

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
Sunday, November 28, 2021



*First Sunday
of Advent*

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Amid these busy days, we pause for worship and to remember the heart of this season. Welcome!

Join us for Holy Communion the 8:30 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: (11:00) **Shay Violet Mauerman**, child of Amanda & Bradley Mauerman, Wauwatosa, who was born April 11, 2021. Sponsors are Jennifer Mauerman and Jessica Mauerman.

No Adult Education presentation today. Plan to attend next Sunday's Adult Education session "**Questions**" (Dec. 5th) which follows up on Pastor Sheila's sermon where she invited the congregation to ask questions about faith, God, the Bible, etc. This will be a chance for you to bring your questions, along with the ones submitted before, to be discussed by Pastor Sheila and those present.

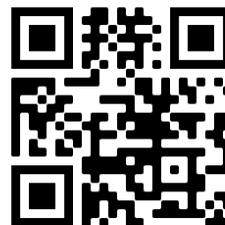
New: Join us for the Advent Season of Light with weekly video worship services
St. Matthew's is offering an On-Line Worship Service for this Advent season
Led by pastors and staff this 20 minute reflective service will help you progress through the Advent season as we reflect deeper into the meaning of our Advent Candle themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The services will be released on the Wednesdays of Advent, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. These video links will be sent out by email, but you can find them on our Youtube page: [youtube.com/StMattsTosa](https://www.youtube.com/StMattsTosa)

A Note from the Social Ministry Committee:

Your Special Offerings for Advent & Christmas have an important purpose -- mark your donations accordingly Advent/Christmas Special Giving will go to help refugees especially mamas & babies and pregnant women. Social ministry made this decision after reflecting on the fact Mary was far from home when she gave birth to baby Jesus and Matthew's gospel tells us the family then fled to Egypt to escape King Herod's jealous violence. We felt called to help the modern day women and babies who are in need, far from home, and escaping violence.

Announcement Insert for 11-28-21

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 need 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>
Please note the deadline of Wednesday, December 8th.



Bible Study resumes on December 1st from 10:00-11:00 a.m., led by Pastor Ann in the Upper Room.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Cross and Tosa Cares

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!



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.

First Fridays Book Discussion Group: Discussions begin at 7 p.m. on the dates listed. For now, the meetings will continue through the use of Zoom to reduce the risk of virus transmission. All are welcome for any of the books of interest to you.

Dec 3, 2021 The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, by Dan Egan (384 pages)

More information available from Fred Heim, Book Group Coordinator. Contact the church office if you need contact information.

Upcoming Dates to Know:

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| 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 |
| Sunday, Dec. 19: | Fourth Sunday of Advent, 8:30 & 11:00 worship |
| Christmas Eve Worship: | 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 pm. |
| Christmas Day: | 10 am |
| Sunday, Dec. 26: | 1 st Sunday after Christmas; One Service at 10:00am |

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 tableaux, 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.*



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 Haugse at ghaugse@me.com. Tins will be delivered before Christmas.

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. Join us anytime in St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall where beautiful, colorful, fun patterned quilts are created and then blessed on Mother's Day and distributed to many thankful recipients. Bring a friend or family member and enjoy fellowship together as you help to bless others. A brief lunch break is offered. Bring a bag lunch for yourself.

It's not too late to give your Stewardship Response 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. Thank you for your commitment to the future of St. Matthew's and our ministries together.



Progress toward a New Lead Pastor: Now that the Ministry Site Profile is complete, the Synod Office can begin to give our Call Committee names of potential candidates. While we are hopeful that we can call a new pastor soon, this will take some time, in order to find the right candidate, and to schedule the interviews and conversations. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as this work begins.

Members of the Call Committee: Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.

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.

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*

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