chicken we will also have hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads and yummy desserts. If you would like to contribute a dish to the potluck, people with last names starting with A-M please bring a salad or side dish, last names N-Z please bring a dessert.

As always, this supper is free and open to the public as we share our gifts of food and friendship with our neighbors in Parker.

The dinner starts at 4 p.m. in our parish hall at St. Matt's. Please bring your dishes hot and ready to serve. Can't decide until the last minute and don't have time to prepare anything? Please come anyway and don't worry about making a dish. There is always plenty and we would not want to miss your company.

For questions or to arrange transportation to the potluck, please call Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517. See you there!

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### Cursillo Events

A Cursillo weekend is scheduled for September. (10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>?) If you would like to be on the team, or sponsor a team member, applications are available on the web site ([www.cocursillo.org](http://www.cocursillo.org)), or contact: Joy Williams 303-481-8473, or [joyw1965@comcast.net](mailto:joyw1965@comcast.net) if would like to know what Cursillo is all about.

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## HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### **QUITE A HAUL!!!**

Thank you, St. Matthew's parishioners, for making this year's Loaves and Fishes Sunday a **record-breaker!**

St. Matthew's ingathering Sunday brought in the equivalent of **135** bags of groceries. All have been donated to the Bienvenidos Food Bank in Northwest Denver and the Women's Crisis Center in Castle Rock. As the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes teaches us -- **even in times of scarcity, God's abundance is great!**

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### Relay for Life News

#### **It's Not too Late...**

It's not too late to support St. Matthew's Miracle Makers 2009 Relay for Life Team at the August 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> overnight event. You can back the 17 members in a variety of ways including sponsoring a team "relayer", sign the team relay baton, return mini batons filled with loose change, drop off old obsolete cell phones for recycling, Rent-a-youth for relaying and offer donations towards luminarias. All contributions benefit the American Cancer Society's mission of finding a cure for all cancers, assist cancer victims and aid in preventative education. You may also register as a survivor or a caregiver for the event by visiting the Relay table located in the Parish Hall following Sunday morning services.

Of course, all parishioners are encouraged to attend the Relay Event on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> beginning 3:00 p.m. at Salisbury Equestrian Park located off of Motsenbocker Rd. in Parker. Emily Keibel will be the guest soloist singing

the National Anthem for the opening ceremony. As guests of the event you can cheer the many survivors, caregivers along with the "Miracle Makers" in the opening laps. Following the opening laps, visit the "Silent Auction" to bid on such items as Sports Tickets, Movie Baskets as well as St. Matthew's own Devilish Delights BBQ. Again, all money raised at the evening event will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The lighting of the beautifully decorated Luminarias will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening. The twilight event is a memorable reminder of the victims, the survivors and their caregivers.

The team will continue to "relay" throughout the night until approximately Sunday, 8:30 a.m. when closing ceremonies occur.

So, join fellow parishioners these final two weeks in supporting St. Matthew's Miracle Makers and making it a memorable Fight against Cancer.

For additional information on how you may help the Parish team please contact co-captains Patti Anderson at [candlepatti@msn.com](mailto:candlepatti@msn.com) or Susie Chapin at [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com). Thank you.

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#### It's Vacation Time!

Not that you have forgotten about your much awaited, planned event, but Hearts and Hands would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the many soaps, tissues, shampoos and other complimentary toiletries provided for you by hotels. Though you might not have use for these items, they are greatly needed and appreciated by the guests of the St. Francis Shelter in Denver. You may drop off these items in the basket located in the Parish Hall before or after Sunday services. If you would like to help with this ministry or need additional information please contact any Hearts and Hands Outreach Ministry member. Thank you.

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### Volunteers Needed for Lawn Mowing

A tradition at St. Matthew's has been to have this weekly task performed by members of the congregation.

Like snow removal, it's a great way to make a contribution to the maintenance of the church in a behind-the-scenes way.

All of the required equipment is available in the shed, so there is no need to bring your own. The week prior to your mowing duty, you'll receive a reminder e-mail that includes information about the operation of the equipment and specific instructions as to what needs to be done.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Building and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To reserve a weekend and ensure that you will be able to participate in this unique experience at St. Matthew's, act quickly and sign up now! Questions??? Contact Whit Greene (720-851-0997, e-mail [greenelw@msn.com](mailto:greenelw@msn.com))

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### Grocery Cards

When shopping for groceries, gas, or home & garden items please consider purchasing Grocery or Tagawa Garden cards. They are a perfect way to contribute to our church without having to spend extra money, gas and time. Here is how it works: You pay for the card, shop, use the card and the store gives St. Matthew's a percentage of what you spend. We have King Soopers, Safeway and Tagawa cards available. Tagawa Gardens gives St. Matthew's 20% of purchases. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-8419328 or at [Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org).

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### Prayer Requests

At the beginning of each month we update our prayer request list. Please contact the office at 303-841-0121 or [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com) if you would like us to continue praying for someone you requested we put on our prayer list. You are encouraged to contact us throughout the month to add or take people off the list, but at the end of each month, unless we've heard from you, they will be taken off the list.

God gave us the precious gift of prayer, and it is the best thing we can do for one another.

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### Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares will not meet during the summer months and will resume our regular meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in September. However, we will still honor requests for quilts. Applications for a quilt are available on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please give your request to Hazel McColley or Patty Fanning.

*"Of all duties, prayer certainly is the sweetest and most easy." -Laurence Sterne*

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### OPEN GATE THRIFT SHOP

Your donations are always needed. All items must be clean, wearable and in good working condition. ***And, Please, do not leave donations outside.***

Quite often we give our customers extra if we see the need, and we often do. We also recycle to St. Francis Center and the Abused Mothers and Children organization.

There is a new SALE every month, which many of our regular customers eagerly await!

Many thanks for your donations and purchases. Come in and visit sometime and observe what we're all about.

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## Did you know?

**Our youngest volunteer is 65 and the oldest almost 81? We sure could use some younger, stronger people to help us out. Do you have 2 1/2 to 5 hours in a day to give? If so, please call Hazel at 303-840-8540.**

Your Servant in Christ,  
Hazel McColley  
Manager - Open Gate Thrift Shop

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### Open Gate Thrift Store hours:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
\* Donations accepted during these hours only\*  
*Please do not leave items outside*

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This Sunday, August 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. all youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to the annual **Pool Party at the Chapin's, 20817 E. Sheffield Place, Parker, 80138.** Please RSVP to Jody (720-519-1266), or Susie (303-841-1789) if you are able to attend.

**Let's help Relay for Life and rent a walker from the youth group.** The young person will walk the track for you if you are unable to participate in this event. Contact Jody Shoemaker at [shoec@aol.com](mailto:shoec@aol.com) to make your pledge. This event will help in many ways for many people. If a youth would like to volunteer to be a walker, this participation will help toward your community service hours.

**Asking all youth to help with the planning of events for the up coming year of Youth Group.** The leaders are going to be meeting in August to start to put together the calendar and would like your ideas both in the kind of events

and ideas on how better to get the information to you in a way that you prefer. We can have the meeting on a Saturday or Sunday if you cannot come in the evening. It would be wonderful if one of the youth from Youth Group would like to be part of the year long leaders committee to keep us on track as to what would be the best events to plan. Let Rob Myers at [robmyers@comcast.net](mailto:robmyers@comcast.net) or Jody Shoemaker at [shoec@aol.com](mailto:shoec@aol.com) know of your ideas.

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### Weekly Services, Eucharist and Bible Study:

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School: 9:15 A.M.  
Children's Chapel: 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday Eucharist: 9:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 9:45 A.M.

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**Rector: The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson**  
[FrMichael@matthewinparker.com](mailto:FrMichael@matthewinparker.com)

**Rector Emeritus:** The Rev. Vernon Myers

**Organist:** Betty Sue Hugo

**Choir Director:** Emily Kiebel

**Parish Secretary:** Christine Greene  
[office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Phone: 303-841-0121

Fax: 303-841-3478

**Senior Warden:** Kandy Halstead

**Junior Warden:** Whit Greene

**Clerk of the Vestry:** Laurie Landry

**Treasurer:** Bev Van Zandt

**Vestry Members:** Laurie Gough, Laurie Landry, Jennifer Tinsley, Jerry Grabowski, Clay Hubbs, Brandon Stewart, Jo Evans, Kim DeJong, and Chris Hardy.

**Bookkeeper:** Wendy Rutkowski

**Thrift Shop Manager:** Hazel McColley

**E-mail:** [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com)

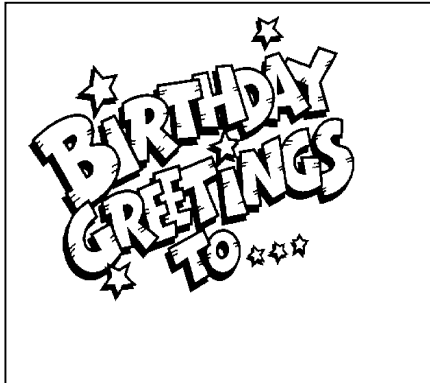
**Website:** [www.matthewinparker.com](http://www.matthewinparker.com)

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Kate Lucey	25
Amanda Peters	27
Dona Martyniak	28
Mary Nikkel	30
Joyce Chandler	31
Benjamin Siekierski	31
Ben Digges	31

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Alexia Shoemaker	01
Seamus Joyce	01
Katie Stouder	03
Jean Cook	04
Jordyn Hubbs	04
Jacob Strand	05
Shawn Vinson	08
Nabeel Rae	08
Alyson Reed	08
Lauren Hajnos	09
Neil Gordon	09
Sarah Zeray	10
Ron Rowcotsky	11
Matthew Zeray	12
Lauren DeHeve	12
Lynne Kunath	14
Jeff Bernard	14
Chris Mizer	14
Pat Keip	16
Suzann Smith	17
Walt Lord	17
Kristi Koltiska	17
Alex Schroeder	18
Mandy Rucker	19
Kaitlynn Kern	19
Becky Hundley	20
Brad Tomlin	20
Jaiden DeHeve	21
Steve Smith	22
Wendy Kelly	23
Aleem Rae	23
Sophia Liley	24
Cal Schmidt	25

  
*Anniversaries*  
*to*  
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Joyce and Rod Chandler	03
Cherise and Jeff Bernard	08
Mandy and Tom Rucker	09
Linda and Robin Squires	11
Mark and Melissa Foley	14
Garrett and Lynne Kunath	17
Don and Mary McDonald	22
Jim and Pat Keip	24
Nick and Lanique Hinch	25
Ann and Greg Hriso	25
Jeannie and Tyson Ferris	26
John and Susan Gile	27
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*Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family.*

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<b>2</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist  1-4pm Pool Party	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>5</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>6</b> 9-11am Parker MOM's, N.E.  6:30pm CAP	<b>7</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions 6pm Scrapbooking	<b>8</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>9</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 1-2:30pm Confirmation Class 4pm Community Supper	<b>10</b>  7-9pm DeMolay	<b>11</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 5:30pm Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  7pm Youth Leader Meeting	<b>13</b>  6:30pm CAP	<b>14</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>15</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  Relay for Life
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