

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

October 16, 2022



Welcome! We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. May the Lord enrich our time together.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers as well as juice are available for those with specific dietary needs. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

A library book has been given to the church library by Emily Chiesa in honor of Abby Chiesa's 21st birthday.

October is Stewardship Appeal Month! *"Forward in Faith"*

October 16: **"Called to be a Blessing"** Pastor Karen Natterstad

October 23: **Ministry Fair** – Using Your Time and Talents

October 30: **Why Simply Giving?** Stewardship Temple Talk

Watch for your Stewardship Mailing later this month. Help us to move "Forward in Faith"



TODAY: St. Matthew's Constitution Update Needed; Adult Forum offered on October 16 to learn about proposed changes

An Adult forum will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 9:45 am to learn about the proposed changes to the St. Matthew's constitution. Some of these changes were prompted after the ELCA Churchwide Assembly; other changes are specific to our congregation. Come and hear about the updates needed.

A congregational meeting will be held to approve these changes on Sunday, November 13th during the Education Hour. We hope you will plan to attend to support the work of the church council and to cast your vote carrying through these changes.

Sunday Morning High School Hangout Time Begins THIS Sunday with Breakfast and Service Project!!!

High School students are invited to come for breakfast this morning during the education hour (9:45 – 10:45) to kick off our Sunday Morning High School Hangout Time with breakfast pizza, fruit, and pastry. Then we'll spend time sorting winter coats that will be given to Cross, Reformation, and other ministries that will share them with neighbors in need.

We'll continue to meet each Sunday during the education hour for snacks, games, conversation, and monthly service projects. (The next service time will be October 30th when we will make dessert for the Guest House meal). This is a great way to get to know other high school kids at St. Matthew's. We hope you'll be part of it!

Bulletin Announcement Insert – October 16, 2022

Come to the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 23rd to learn about all the ministries at St. Matthew's and how you can get involved. The fair will be held between the 8:30 and 11:00 services in the Upper Commons and Library Commons. Refreshments will be served, including eggs, which will be a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip. It's going to be an exciting day at St. Matthew's to talk to leaders in the congregation and to learn about how God's work is being carried out through St. Matthew's ministries.

Attention, Youth: This week, Righteous Ringers begins

Righteous Ringers (7th-12th grade) Tuesdays, 7:00-7:45pm beginning 10/18
Questions may be directed to John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, music ministry staff.

Saints (Older Adults) October Gathering: Wednesday – October 19

“You know You're a Milwaukeean...”

From five baseball teams to the Polish Moon, You Know You're a Milwaukeean celebrates the quirky history that made Milwaukee unique. Nostalgia for lifelong residents and a quick education for those new to the Cream City, the architecture, pop culture and history highlighted here are not to be missed!

Lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. A suggested donation of \$11 is requested. Sign Up at the Welcome Center, or call the church office.

Adult Education October 30:

Why Lutherans Have More Churches in the Milwaukee area than any other Denomination - David Zersen, President Emeritus, Concordia University Texas

Reformation Sunday is a good time to remember what's uniquely Lutheran about Milwaukee's heritage. There are more Lutheran churches in Milwaukee than representatives of any other Christian denomination. For that matter, the concentration of Lutheran churches in Milwaukee is greater than in any other U.S. city. Experience a visual presentation detailing why this is true and what challenges are faced as Lutherans seek to build on their heritage in a changing culture.

Spark Story Bibles to be Given to PreK-1st Grade Families on Reformation Sunday

On Reformation Sunday, we commemorate the work of Martin Luther in renewing and reforming the church. One of Luther's major goals and accomplishments was to bring God's word to the people by making scripture accessible to all people through his translation of the Bible. We follow that tradition by giving bibles to 2nd graders each year. This year, we will include our youngest children in a bible distribution by giving all families with kids from birth to 1st grade The Spark Story Bible, which uses art and creative storytelling to recount favorite bible stories. We're happy to be sharing this special version of scripture with our little ones!

New Member classes begin October 30: If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's please consider attending our membership classes in October and November. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Dates are October 30th, November 6th and November 13th. New Members will be received on Sunday, November 20th at the 8:30 service. Childcare is available in the Nursery on all class dates.

Take a postcard and write down those you want to remember on All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday – November 6th Remembering with Thanksgiving

During our All Saints Sunday Remembrance on November 6th we will hold up those whose lives have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith. There are Remembrance Cards available for you to fill out and drop off at the Welcome Center where you can list names of those who have touched your life. We will use those cards to be held up in prayer on All Saints Sunday.

MT. MERU COFFEE Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. Your purchase helps provide sustainable incomes for the farmers growing these coffees. While we try to maintain an inventory of the basic coffee in drip grind and bean and the Peaberry coffee in drip and bean, there are many other products available which can be ordered if not in stock. These include four choices of flavored coffee which are Butter Pecan, French Vanilla, Hazelnut and Chocolate Raspberry, premium sampler packs that feature six coffees, single serve "K" cups that fit many coffee makers, four pound packages of coffee and "Perfect Pot" packages for 12 cup coffee makers. Stop by the coffee cart during the coffee hour for more information or to place an order.

Hurricane Ian Relief: Lutheran Disaster Response is already reaching out with help for southwest Florida. Your donations toward this will be directed where they're needed most. You can give by check, marked "LDR", or through our website "Give" page or directly to elca.org/ldr

Book Group: Start your November book now!

You decide which books you wish to read for the discussions you wish to participate in. Discussions begin at 7pm on the dates listed, held at St. Matthew's.

Friday, November 4 *While Justice Sleeps: A Novel* by Stacey Abrams, 480 pages

Friday, December 2 *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot: A Novel*
by Marianne Cronin, 352 pages.

Full List on our website and also available at church.

A large-print bulletin is available at the Welcome Center. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshipping with, please take one.

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Altar Flower & Library Book Sign-Up: Now Available: All of 2023!!

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 from Alfa Flower shop 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.

Drivers needs for Eras Senior Network: Opportunities available in both Milwaukee County (414.488.6931) and Waukesha County (262.522.2402). Gain the benefits of being a valued and reliable volunteer!

<u>YTD Financial Results as of:</u>	<u>10/09/22</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$670,183
Hunger Basket / Meal Outreach Receipts	\$10,392
Benevolence Disbursements	\$124,156
 Building Fund Balance	 \$238,927

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;
 Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
 Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
 Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, Lynne Thomas
 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



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's