

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
Sunday, November 21, 2021

Welcome to worship and fellowship together, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.



Today is Christ the King Sunday. This is a recent festival of the church year coming about in 1925, to celebrate the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. This festival is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Year, which is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. This festival celebrates the kingly rule of Christ, who was enthroned upon the cross and will return as humankind's ultimate sovereign and judge.

Join us for Holy Communion the 11:00 service: 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. The ushers will invite you forward to receive communion at the Chancel in front of the church. Please let an usher know if you desire to have the communion elements brought to you in your seat, if coming forward might be difficult for you.

Child for Baptism: (8:30) Aksel Vincent Georgeson, child of Elise & Vincent Georgeson, Wauwatosa, who is four years old. Sponsors are his two sisters, Evelyn, 8 years old, and Simone, age 6.

Today's Adult Education: 9:45-10:45 In the Upper Room Social Ministry: You'll not want to miss this jampacked hour, with presentations about several organizations that people in our congregation are involved in. *(Invited to appear at this event)*

Trudy Zauner: Repairers of the Breach Homeless Outreach Center

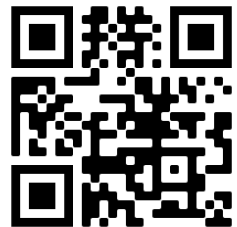
Michelle Burmeister: The Siebert Foundation

Kelly Kirtley: Serenity Inns

Diane DuBois: The Benedict Center

Kristin Hanson: Tosa Cares Food Pantry

The Giving Tree is Up! We hope you will share our blessings with Cross, Reformation, ERAS and Allies for Teens in Foster Care. Take a tag and bring the unwrapped gift to church with the tag attached by December 8th. Attaching the tag helps us to track where the gifts needs to go. Gift cards should be brought to the church office. Here's an online link to the Giving Tree. Shop online, have the gift delivered to church, and you're all done! Thank you for your generosity! Online Giving Tree: <https://signup.com/go/oJXLFaD>



Announcement Insert for 11-21-21

Bible Study takes a week off: No Bible Study on November 24; we'll resume on December 1st from 10:00-11:00 a.m.



A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held this Wednesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. We invite you to attend and encourage you to invite a friend. There will be special music and a Thanksgiving message from Pastor Sheila Rawn. Please remember to bring food donations for Tosa Cares and Cross Lutheran Church on that evening, or anytime in the next week. Thank you!

Thanksgiving offerings will go to support feeding ministries including ELCA World Hunger, Tosa Cares and Cross Lutheran Food Pantry.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, November 26.

Funeral Service for Joyce Heinrich: This week, long-time member Joyce Heinrich died. A visitation time and funeral service have been set for Wednesday, November 24 at St. Matthew's. Visitation from 1:00-2:00, and the service at 2 p.m.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Cross and Tosa Cares

All non-perishable food is welcome, but especially appreciated are:

- **Soup / broth**
- **Canned vegetables**
- **Canned tuna**
- **Cereal**
- **Canned meat**
- **Canned or dried beans**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Instant oatmeal packets**

The food pantry at Cross is also specifically requesting these household items:

- **Hygiene products**
- **Paper products**
- **Cleaning items**

All donations can be brought to the food collection area under the coat rack in the elevator hallway across from the office. Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Dates to Know:

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| November 24: | Thanksgiving Worship, 7pm |
| Sun. Nov. 28: | First Sunday of Advent, 8:30 & 11:00 worship |
| Friday, Dec. 3: | First Fridays Book Group Discussion (by Zoom) |
| Saturday, Dec. 4: | Quilt Ministry Blitz, 9:00am – 1:30pm
Church Decorating, 10 a.m. |
| Sunday, Dec. 5: | Second Sunday of Advent, 8:30 & 11:00 worship |
| Sunday, Dec. 12: | Third Sunday of Advent "Nativity Scenes" 8:30 & 11:00 |
| Christmas Eve Worship: | 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 pm. Christmas Day: 10 am |

Decorating for Advent and Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. We especially need people willing to climb ladders! We welcome anyone who can come, and would appreciate your help.



It's City Tins Time! Once again, and in time for the holidays, St. Matthew's youth are selling City Tins to support the Youth Mission Trip. Beginning this Sunday, November 21st, you can order these tins filled with coupons for \$10 off a dine-in order and \$5 off a takeout order at local restaurants. There are five tins to choose from: Milwaukee, DiversiTin-MKE, Cedarburg, Fox Cities, Lake Country, Madison, and Twin Cities. Each tin is \$30, and a portion of each sale goes to the mission trip. For more details on how the tins

work, including a list of restaurants, go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/zn2ytru4> You can order a tin at the display in the Commons or by contacting Gretchen Hauge at ghaugse@me.com. Tins will be delivered before Christmas.

Have you given your response yet? Fall Stewardship for 2022. "Forward Together... in Faith" You should have received by email an invitation to pledge with instructions for how to make your 2022 financial pledge online, and how to serve by completing an "Activities and Ministries" form. Paper copies are available. Please make your commitments by November 21st, when there will be a consecration of our commitments during worship services. Thank you for your commitment to the future of St. Matthew's and our ministries together.



Job opening at St. Matthew's:

Church Administrator: (*newly created position*) Full-time, salary commensurate with experience. Responsible for facilities management, human resources, financial, stewardship and overall operations of the church and its staff. Administrator must pay strong attention to details and manage simultaneous projects. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in business or related field, or equivalent experience is preferred, and five or more years in program management and or leadership experience, preferably in non-profit or church environments. Resumés should be submitted to Pastor Karen Natterstad at prkaren@gmail.com by January 1, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pastor Karen at 414.774.0441.

New! Nativity Scenes, December 12, both services: In the style of our traditional "Passion Scenes," we look forward sharing in worship on December 12th at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, a special service of "Nativity Scenes." Interspersed within the worship service we will be shown tableaus, or scenes, of the Nativity Story. *Come, join in the celebration of the true meaning of the Christmas Season; sharing the love that God has first shared with us.*

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed - Great Opportunities for Families to Serve Together!

- **Communion Preparers** - Prepare communion and clean up after working in teams of 3. This is a great way to help behind the scenes and to have some fun conversation with other volunteers!
- **Coffee Hosts** - Serve refreshments with others during our fellowship time in between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. A key role in our Welcome ministry!
- **Ushers** - Our Ushers welcome people to worship and collect the offering. You don't need to miss a moment of church to serve on an Usher Team.

If you are interested in becoming a Sunday morning volunteer you can join in anytime. Please contact Al Van Lith; al@stmattslutheran.org for more info.

Can you donate these small items? We want to make Christmas special for teens in foster care group homes. There is a box outside the office where you can drop off simple items like: **nail polish, lip balm, deodorant, gum, and individually wrapped candy.** Also, take a moment to drop in a Christmas card telling a child they are being thought of this Christmas. *Thank you from Allies for Teens in Foster Care*

Stitches of Love meets Saturday, December 4 beginning at 9am. All are welcome to help with our quilt and blanket making. People of all skill levels can help.

Hospice Companion Volunteers Needed at Luther Manor: Are you feeling called to make a difference in our community? Be trained as a Hospice Volunteer, and build your skills. Find meaningful purpose in a supportive, loving environment. Opportunities to companion, music therapy, touch therapy, beautician. Informational Event on Tuesday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m. Come to Luther Manor to meet and greet our Volunteer team and learn more about the process. Contact Jennifer Oakes for more information or to register: 414.847.5227 or JOakes@luthermanor.org.

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Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor; and Sheila Rawn, Interim Associate Pastor.

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, (assistant) Jenni Dugan

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, Jill Due, Sonja Mohr