

# The Messenger

April 2009



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

Dear Friends,

The financial world is on the minds of many people, whether it has affected them personally or not. Most of us still have our same jobs, and have not made drastic changes in our lives because of the condition of the market. However, even if we are not planning on retiring soon or otherwise using invested funds, we are all aware of the need to have more sanity in our financial lives, both individually and corporately. We will send out a short booklet as a PDF file about "Finding Hope in Hard Times" that was originally produced by the Church of England and adapted by the Episcopal Church. I hope that you find it helpful in examining the spiritual perspective of the place that finances have in all our lives.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael+

The link to the booklet that I have is [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship\\_104523\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship_104523_ENG_HTM.htm)

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## Holy Week and Easter Day Service Schedule

April 9 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

April 10 - Stations of the Cross - Noon  
Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m.

April 11 - Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

April 12 - Easter Day Worship Services  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
10:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

## 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 me. 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.

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Information on scheduled training for new LEVs is included below!

### ***Saturday, April 25, 09:00am - 01:00pm St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Centennial***

Register with St. Tim's at 303.794.1565 by April 17. 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.

### ***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](mailto: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**

***Tuesday, April 28, 06:00pm - 09:00pm,***

***St. Stephen's, Longmont***

For more information or to register, call  
303.776.1071

### **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 me. Take care, God bless, & listen for those calls.

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### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Time to beautify our church for Easter Sunday! In the parish hall you will find a form to fill out and specify if you want this donation of \$15 to be for a memorial, thanksgiving or celebration. Place the form with your check in the offertory basket and specify for "Easter flowers", or drop it off at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Christine 303-841-0121 or Barb McNish 303-805-2414. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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### **Episcopal Church Women**



### ***ECW BUNCO NIGHT***

***All women of St. Matthew's are invited to play!***

**When: April 24, 2009**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: St. Matthew's Parish hall**

**Hosts: Laurie Gough and Lucy Lord**

We always have a great time; Please consider joining the fun! If you have any questions, please call Sarah Siekierski at 303-840-8834.

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Good News! Someone has generously donated \$500.00 to the flower fund, which is more than enough to cover the previous downfall!

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 sheet in the parish hall or by emailing Christine at [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com).

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.

### Sunday Fellowship News:

In observance of Lent there will be no Fellowship Breakfast on April 5. 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](mailto:ok4unme@qwest.net).

### 2009 St. Matthew's Lenten Blood Drive

It's time to roll up those sleeves and schedule your appointment for this year's 2009 St. Matthew's Lenten Bonfil's Blood Drive scheduled for Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners ages 17 and up are encouraged to check the eligibility requirements posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall and then see Hearts and Hands Community Outreach member Susie Chapin to schedule your 40 minute (apprx.) appointment for this annual event. Appointments may also be scheduled Tuesday through Friday by calling Christine at 303-841-0121. For additional information please contact Susie at 303-841-1789 or [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com). Thanks for making a difference!

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### St. Matthew's Community Supper:

#### **“Chicken & Biscuits” Pot Luck Supper, Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

There will not be a Community Supper in April, however please join us for a Community Supper ‘Chicken and Biscuits’ Pot Luck in our parish hall on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

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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

#### *St. Francis Center Needs Volunteers*

Adult volunteers are needed to help at St. Francis Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of each month. If you are interested in this rewarding experience please contact St. Francis Volunteer Coordinators Susan or Beth at 303-297-1576. Thank you for making a difference in someone's life!

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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](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/88377_25242_Eng_HTM.htm)

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### Grocery Cards

#### *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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### 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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### 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

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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. I must remind you that 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\*

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### **Youth News**

Thank you to the parish members of St. Matthew's!! In very tough economic times, you have shown that you will support the youth. To date, we have raised \$902 towards our goal of \$2,000 for the expenses of the Alaskan Mission Trip. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper made \$262 after expenses and served 55 to 60 people. Selling of the shares for a dinner and presentation in August has raised \$650 with donations of \$100 and \$250.

In April, we hope to have a Service Auction that will help to make the remaining amount. The service auction will be an auction in which our youth will be offering their services with items as babysitting, gutter cleaning, yard work, baking and many other services. If you are in need of a service, let us know and we can add this to our list of items to be auctioned. Look for the date to be announced in the near future.

Also, parents of upcoming 4th and 5th graders, we hope to start a once a month youth group for them. If you are interested in getting this started over the summer, please talk to Rob Myers or Jody Shoemaker. We would like to offer some fun events for them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rob Myers, [robmyers@comcast.com](mailto:robmyers@comcast.com) and Jody Shoemaker, [shoec@aol.com](mailto:shoec@aol.com)

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### **Children's Chapel**

St. Matthew's provides Children's Chapel for ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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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**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)

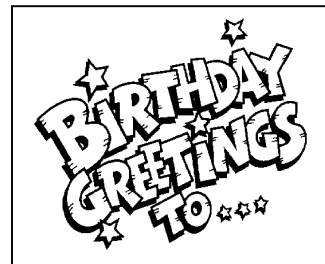
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Samantha Strand	04
Heather Gile	05
Ron Maclachlan	06
Mike Rose	09
Morgan Green	10
Drew Clement	11
Nancy Mayfield	12
Alexandra Gile	15
Wayne Myers	15
Evelyn Mason	16
Dick Nace	16
Sarah Siekierski	16
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Jeff Fonda	25
Ben Kirk	25
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Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you, or your family.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<b>1</b> 9am Eucharist 9:45 Bible Study	<b>2</b> 9-11am Parker MOM's, NE  6:30pm CAP  7:15pm Choir	<b>3</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>4</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>5</b> Palm Sunday 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9:15 am Sunday School 4-6pm Youth Group	<b>6</b> 9-11am EfM	<b>7</b> 9-11am Explorers  10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>8</b> 9am Eucharist 9:45 Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>7 pm Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions <b>12:00pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>7:00pm Tenebrae</b>	<b>11</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop <b>7 pm Easter Vigil</b>
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