



Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's Sunday, October 10, 2021

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship. We gather as beloved children of God, members of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Creator designed green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Welcome.

Join us for Holy Communion at the 8:30 service: All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine. Children are welcome to receive the sacrament with parental support.

Coffee Time after the 8:30 Service: We offer coffee after the first service, outside in the southeast corner of the parking lot. In the safety of the outdoors, we can share coffee, fellowship, and sometimes treats together. We plan to continue this for the next several weeks in this way. Special thanks to our Coffee Hosts for adjusting to new procedures.

Sunday School continues today for ages 3 years through 8th grade, 9:40-10:30 a.m. Much care is being taken to make Sunday School safe for students, teachers and their families. For information on Sunday School contact the church office, office@stmattslutheran.org OR Gretchen Haugse, ghaugse@me.com.

Adult Education, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am - October 10

TODAY: Meet the Pastors of St. Matthew's - We have three female pastors for the first time in St. Matthew's history! Get to know them a little better during this informal time together with Pastor Karen, Pastor Sheila, and Pastor Ann.

Mittens for Sale in the Upper Commons today: Handmade wool mittens made by Doris Kloth are \$35 and proceeds will benefit NAMI, National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Remember Mount Meru Coffee! Your support is SO important as coffee farmers in Tanzania depend on this support to receive a fair price for their coffee beans. Look for the display and pick some up today. If you don't see what you want, contact AI in the church office, who can order larger quantities or K-cups.

The Library is now open Sundays during the Education Hour, 9:45-11:00 a.m. Please feel free to visit! The Library has almost 4000 books and DVDs available for check out. It is staffed by members of the Library committee that can assist you in finding books on a specific topic as well as help you with the self check-out system.

Announcement Insert for 10-10-21

Next Sunday's Adult Education: Oct. 17: Social Ministry Focus—Hear about two organizations doing important work in Milwaukee. **Project Return** Hear from Wendel Hruska, Executive Director about Project RETURN (Returning Ex-incarcerated people To Urban Realities and Neighborhoods), which exists to help men and women make a positive, permanent return to community, family and friends. **Fondy Food Market** – Hear from St. Matthew's member Heather Deaton about The Fondy Farmer Market, Milwaukee's largest and most diverse open air market, with more than 40 farmers and local food producers who sell at the market May through November. Also, The Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market brings together about 50 weekly vendors all winter long at the Mitchell Park Domes.

Wednesday Bible Study is now underway with Pastor Ann Williams from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday, now in the Upper Room. We are masking in respect for those more vulnerable. We had a great group this past week, but there is still space for you!

Women's Book Discussion "Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead" by Brené Brown Meeting in person at St. Matthew's Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in October (October 6, 13, 20, 27). All are welcome at any of the weeks. If you need assistance in getting a book/more information please contact Sue Swing : sueswing@sbcglobal.net

Saints Older Adult Ministry Gathering Wednesday, October 20th, with Guest Speaker Pastor Emeritus Gary Erickson. We look forward to taking a trip down memory lane with him as well as receive an update on his life since retiring. Sign up ahead for a box lunch, with a suggested donation of \$10 for this lunch catered from City Market. Sign Up in the Upper Commons or the church office.

Volunteer Needed: Quiet Sacs-Maintain Quiet Sacs that are used in worship. This will take about 2 hours per month. It can be done whenever the church is open; day or evening. Great for a parent waiting for a child in choir, confirmation... Please contact Sue Swing sueswing@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Children and Youth Choirs and Handbell Ensembles begin in October. This is a great time for your child to begin participating in St. Matthew's popular music ministry.

Godsbells (4th-6th graders) begins Oct. 13, 6:15-6:45

New Creation Choir (3rd-6th graders) begins Oct. 13, 7:00-7:45

New Generation Choir (7th-12th graders) begins Oct. 20, 6:15-6:45pm

Praise Kids (4yrs-2nd grade) begins Oct. 21, 4:00-4:45pm

Righteous Ringers (7th-12th grades) begins Oct. 26, 7:00-7:45pm

If you want to get information on this for your child, please contact John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, jreeveswk@yahoo.com Check out all the details on our website: stmattslutheran.org under welcome/worship/choirs & ensembles



Join a Choir now!

Congregational Forum last Sunday: A successful meeting was held on Sunday to share information about our search for a new lead pastor. Pam Stokke-Ceci, congregational president, led the meeting which included members of the MET, who were responsible for creating the Ministry Site Profile.

Mission Exploration Team members: Diane DuBois, Marion Heinz, Al Land, Steve Raasch, Megan Reuter, Michael Wolaver. Thanks for their work on the MSP!

Now that the Ministry Site Profile is complete, the Synod Office can begin to give our Call Committee names of potential candidates. While we are hopeful that we can call a new pastor as soon as possible, this will take some time, in order to find the right candidate, and to schedule the interviews and conversations. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as this work begins.

Members of the Call Committee: Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.

If you wish to see the Ministry Site Profile, which contains detailed information about St. Matthew's ministry setting pertinent to calling a new pastor, here is a link to it:

<https://bit.ly/2YqkJW9-MSP>

And if you wish to watch the Congregational Forum meeting from last Sunday, here is a link to a recording of the meeting:

<https://youtu.be/oBPDgmhcKks>

Used medications being collected for Cross Medical Clinic *Also needed: these over-the-counter supplements & meds* - Tom Wilke, retired pharmacist of St. Matthew's, volunteers at Cross each week, and picks up our collected used medications and other medical supplies donated. **Specific needs:**

Vitamin D • Calcium • Baby Aspirin

The next time you're out shopping, please consider picking up some at your favorite discount store and bring them to the church office for donation to Cross's clinic. Thank you!

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.

First Fridays Book Discussion Group: Discussions begin at 7 p.m. on the dates listed. For now, the meetings will continue through the use of Zoom to reduce the risk of virus transmission. All are welcome for any of the books of interest to you.

Nov 5, 2021 **Montaigne in Barn Boots: An Amateur Ambles Through Philosophy,** by Michael Perry (240 pages)

Dec 3, 2021 **The Death and Life of the Great Lakes,** by Dan Egan (384 pages)

More information available from Fred Heim, Book Group Coordinator. Contact the church office if you need contact information.

Help us to prevent the spread of COVID. If you or someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID soon after you have been at St. Matthew's, please contact the church office to let us know. We will always keep your personal health information private. But we do want to be able to contact those who were in close contact with you and send out a notification to relevant people. We greatly appreciate everyone doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID in our community!

Office Hours: The church office is open full days 8:30 – 4:30, with the exception of Fridays when we close at 3:00. We are often closed over the lunch hour, Noon-1:00pm.

Pastoral Staff

Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead Pastor
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
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