



The Ministries of St. Matthew's

Join us!

HOW TO THINK ABOUT MINISTRY AND INVOLVEMENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Part of the mission of St. Matthew's is to build community in a complicated world. One big way of doing that is by working together, acting in love, toward each other and the world around us. In that light, St. Matthew's is home to a variety of ministries serving the church, each other, and the world around us.

This booklet is designed to help you identify what groups you might be interested in, the time commitment required and how to get in touch with the leadership of that group to learn more

Join us in being a part of the exciting work that takes place here at St. Matthew's and in our community.

FIGURING OUT WHERE YOU FIT

The following pages contain a lot of information to help you find your niche at St. Matthews. You will see six basic ministries categories: Congregational Leadership/Planning, Education/Formation, Worship, Service activities, Social groups, and Social Justice/Advocacy.

After each broad category, there is a chart with specific ministries that fall under that category and appropriate age groups for each. Each category is followed by the details about the ministry itself, time commitment, contact information for the coordinator, and other useful information for your benefit.

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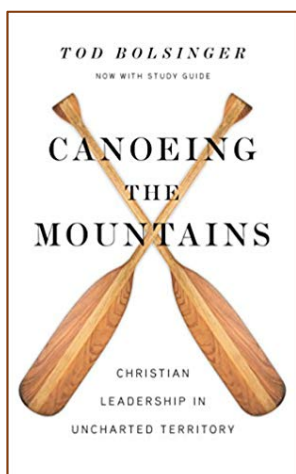
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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Altar Guild	X	X	X	X
Buildings and Grounds Team			X	
Delegate to Diocesan Convention		X	X	
Endowment Trustee			X	
Finance Team			X	
Formation Team		X	X	
Gala Planning Team			X	
Green Team	X	X	X	X
Personnel Team			X	
Planned Giving (see Finance)			X	
Stewardship Team			X	
Vestry		X	X	
Worship Team		X	X	

Altar Guild

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Kate Lauderbaugh (klauderbaugh@gmail.com)

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Open to those interested in working behind the scenes, being part of Sunday services, working with your hands (washing chalices; washing and ironing linens), learning about and understanding the elements of Holy Eucharist as well as the aesthetics of the sanctuary itself.

Buildings and Grounds Team

Coordinators: Bill Siegfriedt (siegfriedt2@comcast.net)
and Don Cherco (doncherco@gmail.com)

This group acts as an advisory group for the clergy and the vestry. With the input and assistance of the staff, clergy, vestry, and members this team keeps track of the needs for maintenance and improvement of our aging facilities. B&G then keeps the vestry apprised of these needs and prioritizes them with an eye towards preservation, economy and utility. When asked by the vestry, the committee takes on a project that requires research into design or available contractors, as well as cost estimating, making recommendations to the vestry and then monitoring contractor performance. This group works closely with the parish administrator and vestry. Anyone willing to invest time into maintaining our church home is welcome to join us.



Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Contact: Charlie de Kay (Charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Three parishioners (and 2 alternates) from St. Matthew's are elected each year to attend the Diocesan Convention in the fall. During convention they consider church legislation, hear reports from agencies and organizations, participate in learning opportunities, are given a vote when electing officers of the diocese, enjoy fellowship, and gather for common worship in daily prayer and the Convention Eucharist. These parishioners are elected during the annual meeting in January of each year. This service is geared toward adults who want to know more about the Episcopal church in the Chicago area, are interested in Church governance and legislation and want to contribute time to the larger Episcopal church. The time commitment is a long weekend convention in November and possibly presenting a summary of the event to the larger congregation afterward. (Alternates only attend if a primary delegate cannot.)

Endowment Trustees

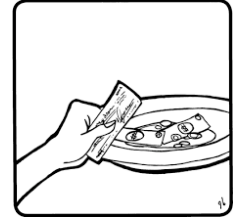
Coordinator: Tim Patenode (Sr. Warden) (tim.patenode@gmail.com)

Trustees manage the parish endowments, funds that provide for future growth and sustainability. The trustees are currently engaging in an important process of restructuring the funds and exploring their goals and purpose with the congregation. Adults with an interest or understanding of finance/investments and who are willing to contribute some time to the church are more than welcome. The trustees meet approximately monthly.

Finance Team Ministry

Contact: Dustin Vincent (ldviii@comcast.net)

The Finance Team Ministry is an important resource and key voice in helping St. Matthew's in the stewardship of the church's finances. Responsibilities include preparing the budget, reviewing financial performance, preparing and presenting vestry and parish financial reports, leading and participating in the annual audit, and providing input on a number of miscellaneous financial matters. Any adult with interest in Stewardship or finance is more than welcome to be involved in this aspect of life at St. Matthew's. The finance team meets monthly approximately 6 times a year and two weekend mornings for the yearly financial audit.



Members of the Finance Committee rotate as counters after each Sunday and holiday service. Counters are responsible for collating the Sunday collection and weekly receipts, inputting the detail into the online database system, preparing the electronic deposit and depositing any cash in the bank's overnight deposit box. Counting is assigned approximately once a month.

Formation Team

Contact: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

The Formation team is a group of members who have chosen to lead the way in St. Matthew's faith formation and education activities. These folks work to create activities and events that form the faith of all our members, help in creating an environment of Godly curiosity and exploration of how faith can be built and expressed in multiple ways. This group organizes and coordinates Community Night, Advent Wreath Making, Sunday School Workshops, the Christmas Pageant, and various other events. If you are an adult interested in educating others about the faith, working both individually or with others and have some time to give, we would love to have you join us.

Gala Planning

Contact: Tim Patenode (Sr. Warden) (tim.patenode@gmail.com)

The Gala, held each year in October, is a major fundraising event for St. Matthew's. Gala Planning Team members plan and organize the event, solicit items to be auctioned off, and find people to sponsor "buy in" parties. For the buy in parties, one or more parishioners host an event where people pay a set fee to participate, or "buy in" (past events have included a game night, golf outing, Art Institute tour, and a host of other events). Buy in parties are a unique and special aspect of Gala and often help parishioners get to know each other better. We are always looking for adults and teens willing to assist. If you are interested in fundraising, party planning, socializing, and contributing with one big event, this is for you! We plan during August and September and the event is in early October. Depending on your level of involvement or task, this can be a group or individual activity.

Green Team

Coordinator: Christina Padilla (ctpadilla75@yahoo.com)



For those who are passionate about living into our Christian call to be good stewards of Creation, the Green Team is an opportunity to put your passion into action! Some of the ways in which we care for Creation at St. Matthew's include: reducing the amount of waste both coming into and leaving our facility, learning and educating the congregation about simple ways to reduce our footprint on the Earth, and advocating for policies and laws that promote sustainable practices both locally and nationally. We always welcome new members and ideas to help us love Creation as best

we can!

If you are interested in working behind the scenes after Sunday services (collecting compost); learning about sustainability practices; researching and presenting informative and entertaining films; attending outside events such as Wild & Scenic Film Fest and Citizen's Greener Evanston presentations on various "green" topics, please join us! We welcome all ages!

We meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday during the program year and you will be asked to handle about one Sunday every 6-8 weeks doing compost collection. We also host educational offerings about twice a year as well as intermittent – and optional! – outside events.

Personnel Committee

Coordinator: Tim Patenode (tim.patenode@gmail.com)

Members of the Personnel Team are called on to help conduct a search to fill staff positions that open up at St.

Matthew's. Candidates are then recommended to the Vestry or the rector, who make the final decision. This committee is only active if/when employment openings exist.

Planned Giving – See Finance team

Stewardship

Coordinator: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Stewardship is, ideally, a year-long campaign to assure that adequate funding is available for the ongoing activities of the church. During the time of the annual campaign, the stewardship team works closely with the rector and the vestry to establish goals (dollars to be raised, degree of participation by parishioners), create a timeline, develop promotional materials, and plan and execute a calling campaign. If you are an adult with interest in marketing or non-profit fundraising, we would love to have you on the team! You will get the opportunity to work collaboratively with many and yet get to know parishioners individually. During the campaign process the time commitment is larger (20-30 hours over several weeks for planning and the same over the 2-months the campaign runs).

Vestry/Wardens

Coordinator: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Leadership of St. Matthew's is accomplished through the Vestry and the rector. As part of the Annual Meeting in January, parishioners are elected to the Vestry for staggered three-year terms. The Vestry is led by a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden, who also are elected at the Annual Meeting. Teens or adults can serve on the vestry and are welcome to speak to the Rector regarding that desire. Focus for the vestry is on congregational development, leadership, long-range planning, and the health and welfare of the organization. If you have time to devote to these things we would love to know. The vestry meets monthly, there are periodic training and/or education events and you are encouraged to attend church events as you are able. This is a group but there are individual tasks or responsibilities within that group as well.

Worship Team

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EDUCATION/FORMATION MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Advent Wreath Making	X	X	X	X
Bible Study (Sunday morning)		X	X	
Book Group		X	X	
Community Night		X	X	
Confirm not Conform		X	X	
Formation Team		X	X	
Green Team	X	X	X	X
Lenten Study Group	X	X	X	X
Prayer Group		X	X	X
Sunday Workshops	X	X	X	X
Vacation Bible Camp	X	X	X	X
Wednesday Morning Study		X	X	

Advent Wreath Making

Coordinator – contact the formation team

Gathering together to make Advent wreaths is both spiritual and social. Each family brings home not only a wreath, but also a booklet to use in conducting their own weekly Advent rituals at home. This is an annual event prior to Advent for children and families to do together as they prepare for the Christmas holiday. The creation of the wreath is craft oriented by use of a homemade wreath helps us remember that Christ is the center of this joyous time of year.



Bible study

Don Scott (donaldscott39@comcast.net)

Grab a cup of coffee and join Don Scott as he leads an academic inquiry into Holy Scripture. Study takes place each week between the services and is appropriate for teens and adults. Anyone is welcome to come at any time.

Book Group

Coordinator: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

For those who enjoy reading any type of literature and discussing, this is the group for you. We have no set schedule but meet approximately quarterly to discuss a book of someone's choosing. We gather for light refreshments at the home of a group member. Reading is done independently prior to our gathering. Recent titles have included Bishop Michael B. Curry's *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, as well as *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz-Weber and *Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness* by Pete Earley. This group is appropriate for teens and adults who enjoy reading and discussion, spirituality, and socializing. All are welcome!

Community Night

Contact: see Formation

Community Night gathers on the third Thursday of the month, during the program year, for food and fellowship and an activity or learning of some sort. This community-building event starts with a light supper then moves into an educational program. This evening is designed for all ages, all stages, all interests as it starts with food and ends with something different every month...a discussion, crafting, planting, learning. Community night has it all!



Confirm not Conform

Contact: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Confirm not Conform (CnC) is a confirmation and faith exploration program designed by the Episcopal Church. We partner with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Evanston to provide those of confirmation age, the opportunity to explore their faith in a safe and open environment. The program is a two-year journey of study, fellowship, service and prayer. Each participant journals, reads and converses with mentors to discover how experiences inform who we are as people of God. It is a place where questions are encouraged, and exploration happens. We are always looking for adults to mentor our youth and assist in the running of the program in coordination with the leadership of St. Mark's.

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Lenten Study Group

Watch announcements for gathering dates and times

Alternating between St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's, the group meets each Wednesday in Lent to reflect on a "Lenten related" spiritual topic and prepare ourselves for the especially holy season of Easter and for the gift of Jesus' resurrection and our salvation. As this is a discussion and book study, teens and adults are invited to this time of spiritual reflection and socialization. This happens in the 4-6 weeks of Lent and you are welcome to attend when you are able.

Prayer Group

Contact: Penny Whiteside (whiteside_wiebe@hotmail.com) OR

Nancy Trimble (trimblen13@gmail.com)

The St. Matthew's Prayer Group has met for more than 60 years, every Tuesday morning to pray for the needs of our church and community. Prayers include those named in the Prayers of the People each Sunday as well as names sent to us. Names are read and prayed for in a thoughtful manner. Our time is followed by a brown bag lunch and social time.

Sunday Workshops

Coordinator: Contact the Formation Team

Sometimes it is difficult to set aside time for nurturing and developing a relationship with God and with God's people. Twice a year, on the Sunday in Advent and Lent, St. Matthew's offers workshops designed for children, families, friends and caregivers to learn the story of God together. These happen between services at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend any and all workshops. Anyone interested in assisting with workshops should contact the coordinator or someone from the Formation Team.

Vacation Bible Camp

Coordinator – contact the Formation Team

Adult and teen volunteers help plan and carry out a half-day, week-long camp devoted to scripture and the teachings of Jesus. Teams lead sessions on Bible stories, music, crafts, snacks, and activities or games. The camp has been an excellent way to reach out to our neighbors, and people who volunteer have enjoyed getting to know each other. Children ages 3-up are invited to attend, teens and adults will to for lead and shepherd are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in working with children, crafts, games, providing snack's, music, bible study, etc. this is a great time with variety need requirements. Camp takes place for 5 mornings during a week in August when a group of volunteers are needed. Or, you can assist with planning over the summer months which can be either a group or individual activity.



Wednesday morning study

Coordinator: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

This group meets weekly, on Wednesday mornings for study either on scripture or a book related to spirituality or religion. Currently, the group is reflecting on *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger. Copies of the book with the "Study Guide" are available for month-long loans in the Gallery. Adults and teens are welcome to attend.



WORSHIP MINISTRIES



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Acolytes	X	X	X	X
Altar Guild	X	X	X	X
Beach Church Concierge		X	X	
Bread Baker	X	X	X	X
Chalice Bearers		X	X	
Choir (see Music)		X	X	
Coffee Crew		X	X	
Healing Ministers			X	
Home Communion Ministers			X	
Lectors and Intercessors	X	X	X	X
Counters (offering)			X	
Ushers	X	X	X	X
Worship Team	X	X	X	X

Acolytes

Coordinator: Bob Purse (rasmaster@aol.com)

Acolytes serve on Sunday mornings for our 10:30 service during the program year. Anyone 4th grade and up are welcome to serve. Acolytes enter with the procession, light the candles for worship, and assist in other tasks during the morning service. This is a great way for children to be involved in worship. All are welcome to assist with this ministry.

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Beach Church Concierge

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Bread Baker

Coordinator: Deborah Williams (dsw60201@gmail.com)

The bread for the two Sunday Eucharists and occasional special services is prepared at home by a member of the altar bread ministry. Bread bakers are fortunate to participate in a ministry that both promotes individual spirituality and provides an essential element of the Eucharist. Stirring yeast and flour together and kneading the dough gives us time to slow down and reflect. Bringing the baked bread to the service allows us to provide a tangible symbol of the kingdom of heaven and Jesus' role in nourishing us and helping us grow spiritually. This is a great way for children and teens to contribute to worship. Time commitment averages monthly and bread can be baked ahead of time and frozen. We have the recipe; you just need to be able to follow it!

Chalice Bearer

Coordinator: Church office (julie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Chalice bearers offer the Eucharistic cup to those who take communion, a task that is simple, solemn, and spiritual. No special training is needed beyond a desire to minister to your fellow followers of Jesus. All ages are welcome to be part of this important ministry. You will be scheduled approximately monthly or as your schedule allows. While you serve as an individual, you are part of the Sunday worship assistants and work with others to make communion happen.

Choir – See Music Ministry

Coffee Crew

Contact: Jennie Woodring (jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net)

Community building is a vital component of the life of St. Matthew's. The essential Coffee Crew members make coffee and provide treats after each Sunday service during the program year and treats at Beach Church in the summer. This ministry lays a foundation for church attendees to chat and connect. Each crew member chooses to become part of the 8:00 or 10:30 crew. New crew members are always welcome and can be partnered with a current member to learn the ropes. This is an individual activity when you are on duty for those interested in hospitality, baking, and providing space for community. Snacks can be made or purchased. Sunday time commitment is about 1.5 hours three to four times a year. We know the church runs on coffee so please, help us run the race!

Counters – See Finance Team

Healing Ministers

Contact: Church office (julie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Healing ministers need only a desire to open themselves to God and heal people through touch and prayer. Those who want healing go to the back of the church for prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing with holy oil. Prayers and supplies are provided. Teens or adults can perform this ministry. Assignments average monthly or as your schedule allows. This is very much a one-on-one ministry done during the worship setting.

Home Communion Ministers (HCM'S)

Contact: Terri Morrissey (morriseytj@sbcglobal.net)

On designated Sundays Home Communion Ministers are "sent forth" to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, allowing

them to celebrate with us. During their visits, Home Communion Ministers follow an abbreviated order of service, which includes prayers, scripture readings from the Sunday service, and the distribution of the Eucharist. Whether for the short term or over the course of several years, it is a blessing and a privilege to be invited into the lives of our homebound parishioners. If you are an adult who appreciates one-on-one relationships which includes some faith discussion as well as visiting with and caring for others, this is the role for you! St. Matthew's HCM's are also our primary way of keeping connected with folks who can no longer attend worship and making sure we, as a community, continue to keep them in prayer, see to their needs, and send additional pastoral care as necessary.



Lectors and Intercessors

Contact: Church office (julie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

A lector is someone who reads the scripture lessons during the Sunday service.

An intercessor reads the Prayers of the People during the Sunday service.

These do not require any special training, just a willingness to participate and an ability to read loudly and clearly. Anyone who can read is welcome to give this ministry a try. While reading aloud/public speaking is not everyone's joy, reading scripture can be a wonderful way to share in ministry.

Music Ministry

Coordinator: James Janssen, organist & associate choir director (james@stmatthewsevanston.org) OR Mark Crayton, choir director (mark@stmatthewsevanston.org)

The backbone of our music ministry at St. Matthew's is the choir. You need not be a trained singer to join our ranks! You must, however, enjoy making a "joyful noise unto the Lord." The ability to read music is a plus.

The choir meets from September through May on Thursdays at 7:30pm at the church for our weekly rehearsal, which usually runs about 90 minutes (during times of the year when we are singing more music, especially before Christmas and Holy Week, Thursday rehearsals can run two hours). The choir sings at the 10:30am Eucharist every Sunday during the program year, as well as special services (i.e., Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week, etc.). Occasionally, the choir is asked to sing at a wedding or funeral.

Our repertoire includes a vast range of musical periods and genres of sacred music, including that of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th and 21st Century periods, and encompassing works in English and other languages, jazz, rock, gospel, and even Broadway! We love to mix it up and have something for everyone. Teens and adults are welcome to join this group. If you love to sing, please consider joining us in this rewarding ministry.

Ushers

Coordinator: Bill Siegfriedt (siegfriedt2@comcast.net)

Ushering is perhaps the easiest ministry, but it is an essential part of making everyone feel welcome and invited to St. Matthew's. Ushers arrive about 20-30 minutes before the service to assure that everything is ready, welcome visitors, hand out bulletins, count attendees, take offering, present the offering and communion elements to the altar, and straighten up the church after worship. If you are 10 years old or older, we would love to teach you the ropes.

Worship Team

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SERVICE GROUPS/ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Appalachian Service Project		X	X	
Beach Church Concierge		X	X	
Christmas Child	X	X	X	X
Faith in Action Evanston			X	
Home Communion Minister			X	
Hospitality		X	X	
Interfaith Action of Evanston			X	
Stephen Ministry			X	
	X	X	X	X
Wednesday Lunch Program/Tuesday Sandwich making	X	X	X	X

Appalachian Service Project (ASP)

Contact: Mike Muyres (mpmuyres@gmail.com)

The Appalachian Service Project is a youth-oriented outreach program focused on repairing homes and transforming lives of families in rural Kentucky. This yearly trip affords participants a chance for spiritual and personal growth, both through the interaction with the local community in Appalachia as well as the relationships with your work crew. You do not need to know anything about home repair, but a willingness to get your hands dirty and work as a group are essential. In addition to the trip, there are activities throughout the year related to trip planning, team building and fundraising. Trip registration is in early November, with the main trip week typically around mid/late June. This outreach is geared toward youth, 13+ with adult leaders. All activities are done with the group. The time commitment includes 1 full week of service in Kentucky as well as 2-3 hours a month in the 6 months prior to the trip. If you are interested in outreach, service, and great fellowship, this is for you. Home repair interest or skill is nice but not required. You will learn on the job!



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Christmas Child

Contact: Kati Olsen (kati2219@gmail.com)

Each year, The Cradle coordinates a holiday gift drive for families served by their Birthparent Services program. Individuals provide gifts and warm clothing to children of families who have qualified for assistance. The drive for funds or gifts begins mid-November for about 4 weeks. Volunteers of all ages to help coordinate are always welcome and anyone can donate funds or gifts for this project.

Faith in Action Evanston

Coordinator: Harriet Brandt (847-492-2989)

Faith in Action Evanston is an Interfaith Volunteer Program under the auspices of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Chicago's tax-free designation. It is a free service where volunteers perform tasks as requested by community members, and as they are able. The service is provided to elderly, or disabled residents of Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette, Niles and Morton Grove and includes such things as general socializing, driving to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Requests are sent out monthly and are filled by volunteers who are available to assist. We are looking for folks over 25 with some open time on their schedule. The average commitment is about 2 hours and includes mostly one-on-one time with a community member who would love to have you in their life. This ministry is very flexible, fun and a mutually fulfilling adventure for you and for those you serve.

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Hospitality

Contact: Dorothy Wyandt (d-wyandt@northwestern.edu)

This very loose knit group of people willingly takes on the task of preparing, serving and tidying up after some parish functions which last year included the St. Nicholas Brunch, the Annual Meeting Lunch and Maundy Thursday supper. This group also hosts receptions following funeral services at St. Matthew's as requested. People are notified of upcoming events and volunteer as they are able. All are welcome to help with this group, the more the merrier! And...we have a pretty good time in the kitchen!

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Stephen Ministry

Coordinator: Terri Morrissey (morrisseytj@sbcglobal.net) OR

Steve Steiber (sssteiber@creativecasemanagement.com)

Stephen Ministry is a Christian education organization that produces a variety of training and resources for congregations and individuals to use in assisting others. In its 6th year at St. Matthew's, we have several trained Stephen Ministers who are able and willing to provide confidential, high quality, ongoing one-on-one care to people experiencing difficult times in life. Stephen Ministers care for individuals experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, hospitalization, and many other crises.

Members of St. Matthew's are encouraged to request a Stephen Minister as a confidential listening ear as you traverse difficult or troubling times. You can plan on at least 1 hour a week with your Stephen Minister. *(continued)*

To become a Stephen Minister, you are required to attend 50 hours of training (through The Stephen Ministries organization) to provide Christ-centered care to people in time of need. Following the initial 50 hours of training and their Commissioning, Stephen Ministers participate in Caregiving Relationships, a Peer Supervision Group and ongoing Continuing Education. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers for an hour and monthly with the group.

Wednesday Lunch Program

Coordinator: Kati Olsen (kati2219@gmail.com)

Every Wednesday, members of St. Matthew's work with members of St. Mark's to feed lunch to the homeless and working poor of Evanston. Many have come to count on the Wednesday lunch program and tell the volunteers that it is one their favorite meals of the whole week. Anyone can help in some way. We prepare sandwiches and get set up on Tuesday evenings and serve on Wednesday during lunch time. Volunteer times are as you are able so can be regularly or periodically, according to your own schedule.

SOCIAL GROUPS & ACTIVITIES



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Advent wreath making	X	X	X	X
Book Group		X	X	
Gala Planning Team			X	
Hospitality Group	X	X	X	X
Movie Group		X	X	
Newcomers Team			X	
Prayer Group		X	X	
Stitchers Group		X	X	

Advent Wreath Making

Coordinator – contact the formation team

Gathering together to make Advent wreaths is both spiritual and social. Each family brings home not only a wreath, but also a booklet to use in conducting their own weekly Advent rituals at home. This is an annual event prior to Advent for children and families to do together as they prepare for the Christmas holiday. The creation of the wreath is craft oriented by use of a homemade wreath helps us remember that Christ is the center of this joyous time of year.

Book Group

Coordinator: Charlie de Kay (charlie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

For those who enjoy reading any type of literature and discussing, this is the group for you. We have no set schedule but meet approximately quarterly to discuss a book of someone's choosing. We gather for light refreshments at the home of a group member. Reading is done independently prior to our gathering. Recent titles have included Bishop Michael B. Curry's *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, as well as *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz-Weber and *Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness* by Pete Earley. This group is appropriate for teens and adults who enjoy reading and discussion, spirituality, and socializing. All are welcome!

Gala Planning

Contact: Tim Patenode (Sr. Warden) (tim.patenode@gmail.com)

The Gala, held each year in October, is a major fundraising event for St. Matthew's. Gala Planning Team members plan and organize the event, solicit items to be auctioned off, and find people to sponsor "buy in" parties. For the buy in parties, one or more parishioners host an event where people pay a set fee to participate, or "buy in" (past events have included a game night, golf outing, Art Institute tour, and a host of other events). Buy in parties are a unique and special aspect of Gala and often help parishioners get to know each other better. We are always looking for adults and teens willing to assist. If you are interested in fundraising, party planning, socializing, and contributing with one big event, this is for you! We plan during August and September and the event is in early October. Depending on your level of involvement or task, this can be a group or individual activity.

Movie Group

Coordinator: Ann Searles (searlesil@yahoo.com)

The Movie Group is a lively discussion group about movies, current and older. This group enjoys an evening a month of fellowship and discussion around a film they have all watched. Teens and adults are welcome, and the time commitment is light. If you are hosting, you get to choose the movie and lead discussion of it approximately once each year. You are also asked to provide light refreshments. Viewing is on your own while the discussion is with the larger group. Anybody who enjoys watching, thinking about, and talking movies is welcome!

Newcomers

Coordinator: Judy Royal (jroyal81@gmail.com)

The Newcomers Committee makes an attempt to greet newcomers and to engage them in conversation after church services and at church events. We are always open to new ideas about ways to attract or engage visitors. If you are an adult who enjoys people and are unafraid to approach those you don't know, this is for you!

Prayer Group

Contact: Penny Whiteside (whiteside_wiebe@hotmail.com) OR
Nancy Trimble (trimblen13@gmail.com)

The St. Matthew's Prayer Group has met for more than 60 years, every Tuesday morning to pray for the needs of our church and community. Prayers include those named in the Prayers of the People each Sunday as well as names sent to us. Names are read and prayed for in a thoughtful manner. Our time is followed by a brown bag lunch and social time.



Stitchers and Knitters

Coordinators: Ginger Carr (v-carr@northwestern.edu) OR
Jennie Woodring (jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net)

The Stitchers and Knitters is a social group that provides an opportunity for members to engage in fellowship while working on any personal needlework project such as knitting, embroidery, quilting, or mending. The group meets approximately monthly at members' homes. Teens and adults are welcome. We are a group made of up needle-work enthusiasts, conversationalists, and people who enjoy being together. We meet monthly for about 2 hours as a group.



SOCIAL JUSTICE/ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES



	Children	Teens	Adults	Any Age
Interfaith Action of Evanston			X	
Pride Parade	X	X	X	X
Race Against Hate	X	X	X	X
Partnership with St. Andrew's	X	X	X	X
YWCA Stand Against Racism	X	X	X	X

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Pride Parade

Watch announcements for information

The Annual Chicago Pride Parade takes to the streets of the Lake View neighborhood Chicago showing our support for those in the LGBTQ+ community. This is one way we show our love in action. As fear of the other and rhetoric discriminating against those whose lifestyle may not be respected by those in power, it is more important than ever that our voices of support and love are heard. We march with the Diocese of Chicago within the coalition of welcoming churches. Any and all can and are welcome to march!

Race Against Hate

Coordinator: YWCA Northshore. See announcements for information

The Race Against Hate honors the legacy of Ricky Byrdsong, former Northwestern University Basketball Coach, Vice President of Affairs at Aon Corporation, and Skokie resident who was murdered by a white supremacist in 1999 while walking in his neighborhood with two of his young children. The Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate brings together thousands of people to run and walk in unity against racial hatred and violence. In 2018 St. Matthew's became an official sponsor of this event. We host an early morning (pre-race) on-site Eucharist for runners and volunteers, as well as staffed a St. Matthew's hospitality booth which providing snacks and parish information for all gathered. The St. Matthew's logo was featured on over 5000 running shirts, posters and promotional materials for the race. Anyone can "race" or help!

The YWCA is always looking for volunteers prior to race day to assemble goodie bags for participants. There are approximately 5500 bags to prepare so if you have some time, they would appreciate your help.

St. Matthew's/St. Andrews Pentecost Partnership

Coordinator: Cynthia Doucet (cdoucet32@gmail.com)

Our partnership between two Evanston Episcopal churches (St. Andrew's Pentecost and St. Matthew's) began as a community of fellowship, and upon that foundation has evolved into working together to make a positive difference in the world. The team's initiatives include conversations, learning and shared events, with a current focus on social justice issues such as standing together in support of refugees. Examples of events have been a community-wide "Love God/Love Neighbor" seminar in collaboration with Episcopal Migration Ministries, a Lenten session by a renowned author about her family's escape from Nigeria as war refugees, and collection drives such as school supplies for the children of a local refugee family.

In addition to Steering Committee participation, the partnership has opportunities to assist with individual events or community efforts as time permits. We welcome anyone of High School age and up to join us in community building, outreach, sharing ministry, and working toward bringing social justice to the world. The steering committee meets monthly for about 90 minutes. Event planning requires additional time. Time averages 2-4 hours a month.

YWCA Stand against Racism

See Announcements for information

The Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities. The stand happens every April. We gather with others in our community to stand together to raise racial awareness. Dates, times, and locations are advertised in the weekly announcements and Eblast. Everyone of any age is encouraged and welcome to stand with us.





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