



FEBRUARY 2022

THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

Sherry Minzey
Admin. Assistant
Remote

Patti McGill
Music Director

OFFICERS

Judy Taylor
Senior Warden

Carl Turlin
Junior Warden

David Macey
Treasurer

Linda Gerding
Secretary

SERVICE TIMES

10:00 a.m.
Sunday Service

From the Sr. Warden



Happy February, Everyone!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on January 30th. We covered a lot of ground and concluded in time for all to watch the Chiefs play in what turned out to be the last game until next season. We received updates from all of our committee chairs who were in attendance and learned a lot, including that we will have an online Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday compliments of the Ushers. If you didn't attend last year's online Pancake Supper, you missed out on a lot of fun. Who knew that making your own pancakes and sausage and Zooming while eating could be so much fun, but it was! Don't miss out this year. We also learned of a planned February Valentines Day-themed Zoom trivia contest for Flying Solo. This will be our second online trivia contest. Our first was a blast, so join us. Everyone is invited!

During the meeting, we announced that the search committee made an offer to Fr. Jeff Hurst to be our new part-time priest. He will be conducting both Eucharist services as supply priest in February while we finalize his contract. He has many ideas for growing and strengthening St. Matthew's and will hold weekly office hours so parishioners can meet with him in person. This will be a great opportunity to meet with him one-on-one and to bring your needs and concerns to him directly. We look forward to his guidance and to having Eucharist services *every* Sunday starting in March.

St. Matthew's vestry met for an organizational meeting on Monday evening by Zoom for election of officers and appointment of committee chairs. Officers are Judy Taylor, Senior Warden; Carl Turlin, Junior Warden; Linda Gerding Secretary; and Dave Macey, Treasurer. Committee chairs are Barbara Wegener, Worship; Letisha Arroyo, Stewardship; Beth Cook, Evangelism; Christina Brooks, Finance; Pat Whitmore, Hospitality; Jason Brooks, Clerk of the Works; and Carl Turlin, Properties. Carl Turlin is St. Matthew's Diocesan Convention delegate and Zella Forsythe is the alternate delegate.

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Bishop Bruce put out a call for two lay delegates to Diocesan Council. Zella Forsythe has answered the call and will represent St. Matthew's and the Central Deanery. Zella's father and two brothers were Episcopal priests, and Zella worked for the Diocese for a number of years and previously served on the council. She will be an excellent representative. Congratulate Zella on this important appointment the next time you see her!

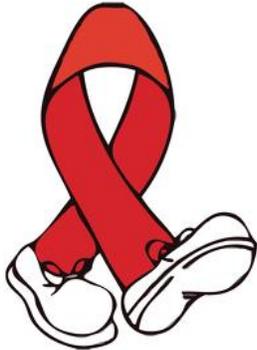
We will be back inside for services and coffee hour on February 20th, so please join us. See you then!

Judy Taylor

Sr. Warden

2022 ST. MATTHEW'S TEAM

AIDS WALK IN-PERSON



The 34th annual AIDS WALK-Kansas City is planned to be held **in-person**, on Saturday April 30, 2022. This will be the sixteenth year St. Matthew's has registered as a Team.

If you are interested in participating as a supporter of the event with a donation, please go online (aidswalkkansascity.org and search **Team: St. Matthews Episcopal Church**) and register as a participant or virtual walker and/or just donate; or you can also give your donation to Linda Gerding and she will register it for you. Linda will be collecting donations at church any time until the walk.

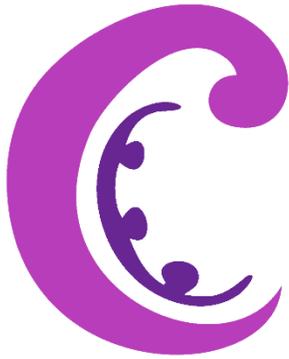
Make checks payable to: AIDS WALK KANSAS CITY.

The Team will gather together at Theis Park. Welcoming ceremonies begin at 9:00 and the Walk begins at 10:00. Contact Linda if you have questions or want to walk. Obviously because of COVID, this event could be converted to VIRTUAL so watch for that announcement as Walk Day gets closer.

Linda Gerding

Community Service & Outreach





Community of Chaplains

The Community of Chaplains held their first Circle of Care meeting of the New Year on January 9, 2022 in the Church Library. During COVID it has been more convenient for the Chaplains to just remain at church to have their meetings.

Linda Gerding was the Host and brought Sundried Tomato Turkey wraps and Loaded Baked Potato Soup with Keebler cookies for dessert. During COVID the typical pot-luck has been scaled down to everyone bringing their own lunches or one person bringing something simple to share with all.

A new COC Host list was passed around for everyone to select the month of their choice for hosting through the next year. And, in the words of St. Benedict "and so...we begin again" and as Chaplains, we are hopeful 2022 will allow in-person pastoral visits and we can look forward to the better year that we hope it will be.

Linda Gerding-COC 2022

ST. MATTHEW'S SHROVE TUESDAY "ZOOM"



**Charlie Matson
PANCAKE SUPPER
MARCH 1, 2022 6:00 PM**



Thanks to Zoom, the Annual Usher's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held again this year. It will look a lot like last year. Parishioners will make their own pancakes, have good conversation and fellowship, and spend a little time to remember Charlie Matson. "All You Can Eat Pancakes" will be provided by each household in the comfort of their own kitchens.

No cost for tickets this year! Instead, parishioners are asked to send a donation to Treasurer Dave Macey noting in the memo of their check "Usher's Fund"; or they can go on the website to the Online Giving tab and donate. This event is not intended to be a fundraiser, but a social activity prior to the Season of Lent. Mardi Gras attire is welcomed.

COME ONE COME ALL! Watch for the Zoom invite on Shrove Tuesday March 1st and attend a fun evening with your friends at St. Matthew's.

Linda Gerding
for the St. Matthew's Ushers-2022

February Flying Solo - Van Gogh Alive

Attended by Linda Gerding and Judy Taylor.

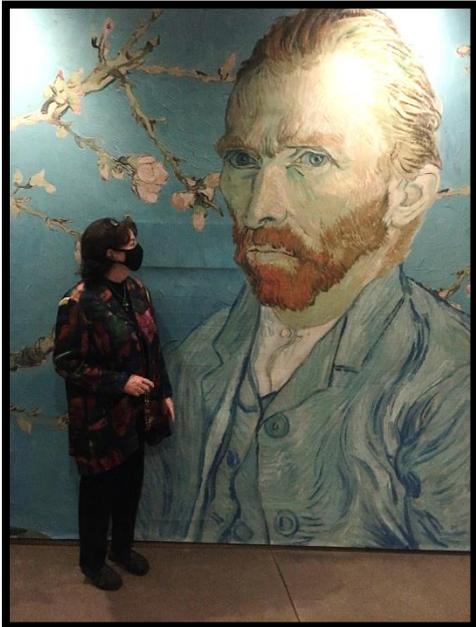


Judy Taylor and Linda Gerding in the “selfie room” full of sunflowers, Van Gogh’s favorite flower and painting subject.

Judy and Linda in a mock bedroom set up, painted from band goes asylum bedroom.



Linda gazing at Van Gogh self-portrait.



Linda in the selfie room.



THE STREAM TEAM

For the past several Sundays' new technology has been "on trial" to work out glitches and kinks. Our new camera and additional attachments are finally in working mode. It has taken many hours and attempts to get it set-up and online at YouTube. Judy Taylor is our technology guru who persevered and kept the faith that at some point we would be "streaming live on YouTube"! Big KUDOS and lots of THANKS to Judy who has enabled St. Matthew's to reach those parishioners at home, on vacation, on the road, and out-of-State (Lorrie Taylor), who cannot join us on Sunday's in-person.

Of course, Judy can do the filming, but without the help of a few others who come in even when the church is closed, to do their parts, the Service does not take place. The others who make up part of the Stream Team are:

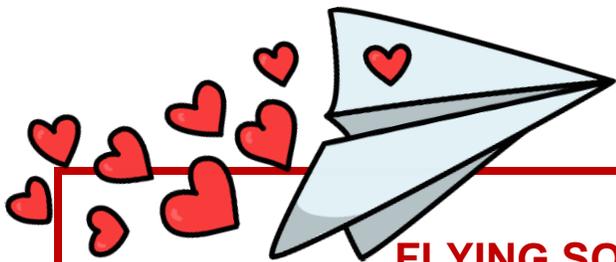
Supply Priest or Lay Reader- like Barbara Wegener

Patti McGill-on piano or organ

Linda Gerding – monitoring Zoom

Judy Taylor – Camera & Sound





FLYING SOLO VALENTINES

Come and join us for a zoom Flying Solo event Saturday, February 19 at 4pm. In observance of valentines, please be ready to tell us about a person who you admire (such as an author, painter, sport or film celebrity or just an “ordinary person”) living or dead. Let us know about this person’s accomplishments. So, bring you favorite wine and chocolate. Watch for your zoom invite on Friday, February 18.

GIVING REMINDER

Just a reminder that you have options on how you can send in your pledge.

By mail: Dave Macey's address: 2200 NW Summerfield Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Online: Online Giving Link: <http://stmatthewsraytown.org/>



February 17th
March
Messenger/Calendar
Deadline