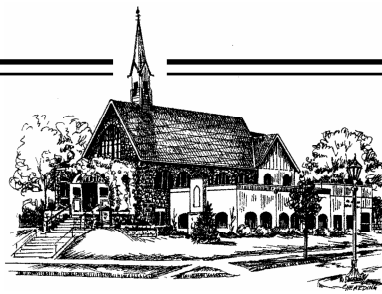

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from St. Matthew's



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From The Rector

Resurrection Time

Liturgically, Easter is a seven-week season before Pentecost (Sunday, June 4). For Christians, however, Easter is a year-round reality. Jesus' resurrection inspires us and informs our lives, world and mission. What are we called to do and be to bring new life and reconciliation to our families, friends, communities, and world? How can our lives proclaim that the anxiety, despair, suffering, hunger, homelessness, disease and death we read about, see, and experience are not bitter finalities? How can we give hope to a world overwhelmed by warfare, violence, hatred, greed, impatience, complexity, and shortsightedness? How can we, in the words of Wendell Berry, practice resurrection daily?

There are tangible signs of resurrection life at St. Matthew's. New individuals and families have come to join us on the pilgrimage of faith. They've already contributed their gifts and positive energy to our community. The Social Justice Ministry collected money for Episcopal Relief and Development ("Boxes of Hope") during Lent, is putting together duffel bags for low-income children who want to go to camp, and is preparing for St. Matthew's to serve as an overflow homeless shelter in August. Our tutoring ministry to metro-area children continues at St. Matthew's two nights each week. Our parish educators continue to teach, challenge, and inspire us to go deeper in our faith. Our Art Ministry team continues to recruit, display, and publicize incredible shows that help us to see our lives and world in new ways.

Holy Week and Easter were powerful. Thanks to the Brother Lawrence Guild, over 50 people turned out for a delicious Agape Meal, and 72 people for the Maundy Thursday service following it. While the Maundy Thursday service was longer (and warmer!) than planned, the power of washing each other's feet more than made up for any momentary discomfort. On Easter over 200 people joined us for a fes-

tive liturgy in which we celebrated the baptism of Fern Elena Charles, and on April 30 we officially welcome Miles Johnson into the community of faith.

On May 13 five of our young adults will be confirmed at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral at 11 am (please come and cheer them on!), and on May 14 Assisting Bishop Daniel Swenson and I will participate with the members of the Hope Multipurpose board/Blue House ministry and our congregation's children in the blessing of 15 quilts to travel with James Garubanda and Pat Owen to southwestern Uganda (near Kazo Town). They will be given to the twelve girls, all AIDS orphans, living in the Blue House. Each quilt has a different scripture verse embroidered in the native dialect. Thus on Mother's Day we will be remembering twelve young women who have lost their mothers, and sending them a tangible expression of God's love for them.

On Sunday, May 21, we will, believe it or not, mark the end of spring with a "Celebration of Ministry." This celebration will be a chance to give thanks for all the God-given gifts, passion, and talent that make St. Matthew's so spirit-filled and vital. We will especially thank our parish educators who begin a much-deserved summer sabbath: our Godly Play and Faith Weavers teachers, Adult Forum leaders, and small group/Bible study facilitators. Please bring a hot dish, fruit salad, pasta salad, or dessert for the

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Summer services begin on
Pentecost, June 4

One service only at 9 am on Sundays

No service at 8 am or 10:30 am

Mark your calendar!

People News and Announcements

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Thank You So Much

Most of you know that I experienced emergency surgery while in Tucson, where a tumor (benign) in my spinal cord was removed. Let me tell you (many of you already know...) that it is certainly overwhelming to face such dramatic challenges to our bodies...and our spirit. It's been humbling; I've gained so many new insights from this experience.

Your love and prayers have made such a difference. I can't begin to thank you enough for the support you, the St. Matthew's congregation, sent my way. It made all the difference... I knew you were there, cheering me on, when I had so many doubts and fears. The power of prayer, and love, is a great and wonderful healer.

Blessings to you all,
 Abby Marier

Ballet Performance

Mollie Jenkins will be performing Copelia with her ballet school, Dance Moves, Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21, 3 pm both days. The performance is at the West Campus Theater of Century College. Mollie's father, Phillip Jenkins, will also be on stage. For more information, contact Katie Lowry: 651-483-2783 or katio.lowry@gmail.com.

Loaves & Fishes

May 28 Loaves & Fishes – look for sign-up sheets in the undercroft, or contact Ray Dietman to sign up:

651-642-9944 or
Ray.Dietman@inginvestment.com

Please send Tidings your student's graduation news for the June issue:
katio.lowry@gmail.com

Alexander Art in Korea

A dress, coat, and hat of 100% hand-made Korean hanji paper by Marjorie Alexander will be worn by a live model in a "FashionFair" show on May 4 in Joenju, an important papermaking city 200 miles south of Seoul, South Korea. The "FashionFair," a major highlight of Joenju's May Festival, was begun nine years ago by a group of University design educators to emphasize the importance of hanji in the city and the region. Hanji has been made in Joenju for over 1,000 years. Marjorie has been involved with judging the student competition for several years and was asked to create a garment as an honored guest designer for the professional designers' show this year.



The dress is knitted and crocheted. The yarn, both black and white, was made by cutting large sheets of paper into small strips and spinning them on a spinning wheel. Eleven hundred eighty yards were required for the dress and hat.

Tidings Deadlines

Sunday, May 21
 Sunday, June 18
 Send articles to Katie Lowry:
katio.lowry@gmail.com

St. Matthew's Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. To add a person to the prayer list, please contact Michael Compton.

- George Johnson, father of Sandy McTavish, lung cancer
- Abby Marier, recovering from surgery
- Diane Zscheile, sister of Dwight Zscheile, breast cancer
- Allen, father of Amanda Ziebell-Finley, heart murmur
- Jane Lindberg, recovering from hip replacement
- Athula, friend of Mark Brown, recovering from auto accident
- Bethany, student of Linda López, recovering from auto accident
- Robert Harrison, brother of Marilyn Grantham, plugged arteries
- Duke Addicks
- Dennis Hallen, brother of Cindy Land, spinal disc
- Donna Cardamone Jackson, wife of David Jackson, undiagnosed pain
- Jane Bose, sister of Grace Evans, stroke
- Dorothy Nevin, mother of Don Nevin, cancer
- Gloria, friend of Rosa Uy, cancer
- Sharon Quast, sister-in-law of Jet Paulu, multiple myeloma
- Jim, friend of Kathy Szczech, multiple myeloma
- Emily, friend of Noemí López, depression
- Dorothy Maxson, sister of Marilyn Grantham, partially paralyzed following surgery
- Neal Puffer, father of Jan Puffer, emphysema
- Richard Dennis, thyroid cancer
- Merabu, mother of Beatrice Garubanda, blocked lymph system
- Betty Tarone, mother of Elaine Tarone, blood clot, depression
- Chuck Land, cancer of the esophagus
- Judy Sherman, sister of Diane Raff, stroke
- Linda, sister of Birdie Carter, cancer
- Tom, friend of Michael Compton

New items in the library:

Walking the Bible - DVD (Feiler and Public Television)

Because I said so! (Rosemond)

Dakota - A Spiritual Geography (Norris)

Night (Wiesel)

At Knits End (Pearl-McPhee)

Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook

(ask Bob Hardman about the egg bake he made from this book!)

Always We Begin Again - The Benedictine Way of Living (McQuiston II)

John Rutter Collection (Cambridge Singers on CD)

Vestry resource materials including a Handbook, Constitution and Canons, Human Resources Handbook and others

Please check to see if you have any of the following books at home. Return them if you are done.

The Four Seasons of Marriage

My Side of the Mountain

African Women's Writing

John Donne - The Complete English Poems

The Book of Common Prayer

Back by popular demand

By Megan Gangl

Due to popular demand, the book sale is returning! It is a fundraiser for the church library, which purchases books, movies and music to support our personal and collective ministries. Please donate books/music/video/computer software and games to the book sale. Bring in your donations from April 30 until May 12, and put them in the atrium next to the library. The book sale will be May 13, 9:00-2:00, May 14 after both services, and May 21 after both services. Please come to one of the sale days and bring your friends!

The Blue House Spring Sale will also be in the undercroft on May 13 & 14 (see page 5).

Ministry Teams

Social Justice Ministry News

By Susan Hardman

Episcopal Community Services is again requesting our help in filling camp bags for children of low-income families. These bags will be available on April 30 in the undercroft and need to be returned to the church by May 15. Last year we filled 5 bags, but we have increased our number to 8. Two people or families may go in together. The list of items needed will be available when you pick up your bag. If you would prefer to give money, please make your check payable to Episcopal Community Services, write "summer campers" on the memo line and drop it at church. ECS campers say thank you.

Sign up now to help at Project Home in August!

During the month of August, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will again serve as an overflow shelter for homeless families. The county cannot provide enough shelter for all the families in need. St. Matthew's provides an important ministry to the community in helping to meet this need in a very direct and practical way. This August, St. Paul Area Council of Churches will set up our undercroft with cots and cardboard room dividers, and provide snacks for these families. St. Matthew's parishioners and members of the neighborhood churches agree to be present for these families. Each evening of the month, we will need 2 volunteers from about 5:30 to 8:30 pm to greet these families as they get off the van, help them get settled, distribute snacks, play with the children, and provide hospitality. Each night, we will also need 2 volunteers to sleep in one of the classrooms and get everyone going in the morning.

Last September, Jane Keeley, parish nurse at St. Anthony Park United Methodist, thanked us for sharing this ministry with her church. She said: "We are all familiar with Luke 10:27 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Certainly most of us try to do this by giving monetary gifts to those who are in need. However, by being present, seeing the faces and hearing the stories of those who are homeless, we had the opportunity to extend love to neighbors who found themselves in very difficult circumstances....I've always seen August as a somewhat unpleasant month. It is

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Take the Bait

Artists Offer Alternative to Fishing Opener

Fishing is big in the Land of 10,000 Lakes but for those of us who don't fish it is hard to understand what all the fuss is about. April 16 marked the "Opener" of "LIVE BAIT," an Artful Alternative to Fishing Opener. No Pole Required.

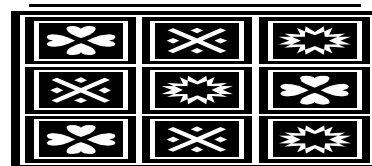
What's the catch? Ten local and regional artists are hoping to lure an audience of art enthusiasts with their paintings and sculptures displayed at the Undercroft Gallery of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

These artists are from all walks of life; working professionals, retired, stay-at-home mother, grad-student and working artists brought together by U of M Art Department Professor David Feinberg. The artists meet with Feinberg on a quarterly basis sharing their passion for art, while discussing and critiquing each others' work. "It gives us a chance to connect, and get valuable feedback and encouragement from fellow artists as well as a respected artist/educator," stated Amy Tillotson, a parishioner of St. Matthew's and member of Feinberg's Saturday critique group.

You can catch "LIVE BAIT" April 16 - May 26, at the Undercroft Gallery. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is located at 2136 Carter Avenue, St. Paul. Call 651-645-3058 for gallery hours or visit www.stmatthewsmn.org.

A Service of Celebration

Bishop Swenson will be at St. Matthew's on May 14. At the 10:30 service, we will celebrate hope as we bless 15 quilts that will travel to Uganda and be given to the girls of the Blue House. Please join us.



Update on Hope Multipurpose, Inc.

By Carol Roeller

To date, it has been an exciting year for the folks involved in Hope Multipurpose, Incorporated. Here are some highlights:

- Marilyn Grantham led us through our first ever strategic planning process in March. We discussed and refined our mission and goals and established a Site Committee with James, Esther and Josh Garubanda, Theresa Senungi and John Wathum Ocama; they will explore HMI development in Uganda. Overall, we established the groundwork for a very big job...to construct a permanent home to serve orphaned children in Kazo. Without a home, we believe these children are denied their childhood, denied the foundation they need to build their lives.
- A \$1,000 gift from the Social Justice Ministry will help send Pat Owen to Uganda from July 13 to August 3. James Garubanda will travel with Pat and introduce her to people and places in Kazo and to HMI Board members in Uganda. Together, they will do research needed to begin development of the 8.7 acre site purchased by Beatrice and James for the project. They will also meet the girls and house-mother at the Blue House.
- The Fund Raising Committee, which includes Bob Hardman, Pat Owen, Katherine Holden, Marilyn Grantham and Carol Roeller, has developed a basic fund raising plan. Until we have the organizational history required by donors for major gifts, we will continue our appeals to friends of HMI and hold fund raising events to support the girls. The first, on Mother's Day weekend, is a Spring Boutique and Bake Sale. (See accompanying article.) In September, a Memorial Dinner will be held for Beatrice. In addition, Pat and James will discuss their summer fact-finding trip to Uganda. We will also hold HMI's second annual holiday boutique in early December.
- The second edition of HMI's newsletter, Beatrice's Hope, has been published and our mailing list has grown to 180.

Yes, things are certainly moving in the right direction...we are getting closer to building a permanent Blue House in Kazo. We invite all of you at St. Matthew's to join this endeavor and contribute as you can. Currently, we are looking for someone to serve as HMI's Events Coordinator, to manage the myriad details that are involved in making them a success. We need a chair or co-chairs for the September dinner event. You may wish to donate work to our boutiques or offer a hand with craft projects. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call 651-429-3798...let's talk!

Thank you, once again, to all at St. Matthew's who have contributed to HMI's progress. Indeed, you are HMI's main source of support and encouragement at this time. The Hope Crafters, the St. Lawrence Guild, the children who made Christmas ornaments, those who attended our events and donated to our appeals...thank you, thank you, thank you.

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• **Spring Boutique and Bake Sale** •

• The Blue House Spring Boutique and Bake Sale •

• will be Saturday, May 13, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sun- •

• day, May 14, 9 am to 1 pm. The sale will offer •

• hand-made items by the Hope Crafters, including •

• gifts, jewelry, purses, aprons, cards, baby items, •

• baked goods, and the world's best dish rags. All •

• proceed benefit The Blue House, the orphanage for •

• girls in Uganda started by Beatrice Garubanda. •

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Baked Goods Wanted

As part of the Blue House Spring Sale, we will be selling baked goods. Please consider donating your speciality! Suggestions include: breads, tea breads, cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, pies, coffee cakes and other cakes. Please have your donation ready to sell, with a label, and packaged either individually or in groups of six or twelve. Consider including an ingredients list. A nice presentation is to place the baked goods on foil-wrapped cardboard and cover it with clear wrap. You can bring your donation to the church on Friday May 12, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. or Saturday May 13, between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Thank you!

Linda López

Education

Children's Education

By Lis Christenson, Director

Thank you to all Spring Festival volunteers!

We had a great time with spring crafts and games on April 22. The morning would not have been possible without the work of these outstanding volunteers and helpers: Joan Hershbell, Ruth Donhowe, Pat Owen, Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Heather Craig, Mary Griffin, Jill Hayes, Aria Christenson, Birdie Carter, Katherine Scheil, Terese Lewis, Paul Kiehne, and Liam Kiehne. Thank you!

Sunday, May 21: Potluck celebration of the Children's Learning Program

Mark your calendars as we celebrate our year of children's learning on Sunday, May 21. We will have a celebratory potluck after the 10:30 service. Hot dogs (for the children) and dessert will be provided. Please bring a main dish or salad to share. Sign-up sheets will be in the undercroft.

Children's Learning Classrooms to expand!

Yes, we are growing! If you have stopped by the children's classrooms, you will know that the rooms are full! To accommodate our expanding numbers, next fall, we will have four classrooms: a separate pre-school class, K-1, 2-3 and 4-5-6.

This also means we will need more teachers! If you are interested in teaching Godly Play or the older Faithweavers class, please contact Lis Christenson at any time, 651-646-2969 or lisd@comcast.net.

Preschool/Kindergarten

May 7 Ascension

May 14 Pentecost

May 21 Good Shepherd and the Eucharist

Grades 1-2-3

May 7 Ascension

May 14 Pentecost

May 21 Gifts of the Spirit

Faithweavers Grades 4-5-6

May 7 The Great Commission

May 14 The Good News Goes Out

May 21 The House of Lydia

NOTE: May 21 is the last day of Children's Education for the year.

Adult Forum Calendar:

Adult Forum meets in the library each Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15. Everyone is welcome.

May 7 - Rector's Forum

May 14 - Laura Ranum, Genetic testing: the historical insights it can provide

May 21 - Planning for next year

May 28 - NO ADULT ED

The web site (www.stmatthewsmn.org) will contain the most up to date information on the Adult Forum.

2 Cooking Classes Available in May

Four of St. Matthew's talented cooks are teaching cooking classes as a St. Matthew's fundraiser. This unique offering of classes is a great way to add to your cooking repertoire, enjoy the company of friends and meet new people! In April, we enjoyed "Super Sushi" with Rosa Uy. "Savory Sauces" with Karen Pfeifle will be offered this fall. To sign up, email Ann Nerland at banerland@comcast.net, or go to the St. Matthew's website at www.stmatthewsmn.org. Questions? Call Ann Nerland at 651-292-0139. All classes will meet in the church kitchen.

May 6 Southern Barbeque and Appetizers

1:00-3:00 p.m. \$40

Learn Ray's secrets for terrific barbeque and tasty appetizers.

Bring your appetite - this is a taste test class!

Teacher: Ray Dietman

May 13 Inspired Italian

3:00-5:00 p.m. \$40

Three delightful pastas from three different regions of Italy. One or two will be quick enough for a great weeknight dinner. Bring an apron, a cutting board and a good knife!

Teacher: Joan Hershbell

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Celebration of Ministry potluck following the 10:30 service. The Brother Lawrence Guild will provide drinks, green salad, and bread.

On Thursday, June 8, our Deacon Dwight Zscheile will be ordained a priest by Bishop Jelinek at St. Mark's Cathedral at 7 pm. All are invited to attend. The following Sunday, June 11, we will have a reception to celebrate his ordination following the 9:00 am service.

There are lots of spirit-filled ideas and proposals brewing, thanks to our gifted and dedicated ministry teams. All these ideas give us the opportunity to reflect and pray about what God is calling us to do and to be. I am working with our vestry to reflect theologically on God's nature, purpose, and mission so that we as a community can align ourselves with God's mission in our community and world. Once we begin to understand our mission more clearly, we can then begin to discern our vision (God's preferred future for St. Matthew's) and the values (norms) that go with it.

God's vision for us may include ministries in which we're currently engaged as well as a new ministry or two we've never even considered. Discerning the mission and vision to which God is calling us will take time, but it is critically important if we want to be faithful and truly align ourselves with God's work and purposes. Our vestry's job is to work with me to unleash the missional imagination of all God's people at St. Matthew's. The vestry is also responsible for stewarding God's vision for us once it is discerned (including aligning resources – time, talent, and treasure) to match the priorities to which we are called.

There is so much to be thankful for! Above all, I give thanks for the gift of new life, both now and in the future.

Easter blessings to you,
Blair

Reading Group

The St. Matthew's Reading Group will begin their last book of the season on April 28. We will be reading The Battle for God by Karen Armstrong. For information about the group, please contact Vickie Woodcock at woodcock@chem.umn.edu.

Social Justice Ministry *(Continued from page 4)*

often hot and humid, summer is coming to an end and we all know what that means. This year, though, August became a special month because of Project Home and the meaningful spiritual growth I experienced as a result of my participation."

Here's how you can help. Please sign up NOW, during the month of May, in the undercroft; make a commitment for an evening or night in August, and mark that commitment on your calendar. Although St Matthew's is specifically responsible for the last week of August, and we are committed to filling up those slots, you may sign up for other weeks too, if that suits your schedule better. Our need for your help is not limited to "St Matthew's Week". Last summer, a member of the Methodist church slept at St Matthew's 1/3 of all the evenings in August, including slots during 'our' week! You will be called with a reminder in late July, and given times when training will be provided by SPACC. For information, contact Elaine Tarone, 651-644-0052, or etarone@umn.edu.

Iraqi-American to speak May 16 at SAP Lutheran

Sami Rasouli, onetime owner of Sinbad's Restaurant in Minneapolis, has returned from visits to Iraq, NYC and Washington D.C., and will be speaking about his recent time in Iraq to St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace. All are welcome! This event will be held in SAP Lutheran Church's Fireside Room at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 16.

Come and be informed and updated.

**End of Year Teacher Meeting:
May 17**

All of the Children's Education teachers will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to share what worked and needed improvement in the classrooms, as well as planning for the coming year. If you are interested in joining us, please feel welcome! Lis Christenson promises to bring homemade chocolate chip cookies!

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**June 4 - Summer schedule begins; one
Sunday service only @ 9 am**

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