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# THE AMBASSADOR

**ST. MATTHIAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN**

**OCTOBER 2019**

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## **St. Francis Day, Services**

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In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, we will gather in the hall outside of the sanctuary for a brief service and blessings for our beloved pets. The 10am service is especially popular for dogs and larger animals. This year a service will be held at 4:00 especially for cats and smaller creatures. All are welcome at both services but we thought a less rowdy service, at 4pm, might be especially welcoming to cats and smaller animals. Naturally, calmer dogs are welcome at 4:00 too!

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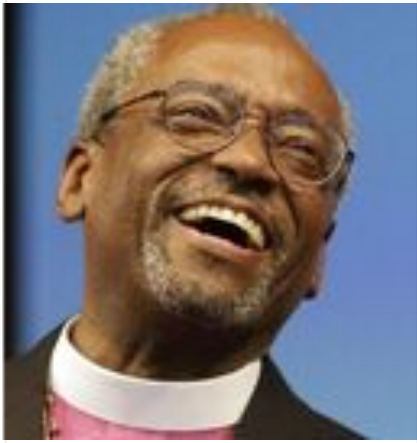


## **Welcome Stephanie Rajnicek!**

Stephanie and her husband John made the move to Lake Tomahawk in the summer of 2017. The Rajniceks are originally from Waukesha, Wisconsin, and have two daughters Hannah (26) and Leah (21). Stephanie and John enjoy spending time outdoors and do lots of hiking with their year old Border Collie, Millie.

If you haven't been in, during the week, in a while, Stephanie is the new, welcoming face, and cheery voice on the phone, who will greet you in the St. Matthias Office. Please stop by and introduce yourself sometime so she can get to know your welcoming smiles!





## **PRESIDING BISHOP'S VISIT, CONVENTION and EVENTS**

The weekend of October 25-27, 2019 is the official visitation to the Diocese of Fond du Lac of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry. The convention on Friday is just one of five different events connected to the Visitation. **Each one is considered a separate event – so registering for one does not register you for any other event during the Visitation.**

Diocesan Convention is Friday, October 25. [More here.](#)

Youth Fall Lock-In 2019, All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton (Friday 6:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11:30 a.m.) Youth in grades 6-12 & adults who work with them. [More here.](#)

Chat with the Presiding Bishop, Empire Room, Lower Level, Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, Appleton (Friday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.) [More here.](#)

Way of Love Revival, Fox Valley Expo Center, Appleton (Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m) [More here](#)

On Friday evening Episcopalians and friends are invited to an informal time of discussion with the Presiding Bishop. There is no formal program or agenda. The Presiding Bishop will be at a chair in the front (though it is doubtful he will stay there!), with a microphone and will take questions from the audience.

Because seating is limited, this event is not open to the public and is limited to members of the Episcopal Church along with a friend they invite to join them. Pre-Registration is required

### *Upcoming Lectionary*

October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Psalm 66: 1-11

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Psalm 119: 97-104

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

Luke 18: 1-8

October 27

Joel 2: 23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

# Ways to Welcome and Feel Welcomed

## JOIN THE EMAIL LIST

St. Matthias' sends occasional modest-sized announcement emails giving notice of planned upcoming parish goings-on, special services, and events about once a month.

If you are not on the list (or if you were, but you have not received the emails lately), let the church office know by writing to [office@stmatthiasminocqua.com](mailto:office@stmatthiasminocqua.com)

## ACOLYTES WANTED

St. Matthias' is looking to build our team of acolytes adults and young people third grade or higher are welcome to serve. If you or a loved one might be interested, please contact Rev. Erin. This is a great ministry, with the best seats in the house guaranteed.

## St. Matthias' Altar Guild

Not your mother's altar guild! Altar servers can be women and men! We especially need helpers in the fall and winter months when several of our servers head south.

Come, discover, this quiet prayerful way to serve God and your fellow worshippers.

Altar servers work in teams! Are you a late riser? Sign up to clear the table after worship. Worried you'll miss that Packer party? Sign up to set the table instead and you'll be through before services begin, and able to leave afterward to arrive on time!

## NEW GREETERS WELCOME

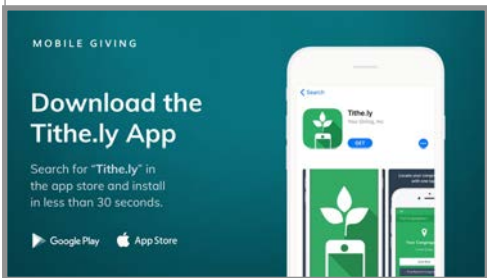
Ushers and Greeters are often the first friendly faces that parishioners and newcomers see on Sunday mornings. Greeting folks and helping to carry up the bread and wine is one of the nicest ways to join our ministry of hospitality.

To volunteer, talk to Chris Clark or contact Stephanie in the office at [office@stmatthiasminocqua.com](mailto:office@stmatthiasminocqua.com)

**WATCH THIS SPACE**  
for more ideas on getting involved at St. Matthias'



**New** to St. Matthias' this year is online giving through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is an online giving tool that makes it simple to give securely from any where at any time. Download the app from your App Store today, search for *St Matthias' Episcopal Church, Minocqua, WI*, and make a pledge or offering today!



## The Vestry is Grateful to Officially Announce our new Church Treasurer, Cherie Olson.

Cherie, her husband Justin, and their two beautiful sons, Keegan and Dexter, live in Woodruff. The Olson's have attended St. Matthias' since the fall of 2013. She likes to knit, scrapbook and craft stained glass creations when she has a bit of spare time, but with two small boys she says, "they keep us very busy! We love to travel, to see family, and to create family experiences together.

Cherie has worked in accounting since 2003 and has held multiple roles, including being an accounting manager for three years. Currently she works as an Accountant in Rhinelander. In addition to her years in business accounting, in the past, she served as a co-chair for the West Bend Relay for life, spent several years as an Explorer Leader for the 4-H, and owned two direct selling companies (one for 11 years).

Gordon and Cherie began discussing this transition the spring this year and began working together over the summer, as his health allowed. Cherie shared that he generously offered his insight and 12 years of experience as our treasurer as well as his love of this church, its mission, and its people, as they met.

# OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	CHALICE	LECTOR	PRAYERS	USHERS
Oct 6 – 10:00	Diederich, B Sill, L	Reshan, S	Clark, C	Matz, B Matz, E
Oct 13 – 10:00	Glowac, L Clark, C	Schjoneman, B	Sengstock, D	Pecore, M Schillinger, D
Oct 20 – 10:00	Holt, B Wisner-Holt, M	Dickens, B	Walker, M	Heeren, J Brant, J
Oct 27 – 10:00	Brant, S Heeran, J	Guy, B	Coleman, N	Coleman, R Coleman, N

**THE RAFFLE!** On September 28, 2019, a team of fun loving St. Matthias' volunteers took to the streets of Minocqua, to sell Raffle tickets at Beef-a-Rama. The brain child of Claire and John Martin, the raffle was a fun way to help find funds to support our Facilities Team's efforts to address the roof leaks that occur each year in the spring and early summer. Thank you to all who volunteered, and to all who donated items to sell at the raffle. Noted volunteers are John and Claire Martin, Mike Pecore and Deb Schillinger, Kathryn Holmes, Chris Clark, Barbara and Ken Guy, and Erin Kirby. Thanks also go out to Stephanie Rajnicek for assisting with some eye catching posters and advertising! This group raised \$1,902.00 and got to enjoy all the excitement of Beef-a-Rama

Thank you to the donors for an especially enticing reason for folks to give to our cause,

**St. Matthias' would like to express our deep Gratitude** for a stunning pair of Oakley Packer sunglasses (anonymous), a \$250 cash prize (anonymous), Carol J. Reshan (bodywork), TJ's Butcher Block (steak dinner for 2), The Minocqua Brewery (2 tickets to Italian Night), Otto's Beer and Brat Garden (space for our booth, four \$25 vouchers), The Little Brown Jug ( one 25\$ voucher and one \$50 voucher) and Sill's Lakeshore, Inc. (\$500 voucher) for their generous donations!



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DATE	EVENTS
10/01	8:30 AM St. Matthias Volunteer Day at Lakeland Pantry 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/02	9:30 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/03	9:00 AM Caritas 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share pick up 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
10/04	10:30 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Line Dancing Class 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/05	10:00 AM St. Francis Day—Blessing of the Animals 11:30 AM NA - Edgar’s Place 4:00 PM St. Francis Day—Blessing of the Animals
10/06 Sunday	9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 PM Small Group Study: Way of Love (Church Library) 7:00 PM <a href="#">NA Parish Hall</a>
10/07	9:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:15 AM Monday Morning Discussion Group 3:30 PM Yoga 4:30 PM Caritas Managers Meeting 5:00 PM EFM
10/08	4:30 PM Healing Eucharist 5:00 PM Facilities Meeting 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/09	9:30 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place 4:00 PM LEV Meeting
10/10	8:00 AM Men of Matthias 8:15 AM Women of Matthias 9:00 AM Caritas Outreach Ministry 3:15 PM Worship at Milestone 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share pick up 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Vestry Meeting
10/11	10:30 am Yoga 1:00 PM Line Dancing Class 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/12	11:30 AM NA Edgar’s Place 4:00 PM Children’s Service
10/13 Sunday	9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 pm Small Group Bible Study (Church Library) 7:00 PM NA Parish Hall
10/14	9:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:15 AM Monday Morning Discussion Group 3:30 PM Yoga 5:00 PM EFM
10/15	3 – 5:00 PM Personal Products Pantry Distribution – St. Matthias Outreach -Free personal hygiene products for anyone in need 4:30 PM Healing Eucharist 5:00 pm Tom’s Community Table – St. Matthias Parish Hall Free meal. All are welcome. 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place

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10/16	9:30 am Morning Prayer 12:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/17	9:00 AM Caritas 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share pick up 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Evensong & Potluck
10/18	10:30 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Line Dancing Class 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/19	11:30 AM NA Edgar’s Place 2:00 PM Ecumenical Hymn Sing
10/20 Sunday	9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 PM Small Group Study: Way of Love (Church Library) 7:00 PM <a href="#">NA Parish Hall</a>
10/21	9:00 AM Pastoral Care Team (Church Library) 9:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:15 AM Monday Morning Discussion Group 10:30 AM Lay Eucharistic Visitor Meeting 3:30 PM Yoga 5:00 PM EFM
10/22	4:30 PM Healing Eucharist 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/23	9:30 am Morning Prayer 12:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/24	8:00 AM Men of Matthias 9:00 AM Caritas 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share pick up 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
10/25	8:00 AM Diocesan Convention 10:30 AM Yoga 1:00 PM Line Dancing Class 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/26	10:00 AM Way of Love Revival 11:30 AM NA—Edgar’s Place
10/27 Sunday	9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 PM Small Group Study: Way of Love (Church Library) 7:00 PM <a href="#">NA Parish Hall</a>
10/28	9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:15 am Monday Morning Discussion Group 3:30 pm Yoga 5:00 PM EFM
10/29	4:30 pm Healing Eucharist 7:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/30	9:30 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM NA – Edgar’s Place
10/31	9:00 AM Caritas 3:30 PM Northwoods Farm Share pick up 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal