
THE AMBASSADOR

ST. MATTHIAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN

January 2020

Welcome to a New Decade

Can you believe that we are in the third decade of the new millennium?! As each new year begins many find it customary to look back over the last one. In the past year our Church has been the hands, heart, and feet of Christ, for one another, and in our community in abundant ways. Beyond our beautiful services and day to day caretaking of one another here are just a few of those ways.

How do you keep track of your time? Some people journal, some, like my sister, are more visual. Margot tracks time through organizing her pictures and home movies by date. Isn't it nice that digital imagery exists at the tips of our fingers, and usually keep themselves in order for us now? My phone organizes pictures by day, week, year, even by place and event if I like. But for me, keeping a brief written account using my kitchen wall calendar at home in addition to occasionally journaling is what has worked best over time. A wall calendar? Old fashioned? Yes. Still, calendars are often pretty or inspiring, and I discovered early on that they are an inexpensive way to add a little art to the kitchen. At the beginning of each year, when I put up a new one, I sit at the table on New Year's day and flip through the months, just to remind myself of all the people and events that helped form me as a person over the past year. Yes, perhaps this is more easily done using the search function on the computer, but for me there is something about holding the calendar like a book, looking over the months, revisiting the time through often hastily written scribbles about visits, and services, movies, and dinners that is enjoyable.

Many of my calendar entries remind me of the shared joys and sorrows of our parish life. For instance, there were lots of stars around the Northwoods UU Fellowship's Martin Luther King, Jr. event last January. I always look forward to their speaker but this was especially exciting, in part because a member of our church had the idea for it and she worked with the UU to bring the speakers, and secondly, because it was interactive. The Poverty Simulation that day drew nearly 90 participants from all over the Northwoods and was heavily attended by our wonderful Caritas volunteers, and others in our church who work closely with those in need. What a way to begin the year! As followers of Christ's Way, we are always learning to move ever closer to God's unifying dream for humanity and to start out the year by learning to see the many trials faced by those in our community who are economically insecure was definitely a way to follow him more closely ("For I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink." Matthew 25:35).

Another group of meetings that stood out were planning and co-sponsoring the first Interfaith World Peace and Prayer Day held in this area along with an Interfaith Group led by a dear friend of St. Matthias' (and sometime preacher) Tinker Shuman. What a glorious way to honor God by so many! The day was spent out in the warm sun, praying, speaking, and singing for Peace among the nations. What a beautiful thing to remember, and I hope it will be repeated next summer.

Another three amazing full days, and monthly mini meetings were spent with St. Matthias who trained to be our Faithful Innovations team - these amazing, faithful women (men and women are still welcome to join btw, they continue to meet!) committed to listen and watch for God's presence among us, then to share the Grace they see, widely. They've walked the neighborhood, listened to faith stories, given time and thanksgivings to volunteers at Church, Caritas and the Thrift Shop. They dreamed up the generosity experience too, to give everyone the opportunity to share in our outreach tithes.

The calendar reminded me too, that others among us planned and executed two events with the Franciscan Sisters from Marywood, first, a Social Justice Stations of the Cross during Lent, and then the beautiful Taizé service during Advent. Both of these events were as spiritually uplifting in the planning as they were to attend. There were also lots of smiley faces and exclamation points beside celebrations like the Organ Concerts, singing Handel's Messiah again, the Winter Survivors Party and getting to join the team of folks who raised funds for our Church during Beef-A-Rama in September.

Sorrows are there too, 2019 we sadly said our earthly farewells at no less than four memorial services, following too closely on the heels of six from the previous year. As I looked at these dates I said a prayer and remembered their faces and the rich lives they led. Remembering how we all miss these friends and loved ones is hard but made easier with the promise that one day we will be reunited with them around God's heavenly table and what a joyful reunion that will be. I hope on you, too, have been able to look back at your calendars from last year and see the community of St. Matthias standing with you in your life.



5:00 pm Christmas Eve

Happy New Year

In each liturgical year (A,B,C), we celebrate the entire life of Jesus Christ from his Incarnation to his Resurrection, Ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. ... To sum up, the liturgical seasons in western Christianity are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (Time after Epiphany), Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time (Time after Pentecost). To use an excerpt from the Byrd's, To everything (turn, turn, turn), There is a season (turn, turn, turn) And a time to every purpose, under heaven".

In the New Year we will be doing something new and exciting, and with a purpose! Choir rehearsal time is changing from 4-5:30pm to 5-6:30pm. Allowing those who work to come to choir rehearsal, participate in the church and make music. Please take the time to ask your circle of friends (from club's, work, dinner parties), to come by and try out Choir. You can point out that singing can have some of the same effects as exercise, like the release of endorphins, which give the singer an overall "lifted" feeling and are associated with stress reduction. It's also an aerobic activity, meaning it gets more oxygen into the blood for better circulation, which tends to promote a good mood. I do not know about you, but I need as much good mood time as I can get, that is why you hear me sing a lot during communion :-)

Go now, share the love of music with your friends, family, and co-workers! Tell them the "Good News" that they too can sing and feel happy, healthy, and connected.

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George Ackerman-Behr



Little Free Pantry (LFP)

Donations are continually needed for our Little Free Pantry. It is being used on a regular basis by several people in our community.

You can either place your donations in the designated box located in the narthex or even better, just put them into the LFP!

Some suggested items to donate:

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| Peanut Butter | • | Instant Potatoes |
| Jelly | • | Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa |
| Cereal | • | Hamburger Helper |
| Oatmeal | • | Stuffing Mix |
| Pancake Mix | • | Brownie Mix |
| Pasta | • | Breakfast Bars |
| Minute Rice | • | Cookies |

Please no can goods until Spring. Many thanks for any help you can give.

Chris Clark



Evensong

Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 pm

Join us for our monthly Evensong & Potluck this Thursday – it is a truly beautiful service, and the food is excellent! There’s a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has” - Margaret Mead

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 2020

| DATE | CHALICE | LECTOR | PRAYERS | USHERS | GREETERS |
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| Jan 5 10:00 | B. Diederich C. Clark | S. Reshan | M. Walker | M. Pecore D. Schillinger | ----- |
| Jan 12 10:00 | K. Amour M. Wisner-Holt | B. Guy | D. Sengstock | B. Diederich D. Diederich | ----- |
| Jan 19 10:00 | S. Brant B. Holt | J. Randolph | N. Coleman | J. Brant J. Schrameyer | ----- |
| Jan 26 10:00 | M. Wisner-Holt C. Clark | T. Orling | G. Ackerman- Behr | R. Coleman N. Coleman | ----- |



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| 1-Jan | <i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office will be closed | 13-Jan | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | 21-Jan | 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | |
| 2-Jan | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion | 3:30 PM Yoga | 5:00 PM Tom's Community Table | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 3-Jan | 10:30 AM Yoga | 5:00 PM EFM Meeting | 14-Jan | 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | 22-Jan | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place |
| 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 23-Jan | 8:00 AM Men of Matthias |
| 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 15-Jan | 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | |
| 4-Jan | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 24-Jan | 10:30 AM Yoga |
| 4:00 PM Family Service | 4:00 PM Faithful Innovations | 16-Jan | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 5-Jan | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | 25-Jan | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 4:00 PM Family Service | 26-Jan | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal |
| 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | 6:00 PM Evensong | 6:00 PM Evensong | 6:00 PM Evensong | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | |
| 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | 17-Jan | 17-Jan | 10:30 AM Yoga | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | |
| 6-Jan | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 27-Jan | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | |
| 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion | 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 18-Jan | 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion Group | 3:30 PM Yoga | |
| 3:30 PM Yoga | 3:30 PM Yoga | 18-Jan | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 5:00 PM EFM Meeting | 28-Jan | 2:00 PM Caritas Board Meeting |
| 5:00 PM EFM Meeting | 7-Jan | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist | 19-Jan | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 29-Jan | 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | |
| 6:00 PM Finance Team Meeting | 6:00 PM Finance Team Meeting | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 30-Jan | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry |
| 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 8-Jan | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 3:30 PM Yoga | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | |
| 8-Jan | 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | |
| 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | 12:00 PM NA Edgar's Place | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | 10-Jan | 11-Jan | |
| 12:00 PM NA Edgar's Place | 9-Jan | 20-Jan | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | 10:30 AM Yoga | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 8:00 AM Men of Matthias | 8:00 AM Men of Matthias | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | 9:30 PM Morning Prayer | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 12-Jan | |
| 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion | 10:15 PM Monday Morning Discussion | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | |
| 1:00 PM Beta Sigma Phi Sorority | 1:00 PM Beta Sigma Phi Sorority | 3:30 PM Yoga | 3:30 PM Yoga | 11-Jan | 12-Jan | |
| 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | 5:00 PM EFM Meeting | 5:00 PM EFM Meeting | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | |
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| 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 30-Jan | 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | |
| 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 29-Jan | 9:30 AM Morning Prayer | 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | |
| 11-Jan | 11:30 AM NA - Edgar's Place | 30-Jan | 12:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share | 31-Jan | |
| 12-Jan | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 31-Jan | 10:30 AM Yoga | 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 10:30 AM Yoga | |
| 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 12-Jan | 1:00 PM Line Dancing | |
| 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 PM NA - Edgar's Place | |
| 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | 4:00 PM Small Group Bible Study | | | | | |
| 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall | | | | | |



As many of you know, our phone and internet has been out of order for a few weeks now. This is due to the change in service provider from Frontier to Spectrum . We have encountered many technical and scheduling problems with Spectrum. A technician has been scheduled for January 6th , to get our service up and running. Thank you for your patience during this process. This has not affected our emails, they all still work - we receive them on our phones!

New to St. Matthias Episcopal Church is [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)

An online giving tool that makes it simple to give securely from anywhere at any time. Download the app from your App Store today. **Search for St Matthias' Episcopal Church, Minocqua*** and make a pledge or offering today!

***Double check to make sure St. Matthias Minocqua is selected**

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