

The Messenger

May 2009



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Lay Eucharistic Visitor Update!

"Here I am Lord. There are many reasons I am here, but this is the real one. I have come because you called me. I offer myself & my time & my gifts to serve that call. Use me today for your glory & for the welfare of your people, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen." - LEV Prayer

How We Help - Let Us Know If You Would Like Us To Come!

When a family gathers at the table for a common meal & one of the members is not there, the table is not complete. St. Matthew's LEV sacramental ministry joins people who are separated to be part of one body. The LEVs exist so that those who are unable to attend the Eucharist with the rest of the congregation (due to illness, injury, or infirmity) are able to share in the celebration & receive communion.

Directly following a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday (either the 8am or the 10:30am service), St. Matthew's LEVs carry the bread & wine consecrated at the Celebration to souls in need. LEVs are called to this sacramental ministry & stand by ready to provide the opportunity to create a sacred space & time in the lives of isolated people.

If at any time you find you are not able to come celebrate with the congregation, please contact Fr. Michael, Christine Greene at the church office, or Kandy Halstead. We will be happy to arrange for someone to bring the love & prayers of St. Matthew's parishioners as well as communion out to your home, the hospital, hospice, or care center.

Answering The Call!

The LEV ministry is open to those who are called, authorized, trained, & licensed. A new diocesan training program has been instituted that is allowing us to expand this deeply meaningful ministry. Information on scheduled training for new LEVs is included below!

Saturday, May 09, 09:00am - 01:00pm Christ's Church Episcopal Church, Castle Rock

Register with Christ's Church at 303.688.5185 by May 01. Please arrive 15 minutes early & bring a sack lunch if you need to eat before 01:00pm. We do have LEV kits available for you to take to training with which to practice.

Existing LEVs - Keeping Licenses Current

Existing LEVs are required to take the new training as described above when renewing our licenses. Also, all LEVs are now required to take Safeguarding God's Children Class. If you have taken this class within the last 4 years, you may update by taking the on-line version of the class. Otherwise, we must attend the class.

For information for the events below, please contact Meg Stern at the Office for Faith Formation at mstern@coloradodiocese.org or at The Diocesan Center. All registrations should be made directly with the hosting church, at least one week before the event, unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Safeguarding God's Children Workshops

Sunday, May 3 St. Timothy's, **Centennial** 11am – 3pm, lunch included. RSVP to 303-794-1565.

Saturday May 23 St. Luke's, **Fort Collins** 9am - 12pm. RSVP to Meg Stern 303-837-1173

Who Do I Call to Get More Information?

If you would like to request a LEV visit, chat about answering the call, have related questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Michael or Kandy Halstead. Take care, God bless, & listen for those calls.

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Episcopal Church Women

*May 3 ECW Fellowship Breakfast:
Let's Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!*

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Sunday School Play

The 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school class will present 2 plays entitled: **Fearless Pharaoh FooFoo and The Temptation today at 3:30 p.m.**

After the performance everyone is welcome to stay for the Community Supper in the parish hall at 4:00 p.m.

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Parker Task Force Food Bank



May is "Breakfast Month"

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter baskets and to the Youth Group for assembling them. We delivered over 30 baskets to the Task Force and brought a smile to many children on Easter morning! Your generosity is amazing...thank you!

May is "Breakfast Month". The Task Force is requesting pancake mixes, syrup, honey, fruit cups, and canned fruit in particular. All of these items show up on their "greatest needs" list. Donations may be placed in the wicker basket located in the narthex. Please contact Jennifer Tinsley at tinsleybedlam@comcast.net if you have any questions.

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On **Sunday May 3rd** between the services the ECW will be hosting our final Fellowship Breakfast before the summer break. At the breakfast we will also be kicking off preparations for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held the evenings of July 22-24 and Saturday morning July 25. As a FUNdraiser, all donations collected during the breakfast will go toward the purchase of supplies and teaching materials for VBS, and we will also be giving information about VBS and how you can help out with this fun ministry for our children and neighbors in Parker.

For more information about this year's Vacation Bible School or to volunteer to be a part of VBS, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517. Pre-registration materials for kids will be available on May 3.

St. Matthew's 30th Anniversary Cookbook

The ECW wants to publish your favorite recipes! We are collecting recipes from folks in our Church to be published in a beautiful spiral bound cookbook. Each recipe will include the name of the contributor. Simply print the recipe form (from this announcement) or pick one up in the parish hall after service. (Box available on coupon table.) Completed forms need to be returned prior to June 7th, the sooner the better!! The cookbooks will be made available for presale at \$12.00 or after publication in August for \$15.00. We know we have very talented cooks here at St. Matthew's; this cookbook will surely be treasured.

We will have one drawing during April, May and June from submitted recipes for a FREE book. So go ahead and submit, submit and submit some more!! This is a terrific fundraiser and an even better gift brimming with love. Any questions please call: Sarah Siekierski, Lucy Lord, Wendy Kelly or Stephanie Schneider.

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As many of you know, the economy is tight and we are carefully watching our finances as a church. To ensure sufficient funds are available, we are asking that payment for flowers be received by the Sunday preceding the one you are sponsoring. If payment is not received, we may need to cancel the flower order for that Sunday.

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.

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.

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Fellowship News:

ECW will host the final breakfast of the season on May 3, 2009. If you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee please contact Tina Newlin at 303-840-8367, or ok4unme@qwest.net.

Priest and Family Appreciation Dinner

The Appreciation Dinner for Fr. Michael and his family has been rescheduled for **May 22nd at 5:00 p.m.** The theme is "Mexican" and if you would like to bring food, beverages or any other needed items, please contact Tina Newlin at 303-881-5747 or ok4unme@qwest.net. If you are interested in helping with decorating, or have items that can be used please contact Deann Olson at 720-353-4983 or cdrjgolson@comcast.net.

If you will be able to attend, please RSVP to Tina Newlin at ok4unme@qwest.net.

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St. Matthew's Community Supper:

"Chicken & Biscuits" Pot Luck Supper, Sunday May 3rd

Please join us for a Community Supper 'Chicken and Biscuits' Pot Luck in our parish hall on **Sunday, May 3rd, 4:00 pm.** If you would like to contribute a dish to the potluck, people with last names starting with A-M please bring a salad or veggie side dish, last names N-Z please bring a dessert.

As a special event, at 3:30 p.m., just before the dinner, the third and fourth grade Sunday school class will present a number of skits they have been working on this spring. Please come early to enjoy their performance and plan to stay for dinner.

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. Matthew'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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Hearts and Hands Outreach

What is Relay for Life?

Join St. Matthew's Miracle Makers Relay for Life Team, **Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall and find out answers to all your questions about Relay for Life, the St. Matthew's Miracle Makers team as well as how you can become a member of the team or support the team's upcoming fundraising events for the August 15th - 16th overnight relay. For additional information please contact team co-captains Patti Anderson at 303-710-5888 (candlepattie@msn.com) or Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 (dwsjchapin@msn.com).

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Support the St. Matthew's Relay for Life Team!



So we all have them...Cell phones that we no longer need, work or are obsolete which are stuffed in a junk drawer, cabinet or the bottom shelf of the closet. We hate to throw the phones away, because we paid good money for them, plus it's bad for the environment. A simple solution to this annoying problem is beginning today, bring those old relics and drop them off in the appropriate basket located in the parish hall. St. Matthew's Miracle Makers Relay for Life team will earn money towards their 2009 team goal for every phone that is collected. The cell phone parts are recycled, making it a win-win situation for all! For additional information please contact Team co-captains Patti Anderson at 303-710-5888 (candlepatti@msn.com) or Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 (dwsjchapin@msn.com).

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Cornerstone Residences at St. Francis Center to Open This Fall

The mission of the St. Francis Center is housing as well as shelter, and for the past 5 years, the Center has been fulfilling this mission through a housing program for 50 people. This program has been off site, and it has provided case management as well as housing for disabled, senior or formerly homeless people. Through a partnership with the Rocky Mountain Housing Development Corporation, a faith based organization; the St. Francis Center has undertaken an ambitious project to build a 12.5 million dollar building at the corner of Curtis and Park Ave. West. This building, which is next to the St. Francis Center, will be called the Cornerstone Residences at St. Francis Center and is scheduled to open this fall. It is a 5-story building with 50 self-contained apartments. Persons are qualified by St. Francis Center to live in the building based on disability, senior status, or previous homelessness. Residents must provide some of the cost of living in the building, and case management is provided to assist residents with their transition and with clinical oversight. Residents are allowed to stay in the building as long as they need to. In addition to providing apartments, the ground floor of the building will be used for the St. Francis Center health clinic and the employment office, both of which are now housed in the St. Francis Center. The St. Francis Center, which raised \$2.8 million in support of this project, welcomes help in obtaining furnishings for the new apartments. Churches can "adopt" an apartment and collect furnishings, appliances, linens and other necessary items. We are looking for a St. Matthew's parishioner to act as point person for this project. This would involve obtaining the list of necessary items from St. Francis and working with parishioners to obtain as many of the items as possible. St. Francis will work with other churches and donors to obtain items we are unable to supply. Collection will begin in late summer or early fall, depending on the actual date of completion of the building. If you feel you are able to do this, please contact Celia Kaye Sloan at celia.kaye@ucdenver.edu or 303-593-2887.

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The United Thank Offering

Expand the Circle of Thankful People

In-gathering boxes for the United Thank Offering (UTO) are available in the narthex. Each day as you give thanks for the large and small blessings in your life, you can put an offering (no matter how small) in the box. These small offerings will add up to big blessings for others. Each year, UTO provides almost 3 million dollars to Episcopal ministries in the Anglican community. For example, the pews we sit on for worship were provided through a grant from UTO. You can bless others in the same manner by dropping your change into these little boxes and returning them to the church on **May 24**. For more information about UTO, please click on the link below:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/88377_25242_Eng_HTM.htm

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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.

Help Needed to Sell Grocery Cards!

Would you like to be a part of a simple, yet important ministry at St. Matthew's, but can't find the time in your busy schedule? Please consider volunteering to sell grocery cards following the 8:00 and 10:30 services. You may sign up for one, or both time slots and it only takes about 30-40 minutes. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-841-9328, or email her at: Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org. *Thank you!*

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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 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 meets every 3rd Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

We welcome your visit to see us in action. Perhaps you would even like to join us. We are always happy to teach you what we do. Thank you notes from grateful recipients are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Applications for a quilt are in the same area. 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.

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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On May 3 the youth will have a regular meeting from 4-6 p.m. to discover what will happen next to Screwtape; Hope you can make the meeting.

Coming up this month, the youth group will be offering their services for auction. This is the last fundraiser for the Alaska Mission Trip. At the auction, the youth of this parish will offer their services to the parish for a fee. Some of the services may include babysitting, yard cleaning, baking of cookies, cakes or cupcakes, garage cleaning or any service that you would like to see added to the list.

Rent-A-Kid Service Auction will be held after the 10:30am service on May 17. Please plan on staying after the service and bring your checkbook.

There will be no Youth Group on May 10 for Mother's Day or May 24 for the Memorial Day Weekend.

May 31 will be the last regular meeting for the youth for this year. We will be going to play mini golf at a course to be announced later.

This will not be the last of youth group over the summer. We plan to have one event each month in the summer. We will have a family BBQ, minor league baseball and help at the Relay for Life planned to keep all of us in touch with each other over the summer. Look for dates and time in the future. For more information please contact:

Rob Myers, robmyers@comcast.com and Jody Shoemaker, shoec@aol.com

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Children's Chapel

St. Matthew's provides Children's Chapel for ages 3-3rd Grade during the 10:30 service. Children join the beginning procession from their seats in the pew when they see a child bearing a cross come down the aisle. They continue on over to the education building where they will have an age appropriate lesson based on that day's Gospel. They come back to church at the Peace to join their families for the Eucharist. Parents of children new to Children's Chapel are welcome to attend until their child is comfortable coming on his/her own. Parish families: If you notice that there are more than 12 children processing please offer your assistance to the leader and volunteer to help that day. You do not have to be a parent of a child in the procession!!

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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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All ministries are welcome to submit an article for inclusion in The Messenger. Articles are due by the 15th to allow time for approval, editing and formatting. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at 303-841-0121, or at: office@matthewinparker.com. Thank you!

Rector: The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson

FrMichael@matthewinparker.com

Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Vernon Myers

Organist: Betty Sue Hugo

Choir Director: Emily Kiebel

Parish Secretary: Christine Greene

office@matthewinparker.com

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Phone: 303-841-0121

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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

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Anniversaries *the Month*

Leona and Tom Lonberger	02
Chad and Robin Pippin	15
Chris and Patricia Hardy	21
Bruce and Sarah Siekierski	21
Steve and Sue Tull	22
Terry and Todd Thompson	23
Dana and Todd Morgan	27
Brandon and Patsy Stewart	27
Marv and Peggy Brasch	31

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Ken Haithcoat	01
Dawn Koltiska	02
Sabrina Pippin	02
Aazer Rae	04
Suzana Williams	05
Greg Hriso	06
Barb McNish	07
Ethan Parker	07
Chad Pippin	07
Hayden Zeray	07
Sherry Heydt	08
Steve Tull	08
Jeannie Ferris	09
Charles Cadwell	10
Bruce Van Zandt	10
Ann Gurrieri	11
Bruce Siekierski	11
Ethan Anderson	13
Amanda Martin	13
Emily Martin	13
Diane Trueblood	13
Melissa Ball	14
Stephanie May	15
Bryan Bernard	16
Will Frakes	16
Kyle Kern	17
Meredith Rudolph	17
Rodger Reed	18
Carolyn Smith	18
Barbara Cowger	19
Jim Martyniak	19
Margy Malott	21
Madison Nikkel	21
Aaneer Rae	21

Jim Kling	23
Doug Chapin	24
Danielle Richardson	24
Bill Vigars	24
Tia Thompson	25
Kelsey Reed	26
Lynn Jankura	27
Cole Kirschbaum	27
Jordan Kirschbaum	27
Erika Van Zandt	27
Patricia Hardy	28
Peter Berg	31

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Baptisms

Brandon Ray Tamura	April 11, 2009
Ethan Iwo Tamura	April 11, 2009
Kyle Stephen Tamura	April 11, 2009
Emma Grace Foley	April 12, 2009
Kathryn Gayle Foley	April 12, 2009
Jacob Richard Foley	April 12, 2009

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Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family.

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					1 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm ECW Scrapbooking	2 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
3 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9:15 am Sunday School 3:30pm 3 rd & 4 th grade play 4-6pm Youth Group 4pm Community Supper	4 9-11am EfM	5 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	6 9am Eucharist 9:45 Bible Study	7 9-11am Parker MOM's, NE 6:30pm CAP 7:15pm Choir	8 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	9 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
10 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9:15 am Sunday School 4-6pm No Youth Group	11 9-11am EfM 7-9pm DeMolay	12 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 5:30pm Finance Committee	13 9am Eucharist 9:45 Bible Study	14 6:30pm CAP 7:15pm Choir	15 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	16 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
17 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9:15 am Sunday School 4-6pm Youth	18 9-11am EfM 10am Prayer & Squares	19 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	20 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	21 6:30pm CAP 7:15pm Choir	22 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions 5pm Appreciation Dinner	23 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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