

The Weekly Word

March 30- April 6, 2008

To Know Christ, Grow in Christ, and Share Christ's Love
Please take this Announcement Sheet home with you.

The Church Offers Nurturing, Experienced, Child Care: For the 8:00 a.m. services, the nursery for infants and children up to 4 years old is available in Room 5 of the Education Building Nursery. At 9 a.m. children below 2 years old are taken to the Nursery located down the hallway on the parking lot side of Huffman Hall. The 2 to 4 year olds remain in Room 5 of the Education Building Nursery. Both Nurseries close at 12:15 p.m. There is also a comfortable, sound proof room in the Sanctuary balcony for adults who wish to keep their babies with them during the services.

3 and 4 year old children have two options on Sunday mornings. ALL children, through age 4, are welcome in the nursery on Sunday morning. Those children who are reliably potty trained and developmentally ready for a more structured environment are invited to attend Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15 in B16 and Chapel in the Choir Room from 10:30 - 11:00.

Thanks for Faithfully Wearing Your Nametag each and every Sunday!
If you need a new nametag, please visit the Welcome Table in the Commons right after church.

Personal Prayer Teams are available during Communion at Prayer Stations on either side of the sanctuary. One is located on the east side by the windows, and the other one is on the west side in the gallery. Prayers will also be offered immediately after church by the team near the windows. All prayer requests and discussions are completely confidential.

Home Delivery of Holy Communion If you are unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion brought to you on Sunday, please call the church office at 345-8314.

If you attend church but are unable to walk to the Altar for Holy Communion, please notify an usher and the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

The Weekly Word deadline is Noon on Wednesdays. If you have an article for the Weekly Word please email them to Office@StMattsAustin.Org and JeriM@austin.rr.com

Be in the know! Subscribe to the St. Matthew's Email Notification Service. On average, you will receive only one email per week. The parish email keeps you informed about all the important events happening at St. Matthew's. Subscribe yourself by sending a blank email to: StMattsEmail-subscribe@yahoogroups.com You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

Items marked with an asterisk () are run for the first time today.

Club 345 and Youth Group: Please come to a special combined meeting to share in fellowship and help us with our first service project. We will be meeting on Sunday, March 30th at 4:15 in Huffman Hall. Our project will be to prepare care packages for the Homeless. Following this we will all attend the 5:15 Eucharist together. Club 345 is open to all

PLEASE CHECK AND SEE IF YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS HAVE ARRIVED. They are located in two boxes in the Commons. Photos will be arriving for the next two weeks.

*Newcomers Council: There will be an important Newcomer's Council Meeting today after the 10:30 Service in B-18. Please be on time and bring a cover dish. This will be an organizational meeting to plan the Get Acquainted Luncheon to be held on April 27. The luncheon will be a part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration so we want it to be special, Thanks, Babs Clendenin

*The next Moms "Time Out" will meet on Thursday, April 3rd (not March 27th as previously published) from 9-10 a.m. in room B-14 with childcare provided. This group provides an opportunity for some "time out" from the kids to discuss topics important to Moms. This month we will be reading and discussing the book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy With God in the Busyness of Life" by Joanna Weaver. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for an hour of fellowship and respite from the busyness of motherhood! For more information, questions or to RSVP for childcare please contact Anne Webster at 343-5583 or websters@austin.rr.com.

*KAIROS NEWS: Several members of St. Matthews will be serving on Lane Murray #6 at the end of April and we need your help. Shirley Meyer will be in the Commons after both services this Sunday with information and sign up sheets. We need COOKIES, dozens and dozens of cookies. We need prayer!



Please sign the prayer chain sheet. We need money. We are selling \$5 meal tickets that will be attached to a decorated placemat and given to an inmate at a particular meal. The ticket will have your name on it (first name only if you wish) and your church or city. This is very meaningful to those women to realize that you care enough to buy them a meal! You have been so generous with your cookies, prayers, and dollars in the past. THANK YOU!

*Brotherhood of St. Andrew: All men of the parish are encouraged and welcome to attend the monthly breakfast meeting of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew to hear Father Jim Williams tell his story of his walk in the Lord on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., in Huffman Hall. You do not have to be a member to attend, however, please let Bob Wood, (512) 476-9090 at rwoodmd@austin.rr.com, or Tony Hatheway at (512) 291-2705 or tonymalyh@sbcglobal.net, so they know how many to expect for breakfast

*April Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Event: Sunday April 6th beginning at 8:00 am we will meet in the church to begin our Car Wash! We will first come and worship together for the 8:00 am service. Afterwards we will wash cars in the parking lot during the Sunday school hour and during the 10:30 church service. All Youth members are requested to attend! The fundraiser will be the first of many that we will have in order to raise money for our mission trips this summer.

*Sunday April 6th: Alternative 5:15 pm Service :On April 6th the 5:15 pm Service is especially designed for the 20's & 30's Group to come together and worship in the sanctuary of St. Matthew's. All are welcome to attend. An alternative service is designed to create an environment for interesting and innovative liturgy. The liturgy is specifically drawn from various Episcopal and Anglican resources throughout our wide and diverse communion. The Rev. Kevin Schubert will preside.

*Adult Education: *Creative Challenges* continues... In the final weeks of our course surveying the controversies in the history of the church we reach modern times. April 6, Amy Moehnke will take a look at the Oxford Movement, which challenged the church to move liturgically from Protestant practices back to the trappings and ceremonies of the Catholic tradition. April 13, Susan Barnes will discuss the revival of the healing ministry a century ago (provoked by Christian Science) in which the Episcopal church took the lead. April 27, Anne Province will look at the origins of the Pentecostal revival--again about 100 years ago. All are welcome in B-18.

**Recycle those Easter Eggs! Children's Ministry would LOVE to recycle your plastic Easter Eggs. Place clean, empty eggs in the decorated boxes in the Commons. We will save them for use next year! Thank you!

*COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: If you are visiting or new to St. Matthew's, we invite you to join members of the Newcomers Council for Coffee and Conversation next week on Sunday, April 6 in B-6 (directly below the Sanctuary) immediately after the 10:30 service. This will be a time for

you to gather in an informal setting, ask questions and express your needs. Please join us and bring a friend.

*Sign up for the GET ACQUAINTED LUNCHEON will begin on Sunday April 6 in the Commons. Mark your calendars for Sunday April 27th and join the Newcomers Council in welcoming our newest members immediately after the 10:30 service in Huffman Hall

*Last Saturday at the Great Vigil of Easter, five beautiful baby boys were baptized. If you, or one you know, adult or child, desires to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please notify Betty Mitchell in the church office betty@stmattsaustin.org. Our next Baptism service is scheduled for Trinity Sunday, May 15.

*Baptism Banners are given to each child baptized here. Many thanks to Peggy Ryder and her team Sue Tatum, Margaret Carpenter, Christine Joannidi and Liz O'Quin, for sewing the banners. Peggy could use more help, however. If you sew, and would like a new mission, contact Peggy at 472-5679 or piggity@jrsys.com

Laity Lodge Retreat- April 18-20, 2008 It's that wonderful time of year when St. Matthew's is blessed to spend a weekend at Laity Lodge! This year's guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Roberts, the new Senior Director and Scholar-in-Residence of Laity Lodge. Registration priority will be given to first timers or people who haven't been in awhile. Sign-up in the Commons after the service where you can pay the \$50 per person deposit to reserve your spot. For questions, contact Tom Uhl 658-3989. For a tour of Laity Lodge, visit www.laitylodge.org

*3rd Monday Book Group: If you love Jane Austen, come to the 3rd Monday Book Group when we discuss The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen by Syrie James. Come - even if you have never read anything by her. We will meet in the Library at 5:00 on April 21st. The discussion is always lively.

*Pictures, Stories, You've Got 'em we Want 'em!! As you know we are in the celebration of our 50th Anniversary! So now it is your job to pitch in and tell something that has happened to you that has made you feel special about our church family. All pictures and stories are welcome. (All pictures will be returned). Please email your stories to Rita Eccles at jandr@rr.com or give your pictures and stories to Barbara Haynes in our church office. Thanks and God Bless You



PLEASE NOTE: The Good Samaritan Ministry is definitely still in existence. Please remember that a requests should come through the priests and from them through the office. If you have any questions or doubts concerning this ministry, please contact Babs Clendenin 795-8854 or ba69claus@aol.com.

*Ladies!!! Please, blot your lipstick before you take communion. Lipstick of any color is very difficult to remove from the linen purificators. Your Altar Guild thanks you!



Hazardous Waste Pickup at Anderson High School

Next Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the city will provide hazardous waste pickup at Anderson High School.

Pouring chemicals down the drain, on the ground or in the garbage can harm the environment and collection workers. Items accepted include: Fluorescent bulbs, Batteries (car, household),

Cleaning products, Automotive fluids, Paint, Pesticides, Aerosol cans, Pool chemicals. Details at tinyurl.com/377tje. * There is a meeting today of the Environmental Stewardship Council in B-13 after the 10:30 service. All are welcome.

Attendance Sunday, March 23 2008

7:00 a.m., 54, 9:00 a.m., 351, 11:00 a.m., 560, 5:15 p.m., 9 Total 974

IN OUR PRAYERS*

This list is read aloud at Evening Prayer
(daily 6 p.m. Charlotte Cauley Gray Bell Tower Chapel)
and is included on the Intercessory Prayer Network.

Rowan of Canterbury, our Archbishop; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Don, Rayford, and Dena, our Bishops; Merrill, Susan, Kevin, Chuck, Jerry, Jim and Joe, our Clergy; Anthony and Amy, our Seminararians; The Wardens, Staff, and Vestry of St. Matthew's; our Outreach Ministries: ETSS, Kairos, Habitat for Humanity, El Buen Samaritano, Care for the Caregiver, Alternative Gifts Market, Heifer Project, Diocese of Manicaland (Zimbabwe), Katrina/Rita Relief, SafePlace, West Austin Caregivers, Casa Marianella, Caritas, Capital Area Food Bank, General Seminary, St. James Episcopal School, Children's Hope Chest, Women's Story Book Project, Samaritan Counseling Center, Hope House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Students, Parents and Staff of St. Matthew's Day School, Hill Elementary School, Murchison Middle School and Anderson High School (adopted via Austin Partners in Education) and the Daughters of the King prayer list; Building on Our Sure Foundation Capital Campaign;
Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces and others who serve our country overseas.

Conny	Marib	The Nichols Family
Connie Statz	Hannah	Jane Bray
Diane Smith	Matthew Hauser	Nicole Davis
Carol Keskkula	C.J. Carl and Family	Gloria Sanderson
Laura and children	Caitlin Kennedy	Clarice Meer
Lynn Horabin	Connie Yargo & fam	Byron Howard
Jamie Wise & family	Price/Robbins Family	Alex Acosta
Catherine	Ashley Wingo	Christopher
Beth Ann Sikes	Juanita Johnson	Lindsay Cage Ivory
Rhonda Myers	Paul Cage Rayburn	Alexa
Terry & Merrily	Laurie	Emery Fisher
Andrew & Chris	Tommye Bertero	Elmer Dezso
Kaiser Roberts	Hugh Welter	Sach & Carol Hitt
Hilary Mears	Kim Knudson	Hillary
Jason	Doris Dixon	Pat Murphy
James Schleicher	Virginia	Teresa
Rob Springer	Caryn Truitt	Bob Croll
Spencer	Ann O'Connor	Harrison Wood
Bob McDonald	Jamie & Ryan	Ben
Luke Hall	John Thweatt & fam.	Christi Gartman
Barbara Chappell	Merilyn South	Don & Sue DuMond
Darlene Moore	Dawn Jarvis	Andrew
Lindsey Louis	Jim Jarvis	Maly Hatheway
Cathy	Kitty Thompson	Adele Twohill
Kathy Harrison	John and Rosie	Mitch Hall
Lindsey & Anthony	Susan Dumas	Byron Cole
Zuccari	Chris Mitchell	Dan Davenport
Daniel	Colbert & Mildred	Samuel
Elsa Finnen	Sybil Oliver	Keton Anderson
Megyn & Matt	Margaret Barnhill	Byron Howard
McRoberts	Linda & Milo Nimori	Mike Wilkinson
Carol & Al Calvery	Sandra Richards	Amy Sholz
Jim & Kathy	Ruth Ryder & Family	Jenifer
Tim & Stephanie Foley	Robert	Emily & Cletus Romay
Moberly Family	Robertson Family	Family of Ray Torres
Wolfrum Family	Sue Johnson	Elliot Bankler
James Sparks & Fam	Doris Norton & Fam	Hilary Taylor
Andrew	Byron Howard	Lana
Robert Lee Carson	John Harrison	Janet Coon
Lou Tull	Peggy	Rebekka
Ben Howard	Bill & Pam	Larry
Dom Gorie & Family	Chaundra	Marge Canby
John Norman	Lee Edwards	Kay King
Elsa Thomas	Byron Cole	

*Prayer requests will be dropped one month after the initial request is made unless extenuating circumstances prevail. If a name you placed on the list has been dropped and you would like to see it added back on, simply call the office, 345-8314 and ask Barbara to add it.

This Week In the Life of the Parish

March 30- April 6, 2008

Church Office Hours are Monday- Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Evening Prayer Daily at 6 p.m. in the Cauley Bell Tower
Chapel

SUNDAY, March 30

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
9:00 AM Breakfast during the Education Hour in Huffman Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
4:00 PM Club 345 and Youth Group in Huffman Hall
5:15 PM Contemplative Service in Sanctuary
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-14

Monday, March 31

12:00 Noon Job Support Group in B-14
5:30 PM Grief Support Group in B-21

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 AM Senior Activity Center in B-18
10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Library
10:10 AM Day School Motor Skills in Huffman Hall
2:30 PM Alanon Meeting in B-14
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 511 in Huffman Hall
7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
9:00 AM Senior Activity Center in Huffman Hall
9:15 AM Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in B-18
12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary with healing
1:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-21
5:30 PM Youth Group in B-18
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, April 3

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast in Huffman Hall
9:15 AM Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
9:30 AM Mom's Group in B-13
10:00 AM Bible/ Study Group in Library
12:00 Noon Women's Study Group in Library
1:00 PM Senior Activity Center in B-18
7:00 PM Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in Huffman Hall

Friday, April 4

9:00 AM Senior Activity Center in B-18
8:00 PM Our Group AA meeting in B-14

Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast in Huffman Hall
9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in B-14

SUNDAY, April 6

Youth Car Wash Today!
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
9:15 AM Adult Education, Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
5:15 PM Alternative Service in Sanctuary
5:30 PM Youth Group in Huffman Hall
6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-14

Vestry Persons for April:

Readings for April 6, Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17