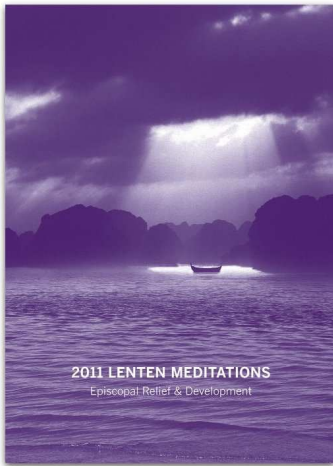


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Help Episcopal Relief & Development heal a hurting world

The 2011 Lenten Meditations devotional, co-authored by leaders from across the Episcopal Church, offers insights on the daily lectionary readings and how we might apply them in our lives as we face a world in need.

The booklets will be available in the Narthex in time for Lent.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
9:00 AM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM (WITH CHOIR)

If you have palms from last year you may bring them to church Sunday, March 6 or drop them off at the office during the week prior to Ash Wednesday.

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ECW Events

Women of St Matthew's:
Since we had so much fun at the last Bunco night, we are having our next Bunco night on **Friday March 4**



at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share and prepare to have a fun evening throwing dice! This is a great way to meet other women of our parish and newcomers are invited to play. The cost is \$7 and if you win most Bunco's, wins, loses, runs or mini Bunco's, you could go home with a cash prize! If you have any questions please contact Barb McNish at 303-805-2414 or email mcnishcolo@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

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St. Matthew's Blood Drive

Now that you've schedule your appointment,...!

Thanks to everyone who has scheduled an appointment to donate whole blood at St. Matthew's Bonfils Blood Drive, this Saturday, March 6th, 10:00 until 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Each donated pint will help up to 3 different patients, either locally, nationally or internationally. A few things to remember so that your donation goes smoothly:

- If possible arrive 10 minutes early to complete your paperwork.
- If you have your Bonfils provided donor card, please bring it with you. It will help in processing paperwork.
- The night before as well as Saturday morning, please drink plenty of water-it will quicken the donation process.
- Eat a good breakfast or lunch before coming in to donate!

If you haven't scheduled your appointment, we still have times available. Contact Hearts and Hands Representative Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789, dwsjchapin@msn.com to schedule or for additional information on how you may help in this annual event.

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Introducing... Name Tag Sunday!

Join fellow St. Matthew's Parishioners **Sunday, March 6th** and wear your St. Matthew's Name Tag to your favorite scheduled service and Parish Breakfast. What's that-you don't have a name tag? Don't worry; we'll be glad to have a tag personalized for you to wear on "Name Tag Sunday". Just fill out the form located on the Newcomer's portion of the bulletin board located in the Parish Hall or contact Christine during regular church office hours. For more information please contact Greeter's Ministry Coordinator Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or at dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On **Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30-7:00** the Youth Group will be hosting the Pancake Supper again. Please mark your calendars to attend with your family.
Costs: Family- \$20.00, Adults- \$7.00, Children 3-12- \$3.00, under 3-free. The profits from this dinner will go to the youth attending both Mission Trips this summer. At this point, we have a total of 11 youth registered for the missions. Please help support their outreach.

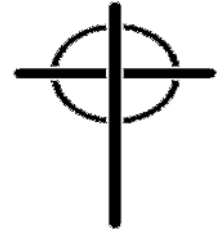
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You're invited to become a part of a new ministry-

St. Matthew's Greet and Meet!

This ministry will help welcome all guests of the parish before and after services as well as answer any questions guests may have and help make guests feel comfortable in our parish home. So if you enjoy meeting new people and want to be part of this new ministry please contact Greet and Meet Ministry coordinator Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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.
Nursery: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Wednesday Eucharist: 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 9:45 A.M.

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Altar Flowers—Sign up for 2011

Our new flower chart for 2011 is in the parish hall on the bulletin board. 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. The suggested 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 ... If you have any questions, please contact Barb McNish @303-805-2414 or mcnishcolo@aol.com, or Christine at 303-841-0121, or email office@matthewinparker.com. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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Debit & Credit Card Update – “Offering” Cards Available!

Did you know that St. Matthew's eGiving “Offering” Cards can help make your debit/credit card giving easier? Cards and envelopes are now available in St. Matthew's pews for your convenience. Just pick up a card, complete the information, seal in the envelope, and put it in the

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collection plate. Whether a one-time offering, or part of your regular pledge giving, it's just that simple. Plus, your gift, combined with those from your brothers and sisters, is blessed during the Offertory portion of the service, before being sent out to do God's work. You can even tuck a couple of these Offering Cards in your pocket or purse, so they're ready when you are!

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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

If you, or a loved one, has a need for prayers and comfort from illness or accident please fill out a request form (found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall) and give to one of us.

We continue to receive many requests for prayer quilts; however we currently have only 4 people who sew the quilts. If you sew, please consider joining this ministry so that we may continue to fill each and every request. We do the sewing at home and meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall to put threads in for tying, pick out materials for the next quilts, share ideas and go to lunch. If this is something you would like to do, or would like more information, please contact Patty Fanning @ 303-841-6681, leepatty_20@msn.com, or Hazel McColley 303-840-8540.



**Join us for the Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday,
March 6 at 9:00 a.m. -**

The Fellowship Team Wants You!

Looking for an enjoyable and easy way to get involved with our Church Community? The Fellowship Team is open for new members to help with coffee and goodies after the Sunday worship services. If you like to bake, that's wonderful! But, you are also welcome to just buy goodies to bring in to share. The duties are light and typically only require helping about every other month. Plus, you have a chance to work with a wonderful group of fun folks. Please join us! If you are interested in joining, or looking for more information, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517 or lglandryt@msn.com.

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**St. Matthew's Nursery
Nursery care at 10:30
service only. Hours for
September-May: 9:30 am-
12:00 pm.**

Parents who bring their children to the nursery at St. Matthew's will see two different, yet very familiar faces—Shunila Rae and Samantha Hynes will be providing childcare in the nursery during the 10:30 service. **(There will no longer be nursery @8:00)** Thank you Shunila and Samantha for serving in this ministry!

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Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is for all children preschool through 3rd grade. The children gather together to hear the gospel story. From there the children discuss and learn the meaning of the gospel; activities and crafts are often used to enhance the story. Leaders take turns each Sunday; and we welcome anyone to join us who would like to be a leader in this part of the children's education.

We also need an adult to help each Sunday. We are blessed to have a large group of children participate but the leader does need assistance. Please take a turn and join the group when they are headed to the classroom. If you would like to learn how to help or have any questions please contact: Joy Williams @ 303 525 6471 or joyw1965@comcast.net.

general rehearsals is expected as much as possible. We would like all youth to be involved. If there are dates you will not be available, please contact Jo Ellen Richardson ASAP (joellenr@comcast.net) so we can plan accordingly. Coordinators are Bobbi Scheinin and Jo Ellen Richardson.

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We will meet again March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Church Office. **Please join us!** For additional information please contact Jo Evans at 303-841-2276 or jo.evans@comcast.net

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Outreach Ministry of the Month:

Imagine...

- Not having access to clean drinking water. Your source for drinking water is also used for bathing, washing clothes and water for animals.
- Having to carry drinking water in 40lb 5 gallon buckets back to your village.
- Your child under the age of 5 dying due to diarrhea, dysentery, and other waterborne diseases spread through unprotected water sources and lack of latrines.

Here at St. Matthew's most of us have available clean drinking water along with the opportunity to



ATTENTION 6TH -12TH GRADERS

Beginning Sunday, Feb 20th, from 3pm-5pm we will begin rehearsing the Palm Sunday Passion Pantomime. (Meet in Youth room)

We will meet most Sundays from Feb 20th thru April 17th, Palm Sunday.

For the first Sunday, please make sure you know your parents' email addresses to put on the sign up list. This is the primary form of communication.

General rehearsals will be every Sunday from 3pm-4pm just before Youth Group meetings.

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, April 16th late afternoon-time TBD later.

You will perform at BOTH services on Palm Sunday, April 17th and 100% participation at

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bathe in clean water on a daily basis. In most instances we do not have to haul our water into our homes for consumption and most importantly, our children do not die before the age of 5 due to diarrhea, dysentery or other waterborne diseases.

Unfortunately, this isn't true for developing countries. Globally, 884 million people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water. 1.4 million Children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation.

Therefore, this Lenten season, in support of the Episcopal Church's 2000 Millennium Development Goals, St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands Community Outreach will be raising money to benefit El Porvenir, a nonprofit organization (partnered with Episcopal Relief and Development) which assists rural Nicaraguan villages in obtaining clean drinking water along with helping build latrines and communal washing facilities for basic sanitation needs, reforestation, health education, and the construction of fuel-saving stoves.

Beginning Sunday, March 13th "Living Water" banks will be available for all parishioners to collect money during the Lenten season to support El Porvenir and in turn, the 2000 Millennium goals of reducing childhood mortality, improving maternal health, achieving universal primary education and ensuring environmental sustainability. During Sunday School children will have the opportunity to decorate their Banks while adults may pick up a bank at the Parish Hall display. Hearts and Hands will then collect all "Living Water" Banks May 1st and match dollar for dollar the first \$250 collected in the banks.

Through your support we can imagine clean, accessible drinking water for everyone, thriving children and a healthy planet!

For further information on El Porvenir see their website www.elporvenir.org. See www.erd.org/MDGs for information on the Episcopal 2000 Millennium Goals.

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Parker Task Force Collection for March: Mayo/Mustard

The Parker Task Force Food Bank is a non-profit organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. The Mission of the Food Bank is to provide short-term support to those in need in the Parker, Franktown and Elizabeth areas and we at St. Matthew's have a long standing history of supporting The Parker Task Force. You may bring your donations to church and put them in the basket in the Narthex. *Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you can deliver items to PTF please call Christine @ the office -303-841-0121, or email-office@matthewinparker.com.*

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St. Matthew's Community Supper

Hosted by the Youth Group on Sunday, March 20
from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Volunteers Needed for Snow Removal

Similar to lawn mowing in the summer, we ask for volunteers to do the snow removal in the winter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Buildings and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. When you sign up it's for 1 week, from Monday through the following Sunday (we do it that way so the same person is on duty for the entire weekend). All of the necessary equipment (snow blower, snow shovels, and melting crystals) is in the shed. The city plows the parking lot and driveway entrances, so all we have to clear is the walkways and building

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entrances. The week before you're on duty, you'll receive an e-mail reminder with all the necessary instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Whit Greene, 720-851-0997, greenelw@msn.com. Thanks in advance for your help.

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Fundraising Cards from St. Matthew's

If you love to garden, or know someone that does please consider purchasing **Tagawa Cards**. They are perfect gifts for holidays, family, friends and people that love to shop for plants and garden accessories all year long. Tagawa Gardens is located at: 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80016. And, when shopping for groceries and gas, we also have **King Soopers, Safeway and Sprouts** cards available. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. Grocery cards are available for purchase with cash or checks. Credit and debit cards carry fees to St. Matthew's that cancel out the benefit of the grocery card, so may not be used for this purpose.

If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-841-9328, or email: Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org.

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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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OPEN GATE THRIFT STORE

The Open Gate Thrift Store is a remarkable mission of our church, providing much needed clothing and other items to members of the community at very reasonable prices. Because of the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who work at the Open Gate, all proceeds are turned over to the Church in support of its other missions. Patty and all of the volunteers would welcome your donations of gently used items to this mission, which reaches out to families throughout Parker and the Denver area.

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Please mark your calendars!
You don't want to miss these events!

March Events

March 5, Saturday 30hr Famine

Time: 10 am Drop off

Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow but NO CELL PHONES

Pick up: 10 am Sunday, March 6

March 6 Decorate Parish Hall

Time: 4 to 6 pm

March 8 Pancake Supper

Time: 3:30 to 7:30 pm

Need: Set up, cooks/servers and clean up

March 13 No Youth Group

March 20 Community Supper

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Need: Set up, cooks/servers and clean up

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March 27 Regular Meeting

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

For more information please contact Jody Shoemaker at shoec@aol.com or Andrew Ericson at Sirsahieb@yahoo.com.

This is a full month of events and all your youth leaders are looking forward to seeing everyone at as many as possible. Please contact Jody at shoec@aol.com or Andrew at Sirsahieb@yahoo.com if you would like to attend or have any questions.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE EVENT COMING:

Get rid of all your electronic devices responsibly and help fund the Mission Trips this summer. On Saturday, March 26 the youth of this parish will take in devices that you would like to recycle, but don't know where to take them for a small fee. We will receive a percentage of that fee to help fund our mission trips in June and July. Tell your friends and neighbors! Please look for more information to come very soon.

BUY A SHARE OF THE MISSION TRIPS AND HAVE DINNER

At the Pancake Supper, the youth traveling on the mission trips will be selling at \$10.00 a share a chance to support their work. With the purchase of a share, you will be able to attend and dinner and presentation of the Mission Trips on Sunday, August 21 from 5 to 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Children are free.

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Money breakdown for the Mission Trips:

Total cost:	High School \$700.00	Middle School \$210.00
Deposit:	\$100.00	\$100.00
Church Fundraising:	\$150.00	\$50.00
Group Fundraising:	\$100.00	\$25.00
Youth Mission Fund:	\$150.00	\$10.00
Family:	\$200.00	\$25.00
Total for Family:	\$300.00*	\$125.00*

*Scholarships available for this part. If you need this assistance so that your child can attend please talk to Fr. Michael, Jody Shoemaker or Rob Myers. Money should not be the reason a child does not go.

The Youth Group hopes to raise \$1,500 thru the Pancake Supper and the buying of Shares for the Shareholder Dinner in August.

Please let Jody Shoemaker, shoec@aol.com or Rob Myers, robmyers@comcast.net know if you would like to sign up for the mission trips or have any questions.

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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

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

Senior Warden: Bobbi Scheinin

Junior Warden: Jenny Moncier

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer: Tom McNish

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Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

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Would you like to be on the Parish email distribution list? Much of the information, like the monthly newsletter, weekly updates, as well as pastoral news is sent via email. Please contact Christine at office@matthewinparker.com if you would like to receive emails from St. Matthew's.

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

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