

# Welcome to St. Matthew's

## May 12, 2024



*Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!*

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers are available to those using the center aisle distribution stations. Juice is available as an alternative to wine, in the center of each communion tray. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

**A large-print bulletin** is available from an usher. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshipping with, please take one.

**Altar flowers** are given by Connie and Hannah Malloy in honor of John's birthday.

**Child for Baptism** (11:00): **Annie Joelle Crain**, child of Sarah and Sean Crain, Pewaukee, was born December 22, 2023. Sponsors are Jack Mielke and Flannery Crain. Annie's maternal grandparents are Ruth & Steve Mielke, members of St. Matthew's.

**Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry Blessing today** - Today you are surrounded by the many quilts and blankets created by our quilting ministry group this year. These quilts will be blessed today and then distributed to several organizations including: The Linus Project, Milwaukee Women's Center, The Lutheran Home, CareNet; Pine Ridge Reservation, Ronald McDonald House, Allies for Teens in Foster Care. 164 blankets and quilts were completed this year, as well as 10 receiving blankets given to baptism families at St. Matthew's, 82 pillowcases, 3 bed runners, and 10 Christmas bags to Allies for Teens. Bev Etzelmueller is the leader of this group, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year at St. Matthew's. Everyone is welcome to join the ministry, which meets four times a year. *A total of 3,002 quilts have been completed since this ministry began in 2004. What an accomplishment!*

### **Adult Education 9:45-10:45am in the Upper Room –**

#### **May 12 - Our Building Renewal Plan –**

*Learn all about it today from multiple presenters*

What is it? Why do we need to do this now? What is the scope of the projects and when will they be completed? Please join Carl Johnson, additional adults and also some young people who will help us to kick off this Renewal Appeal for this exciting time in our congregation's history.

Building Renewal  
2024-2025



St Matthew's Lutheran Church  
*See! I make all things new. Revelation 21:5*

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, May 12, 2024

### **Saints Gathering for May features a speaker from Wehr Nature Center: Wednesday, May 15 beginning at 11:30am “Joys of Birding – Wehr the Birds Are”**

Presented by Holly Walz, Park Naturalist at Wehr Nature Center . From beginning birder as a child to present day full-fledged adult bird nerd, Holly will bring stories and photographs from her life experiences watching birds, personally and professionally. Come to learn about birds found in the Milwaukee area - from our everyday Wisconsin State Bird the American Robin, to the migrating warblers that pass through on their way to nesting sites far and wide. Sign up at the Welcome Center; choose a lunch from these choices: Black Forest ham box lunch; herbed chicken salad box lunch, or Cobb salad box lunch. Suggested donation for lunch is \$12 each.

### **Adult Education 9:45-10:45am in the Upper Room – one week remains in the spring schedule**

#### **May 19 - How Lutherans Founded Parish Nursing Presented by David Zersen**

Parish Nursing is a specialty practice recognized by the American Nursing Association that combines nursing with health ministry, emphasizing health and healing in a faith community. Simply said, it's a practice through which many religious groups serve the health needs of their members. Started by the Lutheran Church in Germany as Gemeindefürsorge (parish nurses), the movement developed independently in Lutheran churches in the U.S. and now has spread to denominations and institutions worldwide.

**Deborah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30am offsite for lunch.

**Two Weeks from Today!** We begin our Summer Worship schedule on May 26 with **one service** at 9:30 am, all summer long. Coffee and fellowship time will be held outside when weather allows.

**Summer Office Hours:** Beginning May 24, the church office closes at 12 noon on Fridays.

### **Adult Mission Trip 2024 –Come hear about an October trip from St. Matthew's**

We are going once again to New Orleans, LA for our Adult Mission Trip this year. The schedule is we will be traveling Sunday October 20 and returning Saturday October 26. We will be working closely with our New Orleans's partner, SBP (sbpusa.org).

**We will have a meeting on May 19 in the Main Conference Room to talk about the trip.** If you are interested in going, feel free to stop in and get an idea of what we will be doing and other details of the trip. This will be a self-funded trip that will not only bring together a group of adults with a common purpose but also gives us time for fellowship with each other. We are looking at a cost of \$900 to \$1,100. This cost will cover flights, transportation and most of the food. If you have any questions, you can contact Al Land at [mktval@wi.rr.com](mailto:mktval@wi.rr.com)

**Beer Barons of St. Matthew's - No Skills Required** The Beer Barons of St. Matthew's convene on the third Thursday of each month - this time Thursday, May 16th. May's gathering takes place at Lion's Tail Brewing Co., located at 8520 W. North Ave. The Beer Barons of St. Matthew's is a group of men who generally make good decisions, looking to break "liquid bread" with other men who are also blessed and broken. Drinking beer is not required, but feel free to join us! The goal here is to simply be men of the church meeting other men where they're at.

## **2024 VBS Volunteer Registration—Adults and Youth—We need you to sign up to help!**

Join us July 29th -August 2nd from 8:45-11:45 and volunteer for a faith and fun-filled week. Click on the link below and fill out the form no later than July 15th. An individual form needs to be submitted for each volunteer. Youth volunteers must be entering 6th grade or older. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 414-774-0441 or email [donnagm@me.com](mailto:donnagm@me.com). Thank you for helping with this amazing ministry! Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/msd8km2m>

## **Stepping On Class (safety from falls) to be offered beginning May 28**

Tuesdays, May 28 through July 9, 2024 - 9:45 - 11:45 am

*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Upper Room - Cost is free (donations recommended)*

Stepping On will help to reduce your risk falls. You will learn how to identify fall risk factors, how to get up safely from a fall, sitting and standing strength and balance exercises, strategies to help you stay independent and active, and how footwear, medication and vision can affect your risk for falling.

*Is **Stepping On** for you?*

- 60 and older
- Have fallen or are fearful of falling
- Live independently
- Are cognitively aware
- Walk without assistance or with a cane, or use a walker outdoors only

Questions? Contact Kimberly Lombard, program facilitator, by calling 414-805-8744 or email [kimberly.lombard@froedtert.com](mailto:kimberly.lombard@froedtert.com) Register for this workshop series by calling 414-777-7700, option 4 or visit [froedtert.com/classes](http://froedtert.com/classes). **The registration deadline is May 20.**

**Mt. Meru Coffee: Your support is needed now especially** Just as we have experienced some changes in our weather this past year, so have the coffee farmers in the Mt. Meru region of Tanzania in East Africa. This has affected the size of coffee harvests this past year so your purchase of Mt. Meru coffee is more important than ever. We stock the standard coffee in regular and decaf, grind or bean, in 12 oz. bags for \$12. There are other sizes and packaging options available for order. Stop by the coffee cart for more information. Justice never tasted so good!

**Upcoming Healing Services** Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward, along with their support persons/family members. Note summer worship times.

**Sunday, May 26, after the 9:30 am worship service**

**Sunday, June 16, during the 9:30 worship service**

**Sunday, July 21, after the 9:30 am worship service**

**St. Matt's Meet-Ups are back for 2024!** These casual gatherings, usually outdoors, are an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy our short Wisconsin summers. The first one is Wednesday, May 22 at 11:30am at Ally's Powerhouse, a restaurant with an outdoor patio at 10460 W. Innovation Drive, Wauwatosa. Look for the St. Matthew's sign on the table to identify the St. Matt's folks present.

## **Mother's Day Diaper Collection is Happening Now!**

**Bring Diapers to St. Matt's through Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Donations of diapers (all sizes), unscented diaper wipes, and diaper rash creams are needed by our central city partners. These items will be shared by Reformation Lutheran Church at their Baby Fair on May 18<sup>th</sup> and by Cross Lutheran at their food pantry. *Baby clothes and toys in good condition are also welcome.* **Donations are needed by Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** and can be left in the collection area outside the church office. Thanks so much for your generosity!

**Volleyball each Tuesday:** St. Matt's member, Sarah Frets, has organized a St. Matt's volleyball team. The season has begun, meeting Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at Classic Lanes in Oak Creek. Subs may be needed and fan support is highly encouraged! For more info please contact Sarah; [sebolgert@gmail.com](mailto:sebolgert@gmail.com).

### **Lenten Offerings Help Support Scholarship Programs in El Salvador & Tanzania**

Thanks to your Lenten donations, we collected nearly \$10,000 to support our scholarship programs in El Salvador & Tanzania. The donations will be shared with families who struggle to provide an education for their children because they cannot afford the cost of sending their children to school. Thank you for your generosity!

**We continue to lift up this need in the hope that we fully support these programs and offer a scholarship to each student who needs one.** You can learn more about the 39 students who need scholarships at Pan de Vida by checking out the bulletin boards in the music hallway. If you have questions about sponsoring students in El Salvador and Tanzania, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

### **Thank you to our Assistants for worship services today!**

*(It's possible some of these people have switched dates since the bulletin was printed on Thursday morning. "Open" means this spot was not filled when bulletin was printed.)*

**Volunteer Host:** Flash Gordon.

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Clare Kasdorf, Isabella Rizzo. (11:00) Jacob Dahlgren, Lila Thomas.

**Coffee Hosts:** Kristen & John Charlson.

**Communion Preparers:** (8:30) Robin Bloczynski, Carrie Ralfs. (11:00) Hannah Malloy, Julie Schmidt.

**Communion Assistants:** (8:30) James Bowen, Jan Johnson. (11:00) Allan Land.

**Greeters:** (8:30) Christy & Craig Siwy, Marian Benz, Emily & Josh Baseheart. (11:00) Karen Johnson, Debra & Allan Land.

**Lay Readers:** (8:30) Greg Asmus. (11:00) Darla Hium.

**Ushers:** (8:30) Kateri & Levi Kirchner, Gerald Wunderlich, Joe Ceci, *captain*. (11:00) Margaret Bartlett, William Kisamo.

**Lay Assistant:** (8:30) Joanne Ziarek.

**Welcome Center Host:** (8:30) Dee Birschel.

**Library Assistant:** Peggy Klemme.

**Stephen Minister:** Marion Heinz.

**Worship Technology:** (8:30) Eli Schaar, Brian Smith  
(9:45) Sue Swing (11:00) Ed Bross, Brian Smith.

YTD Financial Results as of:		05/05/24
General Fund Receipts		\$318,544
General Fund Budget (total monthly)		\$441,605
Over/(Under) Budget		(\$123,061)
Benevolence Disbursements		\$40,436
Building Fund Balance		\$187,315

Pastoral Staff: Kevin Kretzmann Farrar, Lead Pastor; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

Adult Ministries: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Hauge, Lynne Thomas

Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.

Music Minister: John Paradowski.

Senior Choir Director: Alexa Doebele.

Music Staff: Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.

Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.

Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.

Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



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