

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

October 9, 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.

Child for Baptism: (11:00) **Eliana Marie Lanza**, child of Tony and Kellie Lanza, Waukesha, was born May 20, 2022. Eliana's siblings, Angelina, age 9, and Elijah, age 7, are her sponsors.

Chris Kent has been a member of St. Matthew's since 2014 and served as Council President in 2020. He and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of three children, Liam and Ella, age 5, and Henry, age 2. We thank Chris for sharing his message about stewardship today as the kickoff for this year's stewardship appeal.

Adult Education 9:45-10:45am Sunday in the Upper Room: Guatemala Service Projects We welcome Jennifer Demar who will share with us the mission of their organization. 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.

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"



Guest Preacher Next Sunday October 16: Pastor Frank Janzow is a retired pastor with years of experience leading a congregation to walk by faith, live out their mission, and discover the joy in giving. We look forward to his perspective on stewardship in the post-pandemic church.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – October 9, 2022

Adult Education Next Week:

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 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.

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.

Saints (Older Adults) 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.

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.

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: 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.

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.

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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.

Calling all seamstresses: Looking for 15 Christmas sacks to carry hats, gloves, scarves, games and treats to local area foster care group homes. Bags should be at least 28” by 36”, possibly a little bigger. Bags should be red and white but creative touches welcome. Please share. We would need the bags by Thanksgiving for Allies for Teens in Foster Care. Contact Allison Byrne at 414.531.2862 for further information or to offer your help.

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.

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 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!

YTD Financial Results as of:	10/02/22
General Fund Receipts	\$656,042
Hunger Basket / Meal Outreach Receipts	\$10,202
Benevolence Disbursements	\$124,156
Building Fund Balance	\$242,692

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