

# Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

October 23, 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 Pam Stokke-Ceci and Joseph Ceci to the glory of God.

## TODAY:

**Come to the Ministry Fair** 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 is 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.

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

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

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

Stewardship packets are currently in the mail. When you receive yours, please read the letter, pray over your response, and help us to move "Forward in Faith."



## October is Pastor Appreciation Month - In honor of Pastor Karen and Pastor Ann

Of all the gifts God bestows upon St. Matthew's, the gift of YOU transcends all the rest. You guide and shepherd our congregation each day through your words and actions. You walk by faith and so beautifully encourage us to walk in faith with you. We want you to know you are a blessing to us and are remembered in our prayers.

*We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:3*



**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.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – October 23, 2022

### **Next Week: 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.

**Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday** when we celebrate our Lutheran heritage and remember the work and the words of Martin Luther. Red is the liturgical color of the day, and if you'd like to join in the spirit, you could also wear red on this day.

#### **Spark Story Bibles to be Given to PreK-1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders each year. This year, we will include our youngest children in a bible distribution by giving all families with kids from birth to 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Monday Morning Men's Bible Study:** Come join us from 6:30-7:30 am on Monday mornings to study and discuss scripture. Matthew 4:4 – *Jesus answered: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* We meet in the Upper room at St. Matthew's. All men are welcome!

**Vitamin Collection:** Thank you to Jennifer Demar of Guatemala Service Project for sharing with us at Adult Education on October 9. It was very inspiring to hear about all the fine work this group is doing. Let's keep collecting those children's and prenatal vitamins until the beginning of December when she returns to distribute them.

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

### **All Saints Sunday – November 6<sup>th</sup> Remembering with Thanksgiving**

During our All Saints Sunday Remembrance on November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am**

The church council has called this meeting to approve changes to the constitution that are needed. These changes were described in an adult forum held on Oct. 16, which is now available on Youtube.com/StMattsTosa (using this link:

<https://youtu.be/266koeBjNag> ). Please plan to come to the Special Meeting to vote, as we need a quorum in attendance in order to vote.

**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](http://elca.org/ldr)

**Book Group:** 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.

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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 at the Welcome Center.

**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!

YTD Financial Results as of:	10/16/22
General Fund Receipts	\$695,745
General Fund Budget	\$769,348
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$73,603)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$124,156
Building Fund Balance	\$243,061

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



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**Remember to check our website for:**

- This week's bulletin announcements
- The latest issue of the Voice newsletter
- The church calendar
- The Sunday worship bulletin
- Prayer Request form for immediate needs
- Link to membership directory

[www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org)