

Announcements

Adult Formation

The Adult Formation class is currently taking a break. We will resume our class on the History of Christianity on Sept. 9th.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for grades pre-K through 5 will resume on September 9, **at a new time—9:45 am**. Please join us for a fun fall of learning.



Please-Please-Please

Come work for Feed My Starving Children; Oct 13, from 9-11am. The church needs at least 20 people to fill our quota. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk.

Money & People need to be registered by Sept 2. Please contact Myrna with any questions.

Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to help as Teachers and Helpers for our Sunday School classes. Assignments are made based on when you are available to teach. We need adults to teach Sunday School for children, youth, and adults. Other volunteer formation needs: teaching assistants for the Children's Sunday School; adults to assist with Youth Group outings and to help at the Fall Youth Retreat. If you are interested in any of these programs, we need you! Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with Sunday School classes!

Please be aware that anyone working with the children or youth needs to have an application on file at the church to work with children/youth and needs to complete the online Safeguarding God's Children (unless your Safeguarding training is current). Anyone teaching adults will also need to complete an application and have a current Safeguarding God's People training on file at the office. You can send Micky an email if you aren't sure whether your Safeguarding training is current. If you need an application, Micky will be able to email this to you. Safeguarding training online can be accessed via the Diocesan website at <https://episcopalcolorado.org/congregational-resources/safe-church/>.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is on the map and registered. Please bring interesting books to the red box in the entry-and take one from the Little Free Library in front of the church to enjoy! Please, no school (language, math, English, typing, etc) or cook books.

Bang for your Bag

We need paper grocery bags. Please put your groceries in paper bags and bring the bags to the Bang for your Bag box downstairs. Tri-Lakes Cares is in need of bags to hand out their groceries.

St. Matthias Youth Group

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready to start the new school year. Thanks to all the youth who have participated in summer events, such as VBS, the parish game night, and the Lord's Dinner. You are awesome.

Because the start of school is just around the corner, we wanted to make sure you were aware of upcoming youth activities at church.

1. Quest registration is now open. Fall Quest will be October 5-7. This year the theme is "Still, Small Voice." Where do we find's God's voice and what does it sound like? How can we hear it if we're caught up in worry, doubt, fear, and the pressure from peers, school, and family? This Fall is about when to listen, how to listen, how to know we've heard, and what to do next. You can access the registration online at <https://episcopalcoregister.campbrainregistration.com>.



2. We will have our **Youth Group Kick-Off Party** to start the 2018-2019 church school year on September 9. The Youth Group will be meeting on Sundays from 4pm – 5:30pm. This is going to be a fun and exciting year. Jen and Jay Howver, along with Rev. Laura, will be assisting our Youth Group Leader Eric Olinger. We hope you will plan to join us.

Ministry Fair: August 26

Ministry Fair will be held during coffee hour. This is an important Sunday in the life of the parish as we renew our commitment and energy to the faithful ministries at St. Matthias.

Part of our stewardship to God is the use of our Time & Talents. Please prayerfully consider what ministries you want to be a part of in the coming year.



Eucharistic Visitor Training

We have an upcoming Eucharistic Visitor Training in the South Denver area on Saturday September 22 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at St. Tim's, Centennial. The link below is for ALL to register to attend this training. The link will be ready next week for people to register for this training. Please pass this on to anyone that you would like. Thank you, Dianne

Eucharistic Visitor Training
Saturday, September 22, 2018
9am to 12:30 pm
St. Tim's, 1401 E. Dry Creek Rd., Centennial, 80122

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/EpiscopalDioceseofColorado/evtraining.html>

Coffee Hour

We are in need of coffee hour providers. The September & October sheets are up. There are places to sign up for set up/clean up and/or provide food.

Grocery Cards

Please see Bill Clewe after church to purchase Safeway and King Soopers reloadable grocery cards for \$10 each.

Need an Announcement in the bulletin or eblast?

Send Micky the announcement as you want it to appear to stmatthias@comcast.net by Noon, Wednesday prior to the weekend you want it posted.

Parish Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Our Lending Closet, originally provided from the Vicki Cummings' estate, has received additional donations of new and near-new items. Available for short- or long-term loan (by reaching Jim Rosa 719-684-5882, or through the church office) are: transport (wheel-) chair, two foldable walkers, shower bench, commode with stand, foam cushions, folding bed-top table, arm sling, abdominal binder, system to help put socks on after surgery, pill organizer, and some consumables, like latex gloves. If you or a loved one has need of this home-use medical equipment, please call.

Photo Releases

There are photo release forms in the pew racks. Please complete one so that we may use pictures taken at church events in the newsletter/website/publications for St. Matthias. Thank You.

For Those Deployed

We want to pray for those deployed in the fight against Terrorism, especially those in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you have a friend or loved one so deployed, please pass along to us their name (and yours). You may let Micky in the office know - stmatthias@comcast.net.

St. Matthias and Tri-Lakes Cares: A Steady and Strong Relationship

As many of you know, St. Matthias has generously supported Tri-Lakes Cares for many years. Through our weekly food pantry donations, to the Giving Tree Ministry, to our school supply drives, you have helped Tri-Lakes Cares not only serve the needy, but to thrive and expand. What you may not be aware of, though, is that TLC is the **only** food pantry and resource organization located in and serving the Tri-Lakes Region. Because of this reality, they are a crucial resource in our area. In addition to their food pantry, TLC also offers financial, medical, and educational assistance to those in need. This dedicated, volunteer-based organization helps people in emergency situations, as well as those with day to day needs, and strives to guide its clients towards a life of self-sufficiency.

St. Matthias supports TLC weekly through our food pantry donations. New food slips will be in the offering baskets each month. I encourage you to take one, purchase what is listed, and bring the items back to St. Matthias. These items can be deposited in the large basket located behind the last pew, and will be brought to the alter for Reverend Laura to bless during the service. The collected items are then taken by a parishioner to the Tri-Lakes Cares facility for donation, where volunteers are always grateful for our help with this vital ministry.

If you're looking for a way to give back to our remarkable community, or maybe you used to participate regularly in this ministry, but have fallen away recently (like me!), consider re-igniting your desire to open your heart and support this awesome program! Questions? Contact Laura Barkocy at: lbarkocy@hotmail.com Thank you!

To read more about the services Tri-Lakes Cares offers, please visit their website at: tri-lakescares.org

Update on Search for New Bishop for Our Diocese, The Episcopal Church in Colorado

Many of you are aware that, with Bishop Rob's impending retirement, this diocese will be electing his replacement at the Oct 2018 Convention in Denver. To update you, three candidates have now been nominated; information on each will soon be posted downstairs in the church. Earlier in October, sessions will be held in various regions for anyone who chooses to attend to meet and question the three nominees; dates and locations will be publicized this fall. Voting on the new bishop will be the responsibility of the four St. Matthias representatives to the Convention: Rev. Laura Beck, Mike Hess, Donna Rosa and Jim Rosa. If you want to ask questions or make inputs about your views on the new bishop, please get with one or more of those reps. As this will be the new bishop for all of us, your thoughts (and prayers) are welcome.