

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

January 9, 2022



Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Today we continue to celebrate Christmas – and God's lavish gift of love, Jesus. We rejoice in your presence. May the full meaning of Christmas be real to us all ... now and always.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Let an usher know if you'd like to have communion brought to you because of mobility challenges.

Sunday School: Please Note that there is NO Sunday School all month in January, due to the rising rates of Covid cases.

January 9 Adult Education 100th Anniversary Walk-Through: Today is a great opportunity to look at many historical documents and artifacts on display in the Library Commons and Upper Room that you will find fascinating. These items from our historical collection, some never before on display, will give you an opportunity to glimpse back in to St. Matthew's past. Thanks to our 100th Anniversary Committee for arranging the displays.

Repairers of the Breach Bag Lunches will be assembled today, January 9th at 9:45 a.m. in the Main Kitchen. Volunteers needed! Thanks to the faithful volunteers who make this happen twice monthly. New volunteers welcome!

Continues January 12: Women's Book Discussion, Three Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." Continues through January 19th.

Saints Older Adults Ministry Gathering will be held on Wednesday, January 19 beginning at 11:30 a.m. "**S.T.O.P. Senior Frauds and Scams**" People fall victim to fraudulent schemes every day. Find out more about the scams that are out there and how to detect them. This topic will be presented by Eras Senior Network with grant funding from the Wisconsin Consumer Antifraud Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Please sign up; lunch will not be offered for everyone's safety.

7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes have been cancelled for January 5th & 12th. Watch your email from Gretchen Haugse for adjustments to plans for the upcoming Confirmation meetings.

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Youth Mission Trip 2022 – Info Meeting Set for January 9th –NOW by Zoom only

Plans are underway for Mission Trip 2022! **June 18th – 26th** Where will we go? How far will it be? What will we do? How will we get there? So many questions! We will have answers for you at an info meeting on January 9th at noon. The mission trip experience is open to kids who are currently in 9th – 12th grades. Watch for a link to the Zoom meeting or contact Gretchen Hauge or the church office.

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry Blitz planned for Saturday, January 22nd: You are invited to help the Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry pack up boxes of large blankets and quilts for Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. After we complete the project, the ministry will continue to work on various tasks to prepare other quilts for other local charities that will be blessed on Mother's Day and sent into our community. Variety of tasks available for different skill and interest levels. Please join us, and invite a friend or family member on Saturday, January 22nd from 9am-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Plan to wear a mask and bring a brown bag lunch and beverage to take a break.

Meeting to Help Refugees: A small group of people interested in helping refugees will be meeting **Sunday, January 23** between services (at 9:45) in the conference room near the office. We welcome additional interested people, since we are just getting started. No prior experience needed. Call Ed Weiskotten with questions: 414-232-2094.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. It will be a hybrid meeting, both online and in person. Please plan to attend.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Ann Williams meets from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to join in at any time.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas and to all who helped take down and put away the Christmas decorations. Many hands made light work of a big task, and without you, the job would have been a much more difficult one. A special thank you to our confirmation class for doing some really heavy lifting as they climbed into the attics and closets to bring everything down. Thank you as well to Sue Swing and Marsha Olson for taking care of the poinsettias to keep them looking lovely throughout the season. To all, your time, effort, and service was very much appreciated. "God's Work Our Hands!" - Diane DuBois, Worship and Music Chair

Call Committee Update: Progress toward a New Lead Pastor The Synod Staff is providing names of potential candidates, and interviews have begun. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as their work moves into a confidential period for interviews and discussion. *Members of the Call Committee: Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

What should I consider when attending worship, to be considerate of others?

- 1) **If you are a little bit sick**--maybe with a cold, or you're not sure what it is--**please stay home!** This is the best way to care for those around you and be a responsible citizen in our community.
- 2) Not vaccinated? **Please strongly consider taking one of the vaccines**, for yourself, and for the future of mitigating the effects of this virus. Vaccines are proving to be effective against the variants, and especially against severe illness requiring hospitalization.
- 3) Still not sure it's safe? **Remember our Livestream** of Sunday Services at this link: **bit.ly/StMattsLive** (at the time of the services)

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed - Great Opportunities for Families to Serve Together!

- **Communion Preparers** - Prepare communion and clean up after working in teams of 3. This is a great way to help behind the scenes and to have some fun conversation with other volunteers!
- **Coffee Hosts** - Serve refreshments with others during our fellowship time in between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. A key role in our Welcome ministry!
- **Ushers** - Our Ushers welcome people to worship and collect the offering. You don't need to miss a moment of church to serve on an Usher Team.

If you are interested in becoming a Sunday morning volunteer you can join in anytime. Please contact Al Van Lith; al@stmattslutheran.org for more info.

Altar Flower & Library Book Sign-Up: You are invited to sign up for altar flowers or a library book for a special occasion which will be noted in the bulletin. Flowers are \$35 and will be ordered by the office staff. Please make out a check and mark it for altar flowers. You can sign up to donate a book to the library. A book will be chosen for the occasion and you will be notified of which book was chosen. Library books are \$20. This is a great way to support St. Matthew's worship and library ministries in a meaningful way. The Sign-up Book is outside the Upper Room, in a binder on the table.

Guest House Meal Ministry in need of additional volunteers. The program accepts volunteer-prepared meals dropped off at the Guest House. Carl Johnson will provide aluminum foil pans and covers to you, and pick up the prepared food from your home. Main course dishes, side dishes, salads and desserts are welcome. Please contact Carl Johnson at carljohnson1023@outlook.com or at 414-771-1023.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the Library Commons. If you use the Simply giving electronic contribution method, you will not be assigned envelopes. If you don't see a box of envelopes and you'd like one, there is a place on the envelope table to sign up to receive a box. Questions? Ask Al Van Lith in the church office.

Job Openings at St. Matthew's: We currently have two openings, one for church administrator, a full-time position, and one for Youth and Sunday School Assistant, a 12-15 hr/week position.

Church Administrator: (*newly created position*) Full-time, salary commensurate with experience. Responsible for facilities management, human resources, financial, stewardship and overall operations of the church and its staff. Administrator must pay strong attention to details and manage simultaneous projects. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in business or related field, or equivalent experience is preferred, and five or more years in program management and or leadership experience, preferably in non-profit or church environments. Resumés should be submitted to Pastor Karen Natterstad at prkaren@gmail.com by January 31, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pastor Karen at 414.774.0441.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa is seeking the right person to join the team as the Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant, Average of 12 – 15 hours per week (some weeks will require more hours, some will require fewer hours). Pay range: \$10-12/hour. The Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant will assist in preparing and managing the weekly Sunday School and other youth programs, including fundraising for partner and mission trips. The preferred candidate will work collaboratively with the Youth/Sunday School Director to ensure the smooth operation of Sunday School and youth programming. The successful candidate must pay attention to details and manage simultaneous priorities. Minimum Requirements: Experience in working in a church or non-profit environment.

Please submit a resume to Pastor Karen Natterstad at pastorkaren@stmattslutheran.org by January 15, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pr. Karen at 414.774.0441. Position open until filled.

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor; and Sheila Rawn, Interim Associate Pastor.

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse

Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.

Music Minister: John Paradowski.

Music Staff: David Mohr, Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Older Adults Coordinator: Julia Murphy.

Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.

Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.

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

Office Staff: Al Van Lith, Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr