

# The ST. Matthew's Word

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## Lenten Discipline, Waiting on Resurrection Life

As I write this, I have just returned from a 48-hour private retreat at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, Texas. Cedarbrake is owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin. This time away reaffirmed my commitment to learn, over and over again, how to trust God. I am finding that I need a new way of life – a way between anxious busyness and passivity. I need a “third way” that allows me the space to listen for God and the confidence to act as a leader as I feel called and empowered by God to lead.

### Spiritual Transformation

I am so grateful for the quieter liturgies of Lent that allow our souls space to listen. Those who have been attending the 5:15 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist along with Bob Lively's teaching on Spiritual Transformation have reported a deep peace and a sense of being called deeper into a “listening mode” of prayer and life.

### Graceful Words of Love and Repentance

Lent is a special time for listening. Listening for graceful words of love. One of my favorite “centering prayers” is very simple:

*Be still. Ask nothing. Say nothing.*

*Let God be God.*

*Let God, in your stillness and silence,  
look upon you and love you.*

Lent is also a time to listen for graceful words of challenge and certain calls to repentance. I am learning that God wants to reform me, reshape – to transform me into the person God already envisions me to be. But I must participate in the change God desires for me. That is the difficult part. I am 50 years of age, proud and set in my ways.

### Our Goals

I have all these musings in mind as I ponder the spiritual life of this parish. As a church we are deeply committed to personal and corporate growth and renewal in the

Holy Spirit. We continue to look for ways to call one another to prayer:

- Nightly at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Tower Chapel.
- Weekly at our services of the Holy Eucharist.
- Daily in our personal devotions.
- Gathering in retreats as Men, Women, Youth, and Children.

It is never, ever too late to establish a meaningful personal commitment to Jesus Christ. In the heart of God every second of the day is rich with the very essence of eternity. Our spiritual disciplines call us into deepening relationships with Christ, in order that we might be able to more faithfully live out those covenants that shape our life in Christ.

### What Covenants Shape Your Life?

Baptism – read the Baptismal Covenant at page 304 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Baptismal Covenant is our marching orders as Christians. Read it – memorize it – then ask the Lord to lead you and guide you and empower you as you seek to fulfill your covenant to God.

Are you Married? – Read and re-read the Covenant and Vows that shaped your participation in Holy Matrimony.

Are you ordained? – Read and re-read the Ordinal that contains the Vows and Covenant you have made in your ministry.

### Covenant People

We are a covenant people – called and blessed by God for mission and ministry. We establish and maintain our relationship with God out of the sheer joy of knowing Jesus as Lord and because these covenants are our deepest obligations and privileges in life. It is never too late to start the life of prayer that moves us deeper into our covenant life together!

### Holy Week

With all the attention to Mel Gibson's movie about *The Passion* in recent months, it's hard to believe that the Passion Week isn't a movie but a season. Holy Week is, for all intents and purposes, revival time in the Episcopal Church. We gather together to share our real lives and to re-live those final days of Jesus' life. There is a special intensity and devotion in these seven days.

### Palm Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Begins!)

On Palm Sunday we will gather in Huffman Hall to begin our Liturgy of the Palms. After we have blessed the Palms and read the account of Jesus' “triumphal entry” into Jerusalem, the congregation will exit the east door of Huffman Hall and form a corridor on both sides of the sidewalk from Huffman Hall to the steps of the church. Then, together, we will sing the ancient Palm Sunday hymn *All Glory Laud and Honor*; say our collect at the station at the front steps and process on into the church! As is our custom, the Passion Gospel will be read in parts that day.

### Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday

We will gather each morning at 7:00 a.m. for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. These services will end at 7:45 a.m. and will include music and a sermon each morning. We will enjoy the presence of visiting clergy and guest preachers on some mornings.

### Maundy Thursday Night

We will celebrate the Maundy Thursday Liturgy as is our custom, including the Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar. Preaching that evening will be our seminar-

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ian from Zimbabwe, Mildred Mbwando. At the conclusion of the liturgy we will hear a solemn reading of the account of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and we will respond to the question, "Could you not watch with me even one hour?" At that time the all night prayer vigil in the Cauley Bell Tower Chapel will commence. We will provide security all night for those who come to pray. You are encouraged to use the Mesa parking lot and walk directly to the Cauley Bell Tower. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Commons to make sure that we have adequate persons committed to pray throughout the night.

**Good Friday**

The most solemn service in the Christian church. See the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 276. We will gather at noon in the church and hear the lessons read and the clergy will read the Passion of Jesus Christ according to John. After a sermon by The Rev. Jaime Case, the Solemn Collects will be prayed. The focus of this service is Jesus' death on the cross and its meaning for humanity and God. Those who desire to participate will venerate our large cross as a sign of our humility and gratitude before God. Our method of veneration will be to come forward and touch the cross with our hand, silently giving thanks for Jesus and his self-giving love. After the Veneration of the Cross, we will take Holy Communion from the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday service.

**Easter Vigil**

The church gathers to ring in the Easter Triumph and Easter Joy as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather with candlelight

in Vigil prayer, chanting ancient melodies recalling God's saving actions in history. We will celebrate Holy Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter. This is a wonderful service which makes deep connections between Baptism, Death and Resurrection, and the Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday**

This is the Day of Resurrection. Our services will reflect the joy and grandeur of this Queen of Feasts! The Rev. Jerry Chapman will be the preacher for the 7:00 a.m. service in the Memorial Garden, and the Rector will preach at the 9:00 and the 11:00 a.m. services.

**Keeping Your Covenant to Seek and Serve Christ in all Persons**

Finally, I want to thank Marcia Bailey and all those faithful workers that have helped our parish focus attention on the needs of persons in poverty around the world. I am so proud of our participation in the Heifer Project again this Lent. Each water buffalo, each bee hive, "every creature great and small", is a gift of life. Thank you so much!

We are, indeed, a covenant people and I am so blessed to be your priest and rector. ✠

Love,

Merrill

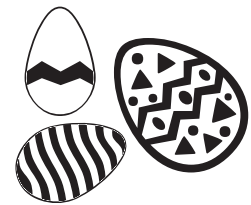
Stations of the Cross  
for Children  
Friday, April 9  
5:30-6:45 p.m.  
B-18

Small group liturgies  
Community building  
Crafts & activities  
Late-afternoon snack

Nursery available for children  
under 3-years

*Donations Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt!*

The Children's Council is in the process of organizing the annual St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of wrapped non-chocolate candy would be greatly appreciated. We currently have plenty of plastic egg holders. There are candy donation boxes located in the Church Office, the Commons, and Huffman Hall. If you are interested in helping with the stuffing of the plastic eggs, please contact Tracey Nichols or Martha Webb. Thanks for your assistance. Your help is essential to the success of the egg hunt for the children of our church.



*Lent is a special time when we will support a Lenten Outreach Project: "The Ark"*

This is a project whereby we receive offerings to help people in Third World Countries to purchase farm animals. The people are then taught to breed these animals to flourish and to multiply providing food for their town or village.

*Please Return all Lenten Offerings for the "Ark" on Easter Day*



*Daylight Savings Time Begins on Palm Sunday, April 4!*

# Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4  
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

*Daylight Savings Time begins!*

**\*8:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist

**\*10:30 a.m.** ~ The Liturgy of The Palms

*The Service Begins in Huffman Hall*

*The Procession to the Sanctuary*

led by our children playing musical instruments

Holy Eucharist

*\*At the 8:00 a.m. service, the Infant Nursery will be available in the Education Building. At the 10:30 a.m. service, childcare is available for children through age 4 with infants in Huffman Hall and toddlers through age 4 in the Education Building.*

*Older children are welcome in Children's Chapel and in the service.*

**\*\*4:00 p.m.** ~ "From Anxiety to Confidence...A Transformative Experience": A class taught by Dr. Bob Lively in Huffman Hall

**\*\*5:15 p.m.** ~ Contemplative Holy Eucharist

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in the Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

*\*\*Childcare and children's program 3:45 – 6:00 p.m.*

MONDAY, APRIL 5

**7:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

**7:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

**7:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist

**12:00 noon** ~ Holy Eucharist Service with Healing

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8

**7:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

**\*7:00 p.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist, The Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar

At the conclusion of this service, the All Night Vigil begins in the Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

*\*Childcare available infants through age 4.*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

The All Night Vigil concludes at the beginning of the Good Friday Liturgy

**\*12:00 noon** ~ Good Friday Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

*\*Childcare available infants through age 4.*

**5:30 p.m.** ~ Stations of the Cross for Children

**\*6:00 p.m.** ~ Stations of the Cross

*\*Childcare available infants through age 4.*

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**10:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Saturday Liturgy

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

**\*7:00 p.m.** ~ The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism

*\*Childcare available infants through age 4.*

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 11

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
(NOTE CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES FOR EASTER DAY ONLY)

**7:00 a.m.** ~ Holy Eucharist (Kinney Outdoor Memorial Chapel)

**\*9:00 a.m.** ~ Festival Eucharist including

Flowering of the Cross for Children and Adults and a special liturgy for

children 3-years-old through 3rd grade in B-18

**10:15** ~ Dig up the Alleluia

**10:20** ~ Easter Egg Hunt for Children

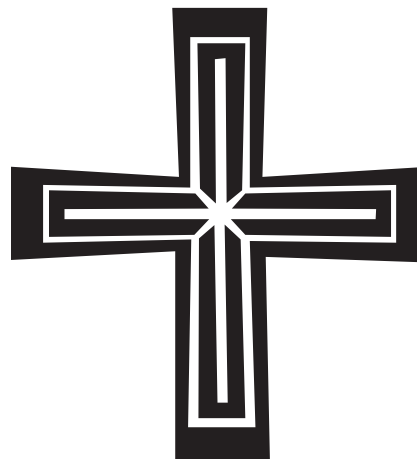
**\*11:00 a.m.** ~ Festival Eucharist including Flowering of the Cross for Children and Adults

and a special liturgy for

children 3-years-old through 3rd grade in B-18

**6:00 p.m.** ~ Evening Prayer in Cauley Bell Tower Chapel

*\*Childcare available infants through age 4. Children's Chapel available.*



## Women's Spiritual Retreat in April Sponsored by Diocesan ECW

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

"Whole Women, Whole Voices" will be the theme of the annual 2004 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Allen on April 16-17. Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas, the retreat will focus on women's spirituality and the journey women take.

This year's speaker, The Rev. Linda Wilson, will share her personal story of becoming a priest after many years of working as a registered nurse. Now she blends both vocations in many creative ways in the community and diocese. Linda graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Southwest and was ordained in 1993. She is a part-time rector at Trinity Church, Houston.

The annual ECW diocesan retreat follows Easter weekend this year and provides an opportunity to reflect on Lenten goals and the Easter experience through creative activities, prayer and song. The retreat will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, April 16 and end at 4 p.m. the following day. Dress is casual and comfortable.

Cost of the retreat is \$75 for a single room, \$60, double room or \$25 for Saturday only. Money must be sent to Norma Cooper, 35077 Chesapeake Ct., Pearland TX, 77584 by April 9. No refunds will be given after April 9. For scholarships, contact Cooper at 281-489-0854 or at [normajcoop@aol.com](mailto:normajcoop@aol.com) by April 1. For more information, see the website of the ECW, [www.ecwtexas.org](http://www.ecwtexas.org).

## Sunday Adult Education: Bible Study With the Clergy

The Bible Study class for the remainder of the semester will be focused on the Passion and the Resurrection, and led by your clergy.

On April 4, Merrill Wade will lead a study of the Passion Narratives, comparing the accounts in the synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

There will be no Sunday school on Easter, April 11.

On April 18, 25, and on May 2, 9, 16, and 23 Susan Barnes will lead a study of Jesus' Resurrection appearances in Matthew, Luke, and John. Using the method of Lectio Divina, or Holy Reading, the class will hear the stories, reflect upon them and share their responses with one another. The intention of the class will be to be present to the meaning of Jesus' resurrection as it applies in our lives today.

## Opportunities for Service in Pastoral Care: Companions in Care

BY THE REV. SUSAN BARNES

- Could you spare a few minutes a month to help someone in the parish?
- Could you give someone in your neighborhood a ride to church?
- Could you take them with you when you go grocery shopping, or drive them to the doctor?
- Could you visit someone in the hospital or at home?
- Could you take communion to someone on Sunday?
- Could you join a team that phones people who live alone, just to check in on them?

All of these ministries already exist at St. Matthew's. Now we have coordinated them under the name Companions in Care.

The mission of the Companions in Care is to make Christ known by helping care for people who cannot come to church on their own. Companions in Care builds up the Body of Christ by drawing into our fellowship people whose disabilities prevent them from participating otherwise.

For most of us the time will come when we need these services. Help us extend the reach of St. Matthew's celebrated hospitality to people whom we love, people who have served the church in their own time, people who need and deserve our service now.

We invite you to prayerfully consider whether you might be called to one of the ministries of the Companions in Care, then contact the Rev. Susan Barnes who will assist you in discerning that call.

*Committed Christians know that it is more  
blessed to give than to receive.  
- Acts 20:35*

## Centering Prayer at St. Matthew's, every Thursday, 5:30-6:30, B-14

The Centering Prayer Workshop, held on March 12-13 was a great success. Led by the Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus, over twenty people were introduced to the method called Centering Prayer by Fr. Thomas Keating, a leading figure in the revival of this centuries-old discipline of Christian meditation.

In the practice of Centering Prayer, silent meditation twice a day for 20 minutes, we open ourselves to the presence of God, to God's love and God's healing grace. Over the course of days, months and years, this practice allows God to transform our lives and redirect our wills to the fulfillment of God's purposes in the world.

Following on this workshop, the participants have decided to meet weekly to continue the practice together. We will begin promptly at 5:30 in B-14, meditate for 20 minutes, view together a tape by Thomas Keating for 20 minutes, and conclude promptly after 20 minutes' discussion.

All who practice Centering Prayer are invited to join us. If the Thursday time does not fit your schedule, email [susan@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:susan@stmattsaustin.org), and we may arrange another time.

## Touched by a Vision: Living with "Prophetic Imagination"

BY SHARON LOWE

Some people only want to hear what they think they already know. This class is not for them. "Prophetic Imagination" happens to a person when their heart and mind have been touched by God. Prophetic imagination helps us recognize that, on the one hand, we are all living the prophetic journey of Moses—seeking to do justice and walk humbly with our God. On the other hand, we also live as Pharaoh—contributing to injustice in the world and worshipping false gods (e.g., wealth, power, self-importance).

Living with prophetic imagination is not always easy. Prophets are not always polite. How can they be and still be messengers from God? Prophets are often people who stake their very beings on four key ideas:

- That words are more powerful than munitions;
- That, at every turn, we can choose to support or to resist the murder by proxy of our souls (and the souls of others);
- That, retreating from the circumstances of life is the very essence of cowardice;
- And that, God can ask *anything*.

Prophets are people who seek to understand and live the will of God. If you're ready to meet your own "inner prophet," and to hear God and others into voice, this is a course for you!

In this course, we will examine the relationships between prophetic imagination and various social justice movements represented in the Bible and in more recent times, with an eye toward the insights for our lives. We will also hear from lay and clergy who practice hearing survivors of trauma or injustice into voice and non-violent action and healing.

Topical areas will include: History and context for the biblical prophetic movements; Elements of "prophetic imagination;" Literature/art as prophetic voice; Servant Leadership; Christian ethical movements; Howard Thurman, the American Civil Rights Movement and Reconciliation; "Forgiving the Unforgivable" - Victim-Offender Mediation; and Practicing Non-Violence.

Our dialogue will be guided by seminary faculty, graduates and students, including, Michael Floyd, Professor of Old Testament, ETSS; Flora Keshgegian, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, ETSS; Beverly Williams Hawkins; Reid Morgan, Daphne Levey, The Rev. Ann Hagmann of Hospice; and Eddie Mendoza, State Coordinator of Victim-Offender Mediation/Dialogue. ✝

## Folks Like You and Me: A Heifer Project Poem

BY LAVANNE SCOTT

Good King Tomas rules his village well,  
People gather round to hear his tales,  
Of game aplenty and fruitful trees,  
When all around was green and free.

He wonders where the meals will come,  
Now his men no longer hunt and roam.  
Cut off by foresting and tourist land,  
To save his people, what is planned?

Along comes a gift of goats and sheep,  
From ones he knows he will never meet.  
For this comes the greatest of news,  
From an Austin church called St. Matthew's.

From this perfect gift comes milk and wool,  
And money enough to build a new school.  
The Heifer Project has taught them well,  
They are as self-reliant as all can tell.

We really may never know the ones,  
The mothers, daughters, fathers and sons.  
We send love to those we cannot see,  
Because they are folks like you and me.

*This is the last call for this year's contribution. Please stop by the table in the Commons if you have any questions. There is room on the Ark for any contribution you would like to make. We know you have your favorite animal in mind. If you have any questions, please call Marcia Bailey at 477-5500. ✝*

## Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA, MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Some of you may recall that on Friday, February 13, Austin experienced rain, freezing rain and sleet. A decision was made to postpone opening the church office until 10:30 a.m. that morning. Having no way to communicate with SAC members who might arrive at 9:00 a.m. for Seniorcize, I arrived at my usual time (8:30 a.m.) and took up my position in the foyer of Huffman Hall. A wise decision since five members of SAC braved the elements and arrived for their exercise class. At the same time, the "litttle people" from the Day School

streamed in clad in their winter gear. I was struck by the fact that the young and not so young were not deterred by the weather. Later that same morning (at 9:30) three members of the Alzheimer Group (one in a motorized chair) arrived with their facilitator for their scheduled meeting. I thought this incident was worth sharing – a reflection of hardy souls! ✝

## Vacation Bible School 2004

- > 4 Sundays of June
- > Weekday mornings June 14-18

The KEY:

God's Love  
+ Our Love  
VBS Fun - for all ages!

Next Planning Meeting:  
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 14 in B-13

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# Lent Explodes in Easter Celebration

BY BARBARA PITTS, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

As April begins, imagine your children playing games from around the world, getting to know other children in our community better. Or playing the tambourine and scampering ahead of Jesus on His way into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Imagine their feeling of closeness to God while helping Simon carry Jesus' cross on Good Friday, and their sense of deep joy while unfurling the "Alleluia" two days later!

Following are details for these April events. What you read below is an echo and a reinforcement of the focus the children will have in their regular Sunday morning classes. Although Sunday morning classes can stand alone, or these special programs can stand alone, keep in mind that they have been designed as a unit to support and expand your child's faith life, as well as create opportunities to bond with a children's church community. We welcome you and your children!

## Palm Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Begins on Palm Sunday!)

- Sunday, April 4
- 10:30 a.m., after regular Sunday School classes for all ages
- Huffman Hall

Children bring musical instruments labeled with their names on them. Our youngsters will lead the Procession of the Palms – recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – playing their instruments to support the congregation's singing. When the procession reaches the steps of the church, the focus shifts to the Passion of Jesus Christ. At that time all instruments will be collected (please help your child understand that the instruments will go home with them after the service!) If you don't have an instrument to bring, or forget to bring to bring yours, we shall have instruments to lend you.

## Lenten Children's Programs

- Sunday, April 4
- 3:45-6:00 p.m.
- Ed. Bldg., led by our outstanding Nursery Staff

Are You Game? has been the theme of this fun-filled six-week program. Running concurrently with the Bob Lively and Contemplative Eucharist series, our children will conclude their series with friend-maker ice breakers, international children's games, playground time, and individual games and activities.

## Good Friday – The Stations of the Cross for Children

- Friday, April 9
- 5:30-6:45 p.m.
- B-18, for children and their parents (not a drop-off program!)

During this hour and a quarter, we shall orient preschool/Kindergarten children to the city of Jerusalem and the events of Jesus' last hours. Our elementary children will have the opportunity to actually walk the Stations of the Cross in the basement with the Solemn Collects, using age appropriate language. In addition, we shall have centers with activities that support the children's meditation on and understanding of Jesus' death on the cross and its meaning for humanity and for God.

## Easter Day – Welcome, Happy Morning!

- Sunday, April 11
- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

## Flowering of the Cross

We offer a tangible sign of thanks for Jesus' death on the cross as an act of His self-giving love, when we process on Easter morning with flowers to place on a cross. This year, all members of the congregation are invited to bring flowers and join the procession. If you forget your flowers or bring visitors who do not have them, there will be extra stems in the Commons. We hope all who want to, will be able to participate.

## Liturgy of the Light, in Chapel

- B-18

After the services begin, all children are invited to process behind the cross to a combined Chapel, where this new life, the life of the Risen Christ, will be celebrated through the means of a special liturgy. What is proclaimed in Scripture is lived in liturgy, and we share this with our children in a very meaningful and powerful way for their age level. Some of our older elementary children will help lead this liturgy.

## Raising the "Alleluia!"

- 10:10 a.m.

Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service, we shall process out to the Courtyard, where we shall dig up the "Alleluias," which we buried on the first Sunday of Lent. During the time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection, we set aside our glad cries of praise; now, however, death is conquered and once again we sing, "Alleluia,

Alleluia!" Families who will attend the 11:00 a.m. service will want to plan to arrive for this part of the morning.

## Egg Hunt

- 10:15 a.m.

Following the raising of the "Alleluias," all children – those who have attended the 9:00 a.m. service and those who will attend the 11:00 a.m. service – will remain in the Courtyard to receive directions for an egg hunt (plastic eggs filled with candies and Easter symbols). Toddlers will hunt in the Toddler playground. Preschool children will have a head start to hunt on the "big" playground, while older children, will join them at staggered times. Children wishing to participate should bring their baskets from home; extra bags will be available for those who need them.

## How You Can Help

New and want to make connections with some other moms and dads? –or– Can't do a lot, but would like to pitch in? Perfect! We are holding a place for you!

- Help with Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Children
  - Help with set up on Thursday morning, while the kids are in school
  - Help during the event itself
- Help with the Easter morning children's Liturgy of the Light (Chapel) during one of the services
- Bring individually wrapped, non-chocolate candy – see related article; help prepare the eggs; help hide eggs
- Bring instruments on Palm Sunday, flowers, and Easter-egg baskets on Easter Sunday

Contact Barbara Pitts at 345-8314, ext. 221 or [barbara@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:barbara@stmattsaustin.org)

*Healthy congregations know there is more than enough.  
- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 11-15*

## Children's Ministry Calendar – April 2004

### Sunday School Schedule (excluding Easter)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Children are checked in by their parents:

|           |                             |      |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------|
| Level I   | 3 yrs. (by Sept.1) – Kinder | B-17 |
| Level II  | 1st – 3rd Grades            | B-16 |
| Level III | 4th – 5th Grades            | B-13 |

### Chapel Schedule (see revised schedule for Easter)

10:30 a.m. Primary and Children's chapels  
- Children follow the cross from the early part of church service  
- OR Children are transitioned directly from Sunday School

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|----------|-----------------------------|------|
| Level I  | 3 yrs. (by Sept.1) – Kinder | B-21 |
| Level II | 1st – 3rd Grades            | B-14 |

### During the Month

*Last Gasp Chance to earn \$\$\$\$ to "Help Fill the Ark" - KidzNPigz Rool*

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|----------|--|
| April 4  | 3:45 - 6:00 p.m. Are You Game? Kid-Fun Finale                  |
| April 9  | 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Good Friday: Children's Stations of the Cross |
| April 11 | Easter Sunday  |

9:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
9:05 a.m. Special Liturgy of the Light Chapel - B-18  
10:10 a.m. Dig up the Alleluia - Courtyard  
10:15 a.m. Egg Hunt - Courtyard  
11:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
11:05 a.m. Special Liturgy of the Light Chapel - B-18

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| April 14     | 6:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting in B-13                               |
| April 17     | 9:00 - 12:00 noon Safeguarding God' Children - Sexual Abuse Training |
| April 18, 25 | Chorus Rehearsals  |
| April 20     | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Children's Council in B-16                         |
| April 23, 24 | Level II, Catechesis Training  |

### Looking Ahead

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| May        | Club 45 and Sunday School End-of-Year Parties                 |
| May 2, 9   | Chorus Rehearsals   |
| May 9      | Chorus sings in service on Mother's Day                       |
| May 30     | Pentecost Celebration with Special Gifts of the Spirit Chapel |
| June 6     | Diocesan Choir Camp, Camp Allen                               |
| June       | Sundays - Sunday Vacation Bible School                        |
| June 14-19 | Weekday Vacation Bible School                                 |

## What's Cookin' in the Kitchen

BY LOUISE WADDILL, KITCHEN GUILD CHAIRMAN

Those of us who spend a lot of time in the church kitchen are concerned about the amount of food that is being wasted. This is costing us more money than is necessary and putting a strain on the budget. If you are ever involved in planning for a food event, this message is for YOU!

Louise Waddill and Marge Marshall can assist you in preparing your shopping list to avoid duplicate buying and over buying. They maintain an inventory of perishable food items (posted on fridge) and keep the kitchen supplied with such things as mustard, mayonnaise, catsup, salsa, salad dressing, etc. Before shopping, check with Louise

at 343-7696 or Marge at 836-9428. They will also help you estimate your ingredients needed based on the recipe and the number of people expected for the event. We know it is difficult to pinpoint the exact number who will show up unless reservations are taken. Even with the best of plans, there will be times when leftovers are inevitable. When this occurs, the food should be delivered to one of our Outreach Projects; or some of them will pick up the food (See list posted in kitchen). ☼

## Dave's Tax Tips

BY DAVID BOWMAN, BUSINESS MANAGER

How to ensure that your contribution is tax-deductible! The IRS has several very interesting rules for making charitable contributions to a church. Knowing those rules and how they are applied allows you to choose the best method of stewardship for your situation. With that in mind I will be covering some key examples in a series in *The Word*.

This month we start with situations where you receive something for your contribution. An example would be the Lenten suppers. The tax law says that contributions for the meal are tax-deductible only in the amount they exceed the value of the meal. The technical language is "to the extent they exceed the value of the premium or benefit received by the donor in return for the contribution."

If you contribute \$3.00 for a dinner worth \$2.00 you may claim \$1.00 as a charitable contribution. The tax law does not say exactly who gets to set the value of the premium or benefit.

Next month I'll cover designated contributions. ☼



# April Youth News

By ERIC LILES

Spring is here. A time for new growth is upon us once again. The youth have been asked to help the children's ministry in hiding Easter Eggs at 9:45am on Easter Sunday. I am really excited about the "week-end of fun," April 23-25. Jay will lead a program about popular culture, and we have some really fun activities planned. Check out the flyer and come for as much as you can. If you have any questions/comments, please let me know. ☘

God's Peace,

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*Daylight Savings Time  
Begins on Palm Sunday,  
April 4!*

## April Youth Calendar

|              |               |  |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Apr 1-3      |               | Youth Workers Conference at Camp Allen                           |
| Apr 4        | 9-10:15 a.m.  | Sunday Morning Youth Group<br>(Daylight Savings Begins)          |
|              | 10:30-12 noon | Worship (Palm Sunday)  |
| Apr 7        | 7-8:30 p.m.   | Youth Group: Holy week talk, Passion of Jesus                    |
| Apr 8        | 7 p.m.        | Maundy Thursday Service  |
| Apr 9        |               | Good Friday, service at noon, Stations<br>of the Cross at 6pm    |
| Apr 10       | 7 p.m.        | Easter Vigil Service   |
| Apr 11       | 9:45 a.m.     | Youth Group helps hide eggs (Easter Sunday)                      |
|              | 7, 9, 11 a.m. | Worship Services   |
| Apr 14       | 7-8:30 p.m.   | Youth Group, Mildred to speak, also Pizza Night                  |
| Apr 15       | 7-9 p.m.      | Youth Council Meeting  |
| Apr 17       |               | Bull Creek Cleanup   |
| Apr 18       | 9-10:15 a.m.  | Sunday Morning Youth Group                                       |
|              | 10:30-12 noon | Worship  |
|              | 6-8:30 p.m.   | Rite 13 event, details available in class                        |
| Apr 21       | 7-8:30 p.m.   | Movie Night  |
| Apr 23       | 6 p.m.        | Youth Group  |
|              | 7-9 p.m.      | Weekend of Fun, music themes pot<br>luck dinner (Huffman)        |
|              |               | Program: Youth Pop Culture and<br>Music, Huffman Hall            |
| Apr 24       | 9-9:30 p.m.   | Compline in Huffman Hall   |
|              | 4-6 p.m.      | Program: Youth Pop Culture and<br>Movies, Huffman Hall           |
| Apr 25       | 6-10 p.m.     | Round Rock Express Game  |
|              | 9-10:15 a.m.  | Sunday Morning Youth Group                                       |
|              | 10:30-12 noon | Worship  |
|              | 12-2 p.m.     | Lunch at Mangia's  |
|              | 2-4 p.m.      | Weekend of Fun final program: Youth<br>Pop Culture and T.V. B-18 |
| Apr 28       | 7-8:30 p.m.   | Youth Group, Sex talk week #1                                    |
| Apr 30-May 2 |               | Happening/ YES at Camp Allen                                     |
| May 2        | 9-10:15 a.m.  | Sunday Morning Youth Group                                       |
|              | 10:30-12 noon | Worship (Rite 13 Liturgy)  |

# Day School Happenings

By BESS CARNSNER

Exciting things are happening at the Day School! March 5, we held our annual spring fundraiser, La Noche de los Angeles (the Night of the Angels). This is always a fun night filled with good food and both a silent and live auction. We received a total of 258 donations! The items donated by local businesses were really terrific, but the big sellers were class projects made by the children of St. Matthew's Day School and their creative teachers. Painted plates, benches, painted wine glasses, and artwork - all are treasures and were the highlight of the evening.

New this year was a slide show put together by St. Matthew's parents, Elizabeth and Daniel Klingler. What a wonderful display of the love and relationships that form at this school. It touched everyone's heart!

The funds raised from La Noche will help send the teachers to Washington D.C. next November for the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) Conference. The remaining funds will be applied to the building fund to improve our school.

Another exciting event at the school was the Kindergarten's production of the Three Piggy Opera. With the help of their classroom teachers and music teacher, Shannon Magee, the two kindergarten classes performed and sang the story of The Three Little Pigs. What a joy to see the children's courage and pride as they performed in Huffman Hall!

We are now turning our attention towards spring and the remaining days of school. Upcoming events include, the Flowering of the Cross (April 14), Kindergarten Graduation (May 20) and the last day of school (May 21).

It's hard to believe that there are only two months left of the school year! As a Day School parent, I feel so blessed to have my children at St. Matthew's. The love and patience shown everyday by the teachers and staff are gifts from God. Thank you St. Matthew's for your prayers for the school! Thank you for the support that you give to the Day School Families! The Spirit is at work in this church and school! ☘

*Give and you get it back, in abundance.*

*- Luke 6:37-38*

# Safeguarding God's Children

SUBMITTED BY THE RECTOR

Safeguarding God's Children is a training program focused on preventing abuse of children and youth. The three-hour training is required by January 2005, for anyone working with children in Episcopal churches, schools, and institutions in the Diocese of Texas.

Certification training has been initially scheduled at several Austin churches in April and August, including St. Matthew's. The St. Matthew's dates are Saturdays, April 17 and August 21, 9:00-12:00, in Huffman Hall, with diocesan trainer Barbara Pitts. All registration is being handled through the diocese, at [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org). The diocese will issue certificates after training has been completed. ☼

|               |            |           |                        |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|
| St. Mark's    | 9:00-12:00 | April 17  | (Register by April 10) |
| St. Matthew's | 9:00-12:00 | April 17  | (Register by April 10) |
| St. David's   | 2:00-5:00  | May 2     | (Register by April 24) |
| St. Matthew's | 9:00-12:00 | August 21 | (Register by Aug. 14)  |
| St. David's   | 9:00-12:00 | August 28 | (Register by Aug. 21)  |
| St. Mark's    | 9:00-12:00 | August 28 | (Register by Aug. 21)  |

## Polish the Moment!

BY KATHLEEN DAVIS NIENDORFF

*In memory and celebration of Caroline Howard on her 15th "heavenly birthday"*

Death's first touch is surely worse than its last embrace.  
The cancer had returned stones along her spine.  
We sobbed and covenanted to pray, daily and more.  
And there was reprieve for awhile, with little melancholic recurrences  
Beamed down by SCIENCE.

She kept going--for family, for friends, for Nature's causes--  
When we all knew she couldn't . . . shouldn't?  
A body numbed with pharmaceutical peace;  
Mind dancing with merriment despite the deep truth  
We all knew.

She saw the tall ships--indeed, was on one--  
As they sailed their historic sail past Liberty.  
And a night lit with a million explosions of colored stars  
Had in it much discomfort, no sleep, splashing exuberance:  
Every single moment savored--polished!

The spring came early--bluebonnets in March--  
A gift in time.  
Easter Day was for us all not just His Resurrection  
But hers, anticipated.  
One eye no longer seeing; vocal cords gone; a last hug to fevered cheek;  
She whispered, "These are my glad rags!"

Son of her son completing his first earthly year, her last:  
The family 'round the family table, watching baby do as babies ought.  
She sat laughing, radiant in the glow of blood- and soul-kin,  
Though wheelchair-bound, bones irradiated to spun-sugar brittleness.  
Golden, good-bye moment. Polished for eternity!

*Healthy congregations know it's all a gift and there's no such word as "mine." - Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

## "A Child Shall Lead Them"

BY ERIC LILES, YOUTH MINISTER

In a staff meeting, a story was shared that moved me deeply. There is a young person in our church who recently had a birthday. For her party she requested of all the people that came, to bring gifts to donate to poor children. She said that she already had everything she needed. Wow! In this age of self absorption and materialism, what leadership, and what a blessing it is to have such a humble and mature young person in our community.

*"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6 ☼*

## Hispanic Ministries at ETSS with Jaime Case

Province VII's Center for Hispanic Ministries will offer an intensive course this June at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest for those preparing for mission to Latinos living in the United States. The Rev. Jaime Case, center director, will present the Hispanic Ministries course June 21-25. Designed for lay and ordained persons, the course does not require proficiency in the Spanish language since instruction will be in English.

The course will cover the Latino/Hispanic in the U.S., popular religious traditions, the church year celebrations, pastoral care, and Christian education. Topics such as cultural engagement, why Hispanic Episcopal mission, traditions of funding, using demographics, and values, authority and culture will also be explored.

Cost of the week - including housing and food on campus - is \$600. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by May 1. The class is a two credit hour equivalent course.

Case was named executive director of Province VII's Center for Hispanic Ministries - the only such provincial resource center in the Episcopal Church - last year. Prior to that appointment, he was vicar of San Francisco de Asis mission in Austin and executive director of El Buen Samaritano, the parish's outreach ministry, for nine years. Case, who grew up in the Philippines with missionary parents, has a multicultural view buttressed by diversity, culture, language and mission.

For more information, contact Case at [jaim\\_case@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jaim_case@sbcglobal.net) or 512-477-2644.

## Come Be a Part Of the Alpha Team

BY DAVID PRICE

If you:

- Have wanted to be part of running some program, but held back;
- Wanted to have fun while doing something worthwhile;
- Wanted to help with a program, but didn't have much time;
- Wanted to help with a program, and had a lot of time;
- Want to have some creative fun in structuring a program;
- or just think I'm looney....

....Come be a part of the Alpha Planning Team!!!

Yes, it's that time again! We've had one planning meeting, and we need your help in planning Alpha! We need logistical help (planning rooms, etc.), marketing (advertising, radio spots, print media, etc.), people to pray, people to help plan food, and everyone in between. Want something to do and don't see it listed...then we'll create a job for you!

If you don't know what Alpha is about, it is a program about the basics of Christianity. It covers the relevancy of Christianity, to faith, to prayer, and many things in between. The actual program involves eating a meal together, a videotape presentation, then small group discussion about the videotape. It's a great program, and has been around for over 20 years. We are working from a program guide, and need lots of help getting Alpha off the ground this Fall.

We will be having meetings once a month, generally on Sundays, after the 10:30 service. So come be a part of the Alpha Team. Our next meeting will be April 18th in Room B-21, at 12:15 p.m.

For more information, please contact David Price at 371-0248 or email: [DPAusTex@aol.com](mailto:DPAusTex@aol.com), or visit the St. Matthew's Alpha webpage at [www.StMattsAustin.org/alpha.btm](http://www.StMattsAustin.org/alpha.btm)

## Deepen Your Relationship

BY CHARLIE COLE, STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION CHAIR

At St. Matthew's we are called "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." That is our mission – as a Church and as individual parishioners. This calling is right in line with our calling as Christians to deepen our relationship with Christ and with each other as members of Christ. Moreover, we are called to reach out to others outside the fold and spread His word to our neighbors and to treat others as ourselves. It can all seem like a pretty tall order, especially when we have a disagreement among ourselves, feel a bit shy or unworthy, or feel burdened with the many daily "responsibilities" on our plate.

Yet, as Christians, our number one asset is our relationship with our Father, our family, our fellow human beings, our environment, and ourselves. For as healthy congregations and committed Christians know, it is relationship with and through Christ that serves as the "why" one is willing to give so freely of one's time, talent, and treasure. In short, relationship is at the very core of Stewardship.

If we at St. Matthew's are to achieve our mission, we must be willing to commit ourselves to relationship. And, as we all well know through experience, relationships are "365, 24/7" – that is they require from us a lot of care and feeding, nurturing, loving, and understanding all day, every day throughout the year and throughout our lives. So if relationship stands at the very core of Stewardship, then Stewardship is truly a year-around, life-long commitment for us all. One that, given God's abundance, we can all gladly accept and shoulder – with God's help.

As your Stewardship Chair, I invite you to reflect on how you might deepen your own relationship and I look forward to sharing with you the many ways we at St. Matthew's will deepen our relationship together with God, our congregation, and our community throughout the year.

## First Friday Friendly Golf at Star Ranch

SUBMITTED BY JACK ECCLES

First Friday Golf will tee up at Star Ranch on Friday, April 2. We have five tee times reserved starting at 8:30 a.m. Food, range balls and cart are included in the greens fee of \$29.00 for seniors and \$54.00 for the underage players. Please let Jack Eccles know at 345-7396 [jandr@austin.rr.com](mailto:jandr@austin.rr.com) or Margaret Carpenter at 345-7630 or [mcarp1010@austin.rr.com](mailto:mcarp1010@austin.rr.com) if you can play and if you have a preference for a playing partner. Star Ranch is located on Route 685 on the left side of the road going north between Pflugerville and Hurto. Those who wish to car pool may arrange to meet at the church at 7:15 a.m.

## Food Donations Desperately Needed

El Buen Samaritano is a non-profit, faith based community organization that engages the strengths of the working poor to promote their successful participation in our society.

One of our programs is a food pantry that serves 60 to 80 families daily. We receive food donations from various organizations and institutions as well as purchasing food items from the Capital Area Food Bank.

Our policy is to prepare a nutritionally balanced grocery bag to each participant. In this way, we are not only meeting their good needs but also making them aware of developing healthy eating habits. This nutritional orientation has positive effects in reducing hypertension, obesity and diabetes in our community.

We are in an emergency need of rice (white or brown), beans (in a bag), peanut butter, tuna, Vienna sausages, canned vegetables and fruits, pastas, tomato sauce, sugar, flour, soups and cereals.

I would also like to personally invite you to come and tour our center so that you may get a first hand view of all our services and programs we offer. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Peace and Blessings,  
The Rev. Ed Gomez  
Executive Director



Daylight Savings Time Begins on Palm Sunday, April 4!

## Birthdays

### April

- 1 Alan Carson, Cheryl Coldwater McLay, Carolyn Huffman, Michael Kulchisky
- 2 Will Brown, Meagan Hagman, Michael Meleski, Jim Myers
- 3 Suzanne Daniel, Barbara Hilliard, Cornelia LeMond, Michael Novak, Steven Wood
- 4 Joyce Evans, David Kahlke
- 5 Michael Levy, Andrew Newmiller, Stacy Strobusch, Carlos Vazquez
- 6 Jill Smith, Missy Ward
- 7 Beth Billman, Paul Nieman, Rosemary Sorenson
- 8 Glenda Carl, Allen Sikes, Corinne Telfer, Ashley Udelhofen
- 9 Randy Alexis, Jamie Mann
- 10 Ron Daniels, Michael Feeley, Kathy Morris, Jim Street
- 11 Kathleen Niendorff, Linda Strobusch
- 12 Maria Luisa McLean, Sally Pendergrass, Kristi Robison, Kathy Wood
- 13 Vicky Dettmann, Kelly McGettigan, Geoffrey Shannon
- 14 Barbara Varnado
- 15 Carolyn Kidd, John Mashburn, Mike McKinney
- 16 Ethan Henning
- 17 Ashton Banta, Robert Godwin
- 18 Ashley Mihm
- 19 Beth Deans, Keith Miller, Douglas Schreffler
- 20 Jim Strobusch
- 22 Crystal Edwards, Drake Hagman
- 23 Martha Mashburn, Matthew Wilkins, Nathan Wilkins
- 24 B. J. Drenkhahn, Will Dugat
- 25 Thomas Gilpin, Bruce Newman
- 26 Courtney Farmer
- 27 Vicki Blumhagen, Jack Robertson, Marissa Wasmuth, Brandon Wright, Bob Yeargain
- 28 Myra Jackson, Laura Kyle
- 29 Terry Helfrich, Shirley Towry
- 30 Kristin Necessary, Julie Newmiller

### May

- 1 Holly Bissett, Julie Burnup
- 2 Michele Mann, Lauren Massey, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Wood
- 3 Marsha Caven, Nancy Mallory, Mason Pownall
- 4 Barton Ballard, Liz Canby, Samuel Mackie, Dyke Miller, Marty Robbins, Lavanne Scott
- 5 Jane Buergner, Mary Hargrove, Sarah McKinney, Mary Kay Schultz, Nancy Stevens
- 6 Lori Featherstone, Patrick Graham, Debbie Marshall, Matthew Miller, Betty Mitchell, Rebecca Smith, William Moncure

## Celebrating Our Wedding Anniversaries

It seems there are many people in our parish who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Beginning in the May issue, we will publish names of those whose wedding anniversaries end in 5 – your fifth, tenth, fifteenth, – sixtieth, etc. Just let us know about you by sending your information to Betty Mitchell – [betty@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustrin.org) or by calling 345-8314 x 215. Congratulations are in order! ☘

## St. Matthew's Final Affairs Workshop

Saturday, May 15, 2004

*Presented by the Stewardship Commission and Special Gifts Committee*

Plan now to attend this interesting workshop designed to ease the stress of making your end of life arrangements. Come hear speakers discuss Wills and Estate Planning, Hospice Services, Grief Counseling, Funeral Planning and more.

Special keynote speaker will be Margie Jenkins author of *You Only Die Once – Preparing for the End of Life With Grace and Gusto*

Cost of this Workshop will be \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Registration fee includes a catered lunch, a copy of the lecturer's book (one per couple), and other helpful handouts.

*Watch for more details to come soon! ☘*

## Deaths

Elaine Okazaki,  
mother of Karen Braunsdorf,  
died March 3, 2004

## Memorials

In memory of

**John Lock**

by

Mary Nell Frucella  
Carole and Charles Sikes  
Pat Boon

In memory of

**Elaine Okazaki**

by

Peter Green  
Clint Welden  
Kelly Dove  
Michelle Bryant  
John Tobin  
Herbert Okubo

## Welcome Our Newest Members at the "Parish Get Acquainted Lunch" on Sunday, May 2, 2004

The Newcomers Council extends an invitation to the entire congregation to honor the newest members of our parish family at the "Parish Get Acquainted Lunch" on Sunday, May 2 after the 10:30 service. We will have a delicious catered lunch, distribute the latest New Member Profile booklet and introduce the newest members of our church family to the congregation. There is no charge for the lunch, however a love offering basket will be available. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the Commons during the month of April to sign up or call the Church Office (345-8314). We need a final count for the caterer by Monday, April 26, so be sure to sign up before then.

If you are a new member who joined St. Matthew's between November and April, we would like to honor you at the luncheon. New Members only, please RSVP to Dedee Norman at 345-8314 or via email, [dedee@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:dedee@stmattsaustrin.org), if you are able to attend the luncheon, fill out the New Member Profile form and set up an appointment to have your picture taken. ☘

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Adult Fellowship/Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
12 Noon Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
with Healing Service

### Daily

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in the  
Cauley Chapel

The Charlotte Cauley Gray (Bell Tower) Chapel and the  
Kinney (Outdoor) Chapel are always open.

The nursery is open each Sunday from 7:45 a.m. to  
12:15 p.m., where childcare is cheerfully provided for  
little ones from birth to age four.

Deadline for the **May** issue  
of *The Word* is

**Friday, April 16, 2004**

at 5:00 p.m. Email your article  
to [betty@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustrin.org)

Articles may be edited for content  
and length.

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*Assigned Vestry Members for April*—  
Jerry Ballard and Pat Boon