

# SAINT MATTHIAS

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**Holy Eucharist**  
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### Doing the Loving Thing

Purpose for forming a committee.

The Soup Hour has been an integral part of St. Matthias for many years and many parishioners have identified with it as what we are as Episcopalians in Whittier. It is one of our core ministries at St. Matthias.

The committee will have a great opportunity of serving the best of what we have done in the past and determining what we can do to make it relevant for the present and future, within our parish resources.

The three initial subcommittees that need addressing immediately are : food, mail and toiletries.

I would also like to form a fourth committee that would involve our clients. This would be a dialogue as to what they consider their needs are and asking them how they feel St.

Matthias can best help them.

My first visit was with Dottie Andersen and Sophie McIntosh, our new Parish Administrator. I received a great deal of information on how things had been run and their perspectives on how we might continue. I brought up the areas previously identified and

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presented to the vestry, and Sophie immediately volunteered that since the mail is now delivered to the office, and she is responsible for it, she would chair the mail sub-committee and enlist the aid of two or more volunteers to assist her.

The second concern was toiletries. This became a lively discussion as to doing it the way we have “because it works” in contrast to some modifications caused by our “need to function within our financial boundaries”.

I met with MaryJean Christian, our financial treasurer who said that the vestry had allocated \$5,000 in the budget, based on last year’s expenses of the Soup Hour. As this must cover all of the expenses of “Doing the Loving Thing”, it is incumbent that we use our resources wisely.

Ben Gonzalez and I had a very interesting meeting as I learned the way food was handled at the present time. His big concern was water and that there be enough for our clients for the summer months. He said that the most economical way to purchase it was on flats from Sam’s Club, where the Church has a membership card. He would get 1200 bottles for around .40c each as a flat costs roughly \$500. This would last two to three months, depending upon the heat and the number of bottles needed by our clients. As we had very little water on hand, I authorized, on behalf of the vestry, for him to order a flat immediately. Ben said to see Wei-San Mohindar re: sandwiches.

I cornered that very busy member of our congregation Sunday and discovered that we had run out of peanut butter and grape jam and that not only was Wei-San making all of the sandwiches by herself each week, but was now providing for the peanut butter and jam herself, as we are working to get our committees organized. I suggested, and she concurred, that we hold a drive to collect donated creamy peanut butter and grape jam in our box in the narthex for the summer. We could add granola bars. Wei-San said to Please ask for easily spread grape jam and not grape jelly, and creamy peanut butter.

I met with the ECW in what was really an exciting discussion as to how they saw “Doing the Loving Thing” should evolve and after some brain-storming, it was suggested that the

church hold a Birthday Party on Pentecost. Our “gifts” would be unwrapped toiletries placed in a box in the Narthex with the box remaining for continuing use after Pentecost.

Our volunteers, at present, come when able. They are Sue Williams and Ellen Mykkanen who help pass out food and toiletries on Friday and Joan Krave and Barbara Khan who come on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lynne Drayer has been filling our toiletry bags for our guests for years and she and Dottie will be sorely missed. Sophie has been busy writing our referrals for our clients as well as delivering mail and covering everything else when no one is available.

Which brings me to the most important part of this article. How are we to get volunteers? Many people have expressed the desire to continue “Doing the Loving Thing” to members of the vestry. The vestry agreed with me that we hold a meeting on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am service of everyone interested in this important work of St. Matthias. The purpose of the meeting is to determine if St. Matthias Parish really wants this ministry to continue, and if so, to establish goals. It will take volunteers, both male and female, if we are to “Do the Loving Thing”.

*Jeppy Rahn*  
Liaison to the Vestry



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**We are known as “the after people who care for people facing tough times:”**

### **AFTER:**

- Loss of a loved one**
- Hospitalization**
- Spiritual crisis**
- Unemployment or a job crisis**
- A terminal illness**
- Aging**
- Many other life challenges**

### **A Stephen Minister is...**

- \*A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.**
- \*A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.**
- \*A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.**
- \*A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages.**
- \*Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there’s a need.**

**The faithful group of caregivers, in our congregation, have given over 250 hours of dedicated service this past year.**

**“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”**

**GALATIANS 6:2**

**Faye Jackson, Terry Dodd and Sophie McIntosh, Stephen Minister Leaders**



Due to the hard work of Kathy Underwood, we are glad to announce that we have Priests coming every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 through June 25 as follows:

<i>June 4:</i>	The Rev. Katherine Feng
<i>June 11:</i>	The Rev. Hartshorn Murphy
<i>June 18:</i>	The Rev. Hartshorn Murphy
<i>June 25</i>	The Rev. Hartshorn Murphy



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus



Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."



# JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

*Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.*

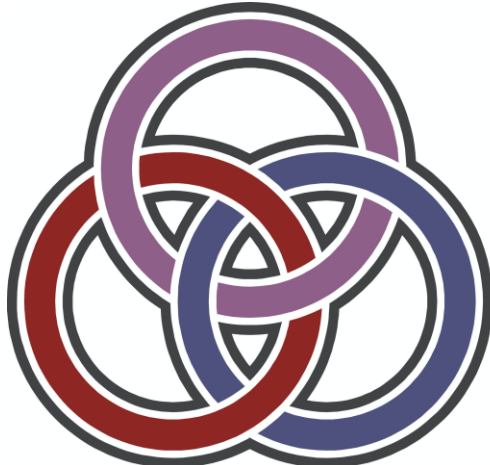
- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



*How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?*

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



# Trinity Sunday

## JUNE SERVICES, EVENTS, AND SMALL GROUPS

**SUNDAYS AT 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist** (in-person only)

**SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist** (in-person and streaming live at [facebook.com/stmatthiaswhittier](https://facebook.com/stmatthiaswhittier))

**BIBLE STUDY/MORNING PRAYER:** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. Chapel.

**MEN EATING BADLY:** Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. Greenleaf Café. Contact Tim Adams.

**OUR TIME:** Tuesday, June 13, 2:00 p.m. Chapel. Contact Mary Jean Christian.

**VESTRY MEETING:** Tuesday June 13, 7:00 p.m. Chapel.

**STITCHERY GROUP:** Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. Chapel. Contact Ellen Mykkanen.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING:** Sunday, June 11, 1:00 p.m. Chapel.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD:** Thursday, June 15, Noon. Chapel. Contact Diana Jimenez.

**MEN'S BOOK GROUP:** Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.. Contact Charles Carrillo.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN:** Saturday June 24, 10:00 a.m. Chase Room. Contact Kathy Adams.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### Even in the Shadows

Even in the shadows of my life  
where I often tremble with shame,

You are present there as the light  
that ever shines without ceasing,

and when I turn my heart to that  
darkness

I find that You were  
there, shining, all along.

[waiting, longing, for your return. -- Ed.]

*Maister Elizabeth's Book of Secrets*

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## Sunday Worship at St. Matthias: JUNE 2023

- June 4**      **Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11**     **Proper 5**  
Hosea 5:15, 6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18**     **Proper 6**  
Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9:35, 10:8 (9-23)
- June 25**     **Proper 7**  
Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20; Romans 6:1b-11;  
Matthew 10: 24-39

We look forward to offering our worship services on more than one platform for streaming in the near future. We are awaiting new equipment that will allow us to do so. So please be patient and stay with us till that happens.

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