



June 2023

The Messenger

ST. Matthew's Episcopal Church
9349 E. 65th Street, Raytown, MO 64133

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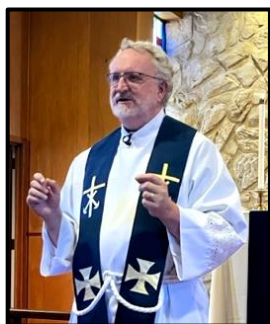
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Service Times

Wednesday Zoom
Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.



Dear Church family,

Summer has arrived and we celebrated once again with our yearly Pentecost procession around the parking lot and back into the church nave. This time we had an electronic mishap with

our sound system amplification and online streaming capability. As we fervently attempted to discover a solution, we found ourselves with no sound and our Wildwood Boys band members had moved out of the sun into the shade. We so blessed to have this band with us again!

Needless to say, everyone responded with patience and stretched and flexed in order to meet this challenge. Judy Taylor quickly set up our portable sound system which helped insure we had a wonderful service. Patti McGill utilized the organ to mimic our wind sounds we had planned with the microphone. One of the lectionary texts from I Cor 12 used in the sermon reminded us how we are one body of Christ with many important members. I think we all saw that in display as we faced this unforeseen challenge to our sound system. We all stopped in the procession to clap and some danced a bit with the music of the Wildwood boys. Truly we saw the colorful and delightful unity and diversity of our church. The dinner after our service with many delicious dishes revealed yet again our diverse yet loving church family.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this joyous annual event as we commemorated the birth of the church in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to all,
Father Jeff



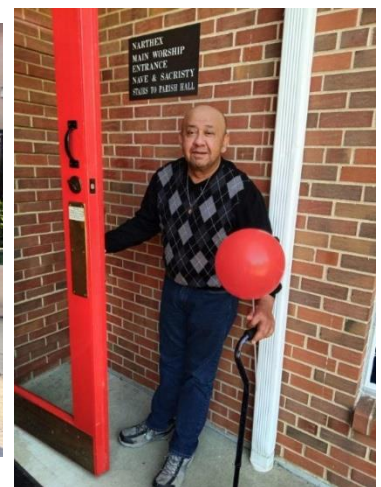
We had so much fun processing to The Wildwood Boys Band at our traditional celebration during the Pentecost Festival. Dave Batson's band has played for years at St. Matthew's to help us celebrate. Red balloons are a European tradition for the processional and the feast after the service.

The red roses are tradition from way back in the teens in Europe when the people thought the tongues of fire looked like a rose petal. Many old churches had a "Holy Ghost" hole in the ceiling so red rose petals could be dropped from the roof during the reading of Acts 2:1-21. They dropped the petals during the part that said "divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them". The Parish Hall was decorated with red roses and balloons for the celebration. Our congregation brought red food to emphasize Pentecost traditions.

Thanks to Jane Matson and Judy Roberts for the pictures you see here.



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Pentecost continued



WAGSTAFF FAREWELL 5/7/23

Wagstaff's are moving to Texas (except Jordan) so of course, the theme for their farewell reception was anything Texas related. (notice the cow on the dessert table.) Zella Forsythe did an outstanding job with decorations and Christina Brooks provided meats and coordinated other food donations from the Parish. Fr. Jeff offered parishioners to lay hands on Stacey and Tom as he said a prayer for the family and their future in Texas.

Linda Gerding-Reporting





Congratulations!

DOMINIC BROOKS-2023 GRADUATE

May 21, 2023 was Graduation Sunday at St. Matthew's for this year's High School Senior. Graduation themed decorations were all around and a special cake, cookies, and cupcakes were served at coffee hour. Dominic graduated from Raytown High School and already has a job as Manager at Domino's Pizza in Lee's Summit. Fr. Jeff said a special blessing on Dominic as he continues to succeed.

Linda Gerding-Reporting



REAP “FILL THAT TRUCK”

On April 29, 2023 Linda Gerding represented Saint Matthew’s Parish in helping the Raytown High School and Raytown South High School YAC (youth advisory council) students with their food drive for REAP. They stood outside HyVee and handed out flyers with a list of food items suggested for REAP, to those going into shop.

Linda Gerding-Reporting



ST. MATHEW’S TEAM-AIDS WALK 2023

On Saturday May 6, 2023 St. Matthew’s was represented by Linda Gerding, Mary Cease, Charles Cease, and puppy dog Jasmine at the 35th Annual AIDS Walk. Jasmine was definitely a big hit at the Walk and drew lots of attention with her cute little pink bows.

We started out eager and with high hopes to finish the walk, but with Linda’s sciatic pain, Mary’s issue with walking, and Jasmines’s little short legs, we quickly accepted the offer for a ride the rest of the way to the finish line.

Thanks to the generosity from many within the parish, and Fr. Jeff’s encouragement to donate to the Team online, St. Matthew’s raised \$435.00 this year. Thanks to everyone for all your support.

Blessings,
Linda Gerding
Service and Community Outreach



Titan Environmental Services



On April 13, 2023 Tristan O'Brien from Titan Environmental Services did air and surface testing throughout the church. Also tested was inside the exterior hole in the fascia by the Sacristy for *Histoplasma capsulatum* (bird droppings). Many samples were taken and sent out to their lab to be analyzed. An extensive 38-page report has been shared with the Vestry by Properties Chair Carl Turlin. Carl will prioritize the suggestions for treating their findings and report back to the Vestry for their consideration. Pollen, dander and some mold were all mentioned.

If anyone is interested in reading the report, please contact Carl Turlin.



MOTHER'S DAY

Deep pink carnations were given in honor of Mother's Day to every female in the Parish...compliments of Daughter's of the King. Thank you to Linda Batson for arranging to have them and handing them out.

Linda Gerding-Reporting



FLYING SOLO

On Saturday, May 20, Flying Solo went to see Book Club: The Next Chapter and went afterwards to eat at SPIN1 Pizza. A fun time was had by all. And this time we were blest to have Jane Matson with us.

Mary Cease

THE CALL

*Come and Join our angel team
All you need to do is be kind
We want to bless the world, you see
We really aren't hard to find*



*Listen for us in the quiet
Seek us and we shall bring healing
Help us bring light to our precious earth
Let peace be what we're all feeling*



*May the prayerful path lead you home
Let your mind be open to all
As you awaken to teachers of love
And answer the angelic call*

Kalila Volkov

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



DONUTS ARRIVING!



Charles Cease



**JULY MESSENGER
&
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