



Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's Sunday, October 3, 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.

A Warm Welcome to ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson and Assistant to the Bishop The Rev. Jennifer Arnold, who are joining us this morning primarily as our MET (Mission Exploration Team) process comes to a close and leads to the call process toward a new lead pastor, and then a new associate pastor. The Congregational Forum will be held at Noon today in the Sanctuary and also by Zoom. *Details below*



World Communion Sunday: Join us for Holy Communion at both services: 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.

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.

Congregational Forum today at Noon in the Sanctuary

Pam Stokke-Ceci, congregational president, will give the congregation an update on our current transition process and the progress made toward calling a new lead pastor. Our Synod Bishop, Paul Erickson, will receive the MET team report and speak to us about what comes next. The Zoom link was sent to our email list; send an email to office@stmattslutheran.org ASAP if you need the link sent to you.

Important
Notice!

Join us this morning during the Education Hour for special guest Bishop Paul Erickson: *Begins at 9:45 in the Sanctuary-- As part of St. Matthew's 100th Anniversary Celebration--* ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson spent time at St. Matthew's as a child when his father was associate pastor here. Come listen to his unique perspective.

Announcement Insert for 10-3-21

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.

New Member Classes will be offered on October 3, 10 and 17, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. giving an introduction to our congregation, how to have your faith fed and nurtured, how and why we serve our neighbors, and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org or speak to one of the pastors. But you are welcome, even if you haven't previously RSVP'd.

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 Starts Wednesday, October 6

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). Read introduction and Chapters 1-2 for our first meeting on October 6th. The book is readily available in various formats. If you need assistance in getting a book/more information please contact Sue Swing : sueswing@sbcglobal.net

Quilt Ministry Fall Quilt Blitz: we are inviting YOU to join us for a few hours on **Saturday, October 9th from 9:00am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall** (please wear a mask) to carry on the mission of quilting for others. Remember all of those comfy quilts on the pew backs on Mother's Day? Those were blessed and sent out into the local community and nationwide. Questions? Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at bevetz@sbcglobal.net or 262-250-3969. Empty nesters, young families, grandparents, etc....you are all invited! *Stop by or stay to assist with simple tasks on Saturday, October 9th between 9:00am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall*

NAMI WALK – This walk to benefit National Alliance for Mental Illness will be held at Veterans Park on the lakefront on Saturday, October 9th beginning at 9 am. Join Luther Kloth and family in the walk with the “Remembering Doris and Eric Kloth” team. There is an information table in the Upper Commons, or more information can be found online at <https://bit.ly/3D2edUG-NAMI-Kloth>

“Coming Out Beloved: Worship Service Saturday, October 9th at 10:30 a.m at Lake Park Lutheran Church, 2647 N. Stowell Ave., Milwaukee. Bring a lawn chair and blanket for an outside service; BYO bag lunch and drinks. Mask wearing strongly encouraged. Sponsored by Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team.

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.

Next Week’s Adult Education, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am - October 10

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.

Confirmation Classes: 7th & 8th grade Confirmation continues each week, taught by Pastor Sheila Rawn. Please contact her with questions, or if you wish to have your child attend. (pastorsheila@stmattslutheran.org)

9th grade Confirmation will continue through November 10th. Classes are led by Gretchen Haugse, and will culminate in the service of Confirmation on Sunday, November 14th at 1:30 pm.

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.

Volunteers Needed

- Pew Tender-Straighten and re-stock pews.
- Quiet Sacs-Maintain Quiet Sacs that are used in worship.

Both of these volunteer roles take about 2 hours per month. The tasks 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: stmatthslutheran.org under welcome/worship/choirs & ensembles



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 Al in the church office, who can order larger quantities or K-cups.

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.

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
Sheila Rawn, Interim Associate Pastor

Office Staff

Al Van Lith, Jill Due, Sonja Mohr