



OCTOBER 2022

THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9349 E. 65TH STREET. RAYTOWN, MO 64133

ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst
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Sherry Minzey
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Patti McGill
Music Director

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Judy Taylor
Senior Warden

Carl Turlin
Junior Warden

David Macey
Treasurer

Linda Gerding
Secretary

SERVICE TIMES

10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SERVICE
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO
STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**



Dear Church family,

It was an extreme pleasure to participate in Barbara Wegener's ordination service on October 1, 2022 at St. Andrew's Church in Kansas City, Mo. I have been in a few of these

services and I conclude (as well as with a few others) that this was an astounding Spirit-filled service. I told Zella I felt the angels were singing with us that morning. We hope you will take time to see the pictures that were taken and the pics that were placed on our new Facebook page. The following service the next day at St. Matthew's church was also uplifting as we met with former friends and church members to celebrate in worship and food and drink afterwards. This was Barbara's first service where she participated in her new role as Deacon; setting the table, sharing her testimony. reading and declaring the gospel and dismissing us back out into the world.

We were Barbara's sponsoring church and I am so thrilled that Barbara is one of five individuals whom the St. Matthew's church has given back to the Lord to serve in ordained ministry. During Fr. Becker's tenure, Daryl

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Diamond was released to ministry as a priest; in Fr. Hutcherson's tenure, Anne Hutcherson as priest, Laurie McKim as priest, Nancy Nevins as a deacon, and now Barbara Wegener nurtured under Fr Hutcherson and whom discerned her call as a deacon near the end of Fr Orin's tenure and fulfilled most of BKSM training during the height of the Covid pandemic.

Please feel proud to be a "sending church," a selfless congregation that is willing to nurture and release some of her most ardent workers to answer God's call to serve God wholeheartedly. Let's continue to pray for Barbara as she enters her new role as deacon at the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo. I wonder who will be called next?

Peace and love to all,
Fr. Jeff



**THE ORDINATION OF BARBARA WEGENER
TO THE DEACONATE
OCT. 1, 2022**

Participants:

Celebrant: The Right Reverent Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional

Crucifer: Jason Brooks

Eucharistic Minister: The Rev. Jeff Hurst

Presenters:

Clergy: Robert Hutcherson, Laurie McKim

Lay: Zella Forsythe, Lori Vorhies

Vesting: Emily & Alan Wegener, Jeffrey Wegener, Jonathan Wegener

Pictures on page 3 by Linda Gerding

THE ORDINATION OF BARBARA WEGENER ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Ordination pictures continued.

The Right Reverent Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional



The Rev. Barbara Wegener, Deacon



Deacon Barbara Wegener's Reception St. Matthew's



CELEBRATING ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

Saint Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and is also the patron Saint of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Raytown. The Feast Day for St. Matthew is celebrated on September 21st, or the closest Sunday to that date. It is tradition to wear "red" in honor of the patron Saint. This year the celebration was held on September 18th.

The altar had a bouquet of red roses, the parishioners wore red, St Matthew's banner was hung in the Sanctuary, and Zella Forsythe, on behalf of the Daughters of the King, posted snippets of information all about Saint Matthew the Apostle. Since Matthew had been a tax collector, there were also small bags of gold (wrapped chocolate) coins for each parishioner.

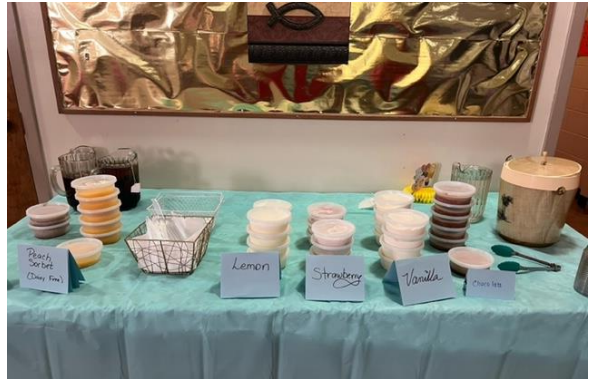
Article & Photos – Linda Gerding



ST. MATTHEW'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A conversation between Fr. Hurst and Fr. Chas, of St. Augustine's, about doing something that could include both congregations, resulted in it being St. Matthew's Ice Cream Social. St. Matthew's would be the host of the event. The Hospitality Co-chair Christina Brooks took care of asking for volunteers to make homemade ice cream and Co-chair Zella Forsythe provided festive ice creamy decorations. Ice cream flavors included: Vanilla, strawberry, peach sorbet, lemon, chocolate, Chai and Gluten free Chai. Various parishioners also provided cookies, brownies, and LOTS of toppings for the ice cream. Special entertainment was provided, thanks to Carl Turlin, by the Barber Shop Quartet in which he sings. The event was held on Sunday September 25th from 3:00-5:00pm and included games of Bingo complete with prizes. Bags of fresh popped popcorn were also provided by the Arroyo family! Mary Cease was the all-time winner of Bingo getting 3 prizes. About 50 people attended, sharing fellowship and having a good time! (Greatly appreciated after the disappointing loss by the Chiefs!)

Article & Photos – Linda Gerding
(Apology for any mis-information)



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Ice Cream Social pictures



The Garage Sale

It finally happened, the St Matthew's Garage Sale, on June 3rd and 4th, with lots of pre-sale



sales! Thanks to the many parish volunteers carrying, labeling, delivering, unloading, selling donated items, and finally boxing up the leftovers and loading them onto a truck. At the risk of not mentioning someone who helped, here's some of the volunteer workers: Christina and Jason Brooks created and printed an advertising flyer, provided cookies for a cookie sale and acquired parish shirts; James and Brenda Laney donated tons of items that were sold; Zella Forsythe, Mary Cease, and Pat Whitmore manned the cashier table; Rick and Judy Roberts involved the AA

folks and sold a number of items; Beth and Darrel Cook helped organize rooms, while Patti McGill organized books, records, cd's, and tapes. Madison Harless and Nicolas Turlin carried and organized items in several rooms and Nicolas helped load the DAV truck with Marci Brown-Turlin. Linda Gerding helped organize and sort lots of items while Mary and Beth Cook labeled them. Barbara Wegener

delivered unsold items to Habitat ReStore and Jordan Wagstaff helped deliver a couch and carry items. Those are only some of the efforts that many people shared to make our sale a success. Many thanks to those and the unnamed folks who helped!

Facebook notices and posts helped, along with two banners, a diocesan grant to cover expenses, and the support of the AA community across the parking lot. My two goals for the sale were: 1. To make friends in the community and, 2. To make some money for St Matthew's. We did make friends and we did make some money. We also shared tons of fellowship.

In the months prior to the actual sale, we sold many items to parishioners, the folks from AA, and relatives of parishioners. I announced the running total on several Sundays. Evidently, I overestimated the amount and, some folks who said that they were going to purchase items, ultimately did not, so my announced counts were more than the actual amount taken in. Consequently, we did not make as much money as I anticipated and announced. Nevertheless, we brought in \$3,039.41 AND we are still waiting for a check from "Team Thrift," the company who purchased our unsold items at .10/pound. After verifying with them that their initial check had not been received, they have issued another check to us for an additional \$260.00. That means that our total income from the sale is \$3,299.41. Our expenses were mostly covered by an approved diocesan grant for \$544.00 to cover expenses of shirts, two banners, and printing costs. Thanks to everybody who helped by donating, organizing, labeling, carrying stuff from room to room, cleaning off and cleaning up, preparing for and wrapping up, and thanks to Dave Macey for keeping the many small bookkeeping entries straight.

Carl Turlin

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Garage Sale photos



The Diocese of West Missouri Women's Retreat

The Diocese of West Missouri this year's women's retreat held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in North Kansas City. Four ladies made it from Saint Matthews, including Barb Wegener, Zella Forsythe, Virginia Sembower, and Judy Taylor. The retreat was also a great reunion of old friends for some in the group. The retreat started at 9:00 AM with coffee and pastries, followed by a rousing and hilarious talk by Bishop Bruce. Following Bishop Bruce's talk, the group split into two groups, with half of the approximately 200 attendees having a delicious Mexican lunch while the other half of attendees attended a worship service. Additional split out training sessions were held during the afternoon. No word yet on whether this will be an annual retreat or not, but we all look forward to the next one!

Judy Taylor
Sr. Warden



PROSPERITY

Living a prosperous life is a commitment to behold God in all things. It is the faith that there is enough to meet every need, and my prayerful intention and gratitude are encouraging manifestation.

Prosperity is my commitment to sharing generously of myself, knowing my resources can never be depleted and my good is without limit.

Teresa

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



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/>

OCTOBER 19th



**NOVEMBER
MESSENGER
&
CALENDAR
DEADLINE**



Hospitality would like to thank all who attended, donated, and helped to make Deacon Barbara's reception a success.

Christina Brooks
Hospitality Chair



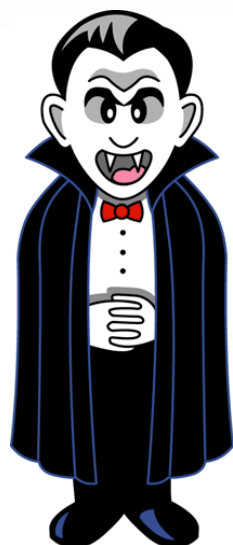
Please remember when donating food for an event that all St. Matthew's refreshments should be allergen sensitive with no seafood or nuts.



**St. Matthew's Facebook page is now online.
Please contact Carlos Arroyo if you have any problems finding it.
Lots of great pictures and information on upcoming events!**



TRUNK OR TREAT



SATURDAY, OCT 29TH

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT

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