

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

October 2, 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.

Flowers at the altar are given by Joel & Gail Freeborn in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Women's Group Kick-off today in the Youth Room downstairs! Join Katie Nickel and other women from 9:45-10:40am for the first meeting of a monthly women's group. Meeting in the Youth Room, downstairs next to Fellowship Hall, Katie invites you to be part of this new opportunity at St. Matthew's for faith discussion, meaningful conversation and planning of potential service projects. Join us for cupcakes at this initial gathering, which will end just in time for picking up children from Sunday School.

Adult Education 9:45-10:45am Sunday in the Upper Room: *Led by Dan Bice*
Forgotten, Misrepresented, and Marginalized Figures of Early Christianity (Part 4): Who took over the early Christian movement after Jesus' crucifixion? Peter? Paul? How about John? The answer: James, the brother of Jesus. Didn't know Jesus had a brother? Actually, he had four and at least two sisters. We will scour biblical, extra-biblical and historical sources to find out all about this obscure figure known in history as James the Just.

2nd & 3rd Graders to Receive Bibles

This year's 2nd & 3rd graders will be presented with Bibles at the 8:30 worship service on October 2nd. Following the service, 2nd & 3rd graders and their parents will attend a class on using their new bibles during the Education Hour, 9:45-10:45am.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew's is tomorrow, Monday, October 3, 2022, between 2:00-6:00 p.m. Here's how you can sign up:

- 1) Paper copy of registration schedule is at the Welcome Center
or
- 2) Use the QR code to the right with your smart phone to link to schedule.

Blood supplies are low right now – Walk-ins also accepted.



Bulletin Announcement Insert – October 2, 2022

Attention, Youth: Now is the time to join these choirs!

Youth Choirs Begin in October

New Generation Choir (7th-12th grade) Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 beginning 10/5

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.

The Adult Mission Trip to Houston group has returned from Houston. Through the organization SBP, Allan Land, Kevin Hume, Ginger Wooster, Dan Gordon, and Al & Susan Van Lith worked on a home all of last week. Thanks for their efforts!

Adult Education Next Week: October 9th: Guatemala Service Projects

Malnutrition is a huge problem in Guatemala. There are many consequences of poor early childhood nutrition, including lack of brain development, illness, and listlessness. But, when a child gets a positive and healthy start on growth and development, many more opportunities exist for a better, healthier future. Therefore, one part of Guatemala Service Project's nutrition program is a vitamins program. Learn about the challenges and blessings of two small communities in Guatemala and how this program makes a difference.

Children's Vitamins being collected for Guatemala Service Projects:

In our vitamins program, we give chewy or gummy multivitamins to kids in the community. We also provide prenatal vitamins to expectant mothers, giving very early nutritional benefit to mom and baby simultaneously! Please collect vitamins (which expire June 2023 or later, please) and bring them to the box outside the church office. *Learn more about this organization and its ministry at the Adult Education session on October 9th.*

Sunday Morning High School Hangout Time Begins October 16th

All high school students are welcome to hang out in the youth room on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 beginning on Sunday, October 16th. There will be snacks, games, conversation, and monthly service projects.

October is Stewardship Appeal Month! “Forward in Faith”

October 9: **Stewardship Kick Off** Guest Speaker Chris Kent

October 16: **Guest Preacher** Pastor Frank Janzow

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”



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.

Visitation and Memorial Service for Mary Ann Abrahamson will be held on Friday, October 7 at St. Matthew's, with visitation beginning at 10:00am until the time of the service at 11:00am. Pastor Ann Williams will officiate the service.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

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.

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.

Saints October Gathering: **Wednesday – October 19**

“You know You're a Milwaukeean...”

Beer, brats, and bubblers. We all know the “three B's”. What else is unique to Milwaukee? Long-time residents of the area and newcomers alike will find this presentation by Historic Milwaukee interesting and engaging. 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.

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.

Book Group: First Discussion on October 7th

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, October 7 *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles, 592 pages

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

Full List on our website and also available at church.

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Wednesday Bible Study continues this week! Join Pastor Ann and the great group of people who enjoy gathering each week for bible study and discussion, beginning at 10:00am and lasting one hour. It's a great way to deepen your faith in a positive way. Everyone is welcome. Meeting is in the Upper Room.

NAMI Walk Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, Saturday, October 8! This year's NAMI walk in southeastern Wisconsin is right here in Wauwatosa beginning at Hoyt Park. The date is Saturday, October 8 at 9am.

There are many from St. Matthew's who have supported this event before, in memory of Eric Kloth, and now also in memory of Doris Kloth. If you are interested in joining in the walk to raise funds for this important organization which supports those struggling with mental health as well as their families, please consider signing up and making a donation. Here is the link to register for the walk: <https://bit.ly/3DsBFNH-NAMI-Tosa>

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;

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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



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