

Announcements

Annual Meeting

For our Annual Meeting on Sunday, 28 Jan, lunch will be provided. Sandwiches, chips, and salads will be catered by Panera, but we ask each family to bring a small dessert to share. (Additional Gluten-Free bread will be available.) Please RSVP by completing the yellow form you can get from the usher.



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Vestry Nominations

Pursuant to the Parish By-Laws, nominations are now open for two voting positions on Vestry as well as for Vestry Clerk. Nominations need to be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Parish Office no later than January 24, 2018. All nominations should include the confirmation that the individual being nominated is aware of the nomination and is willing to serve on the Vestry. The By-Laws require that all Vestry members shall be over the age of 18, have been a member of St. Matthias for at least six months and are active in the ministries and financial support of the parish. Elections of Vestry Members, as well as confirmation of our new Wardens, will take place during our Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018. Please contact Rev. Laura or Micky, if you have any questions or wish to have additional information.

No Sunday School Jan. 28

There will be no Children's, Youth, or Adult Sunday School in Sunday, Jan.28 as we will be setting up for the Annual Meeting prior to the service.

Safeway "Reloadable" Grocery Card Update

I ordered ten Safeway reloadable grocery cards that should be available for you to purchase starting Sunday, January 28 during coffee hour. The purchase price is \$10 each. Here's how these cards work: You purchase a card for \$10 from Bill Clewe, and I'll record what card number you have. Before you start ringing up your Safeway purchase, tell the cashier you want to load your card, follow their directions, and then go-ahead and checkout. You can also reload your card at the customer service desk. You can load as much money as you wish. If your card is lost or stolen tell Bill and he'll work with the Safeway contact to have the balance transferred to another reloadable card. Safeway returns 5% of all reload amounts, and we use it in the "Ministry and Outreach" budget. See Bill if you have questions!

Confirmation

Are you an adult interested in being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church? If you would like more information about this, please see Rev. Laura to discuss setting up classes. Confirmations/receptions/reaffirmations are done by our Bishop during Regional Confirmations, and the next one is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th.



Parents Night Out

The youth group is offering a Parents' Night Out for Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. We will provide dinner, crafts and games. The sign - up is on the kiosk. Donations will be accepted.



Men's Group

Why have a Men's Group? While men rarely invite other men to church, they tend to invite each other to go skiing, hiking, hunting, fishing, or to watch or participate in some sporting event. A Men's Group opens the door to showing one another and those outside the church what we really have to offer, namely the Light of Christ. God knew that a quiet little well-mannered baptism wouldn't attract the men that he wanted for his Son's closest associates, so he arranged the heaven's to be ripped open and a voice to say, "This is my Son!" in Surround Sound. Andrew notices and goes to Peter and says, "You've got see this!" This was the start of something big, something awesome – events that would transform their lives and ours.

So guys, mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Men's Group at St. Matthias will hold their first meeting on Sunday, February 18th, after the service during coffee hour. We are hoping that this group will invest itself into putting together a schedule of outings and events that will (1) give the men of St. Matthias opportunities to bond, and (2) give you a forum in which to study, share, and plan amazing experiences and/or service projects together. I know this is also going to be the start of something special.

Card Ministry Returns

Anyone interested in making and/or sending cards to parishioners for birthdays, other occasions, please contact Micky at 963-3870 or at the church office.



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Youth Group News

Youth Group meets from 9:00 - 9:45 every Sunday and is for all youth in 6th - 12th grades.----Would you like to help teach our youth? The Sunday sign - up (through March) is on the kiosk. Thank you!

Mark your calendars! The spring Quest retreat is April 20 - 22, 2018, at Frontier Ranch in Buena Vista. The theme is - Reverse It! and registration begins January 15, 2018.

Adult Formation

Starting on Sunday, Feb. 4th, the adult Sunday School class will begin reading and discussing "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Crossan. A brief handout with discussion questions will be provided each Sunday; however, you may also purchase the book ahead of time. See Rev. Laura with questions.

Coffee Hour

We are in need of coffee hour providers. The February sheet is now up. There are places to sign up for set up/clean up and/or providing food.

Christmas Flowers need a home

If you donated Christmas flowers this year, please pick up one or more to take home. Thanks!

Contemplative Prayer Group

Do you have a practice of contemplative prayer? Are you curious about contemplative prayer? Is this the first time you've heard of contemplative prayer? All of these (and more!) are great reasons to check out our Contemplative Prayer Group. We meet at St. Matthias the first Monday of each month, 10:00-11:30. We practice Centering Prayer and a number of other varieties of contemplation, and we'd love to have you join us! If you'd like to learn more, contact Amy Agape at amy.sacredspace@gmail.com 719 487-3145

Evening Contemplative Prayer Group

A Contemplative Prayer group is gathering on the third Wednesday evening each month. All are welcome -- long-term practitioners of contemplative prayer as well as people who have never tried it. Please contact Amy Agape (210 260-1872/amy.sacredspace@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Annual Financial Campaign

It's not too late to turn in your 2018 pledge card! To date, we have received 33 pledges for a total of \$ 176,885. We are grateful for all those who have made a financial commitment to the parish. We cannot continue our presence as St. Matthias, or our various ministries, without financial support. For those who are still in prayer and discernment as to their offering, pledges can be submitted at any time to the parish office. Please feel free to contact Rev. Laura with any questions or concerns. There are additional pledge cards on the bookshelf next to the front door if you need

NEW! Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Created through the generosity of Vicki Cummings' estate, St. Matthias has established a lending closet of home-use medical equipment. Currently the following are available for loan: transport (wheel-) chair; foldable walker; foam cushion; folding bedtop table; and shower bench. For short- or long-term loans, contact Jim Rosa (719)684-5882. If you can't reach him, call Rev. Laura Beck for help.

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.

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.