

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's Sunday, November 7, 2021

"From the rising of the Sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised." (Psalm 113:3, NRSV) And so we gather to praise the Lord. Welcome.



All Saints' Day

Feast of All Saints, [November 1] The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. Our All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Our liturgy abounds with references to the saints and to our continual relationship with them. The preface for All Saints describes the relationship this way: "that moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory." Today we invite people to reflect on others – living and dead – who have moved and supported us in our lives of faith.

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. The ushers will invite you forward to receive communion at the Chancel in front of the church. We rejoice in resuming this practice on this special feast day.

Today's Adult Education: 9:45-10:45 In the Upper Room Who are the Saints in your lives? Join us as we gather and share what feels "saintly" about those most important to us, sharing stories about the ways we've noticed saints and what gives us hope even in the midst of death. Sharing is optional, but all are encouraged to gather among the great cloud of witnesses among us. *Facilitated by Pastor Ann and Healing Prayer Ministers*

Coffee Time "Sit and Sip" New Today, after the 8:30 service: We will offer seating in the Upper Commons and Library Commons for coffee time. Participants will be able to remove masks when seated at one of the tables. We look forward to resuming gathering for coffee in a safe manner, offering people an opportunity for fellowship after the 8:30 service.

Next Sunday's Adult Education (November 14, 9:45-10:45): The topic is our 100th anniversary, and the many ways our building has changed over 100 years.

Next Sunday, November 14th our 9th grade confirmands will be confirmed at a 1:30 p.m. service. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Announcement Insert for 11-7-21

Today is All Saints Sunday when we remember those of our congregation who have died in the last year. During the services, we will remember these people in a video presentation, and we will pray for all the saints who have touched us in our own lives. *Deaths since last All Saints Sunday*



Harvin Abrahamson	October 29, 2021
Jack Albee	August 27, 2021
Jack Christiansen	May 7, 2021
Suzanne Hansen	April 24, 2021
John Keller	December 21, 2020
Doris P. Kloth	January 16, 2021
Doris Mueller	December 27, 2020
James Neubauer	February 2, 2021
Mark Olson	August 18, 2021
Thomas Q. Rowe	May 15, 2021
Marion Seidl	September 17, 2021
Lura Stockinger	April 6, 2021
John Stolte	October 6, 2021
Barbara J. Vincent	February 12, 2021
Curt M. Weber	November 19, 2020
Agnes Wells	September 11, 2021

Visitation and Funeral Service for Harvin Abrahamson will be held at St. Matthew's on Monday, November 8th, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and the service time at 11 a.m., with Pastor Ann Williams officiating.

Saints Gathering for Older Adults is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th beginning at 11:30 a.m. The theme is "Attitude of Gratitude" The Presentation will be a representative of the Fondy Food Center, which connects Greater Milwaukee to local, fresh food so that children learn better, adults live healthier, and communities celebrate cultural food traditions. There will be a box lunch available consisting of a Cranberry Turkey sandwich, fruit, beverage and apple pie. Suggested donation of \$10 for lunch. Sign-up is required for lunch. Covid precautions will be taken, which allow for small groups to eat together, spread out around the building. Sign Up in the Upper Commons or in the church office.

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*

NEW Mount Meru Coffee: Now available! A new coffee for Autumn. This is a coffee that has subtle flavors of dark chocolate, citrus and honey. These are not artificial flavors but occur naturally in the coffee plant developed by a small group of farmers and is roasted in small batches to bring out these flavors. This is available in limited supply in regular bean or grind for \$15 in a 12 oz size. As always, our standard Mt. Meru coffee available in regular or decaf at \$10 for 12 oz. Remember, the Mt. Meru coffee project has been improving the standard of living in the Meru region for 22 years. Justice never tasted so good!

Diapers & Other Baby Items Needed for Reformation Baby Fest on November 13th
Twice a year, Reformation Lutheran Church holds a Baby Fest for the surrounding community. They provide information on safe sleep practices and provide other support for young parents, including a supply of necessary baby items, such as diapers, wipes, and diaper cream.



Requested items are:

- Diapers in sizes newborn, 1, and 5-6
- Diaper cream
- Wipes

Large items are also needed:

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| Strollers | Bathtubs |
| Pack n plays | Swings |
| Bouncers | Walkers |

Donations can be brought to the collection box outside the office. Please bring donations by Tuesday, November 9th.

Have you given your response yet? Fall Stewardship for 2022. “Forward Together... in Faith” You should have received by email an invitation to pledge, sent to the household email address, 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 if you wish to make your commitment in that way. There will also be assistance available on Sunday mornings, with answers to any questions you may have. 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.



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.

Church Office Update: Jill Due, our office assistant for these past 16 years, is retiring at the end of this year. We are grateful for her years of caring service to our congregation. Because of this we now have a unique opportunity available to work in the office at St. Matthew's, approx. 17 hours/week. Office assistant is responsible for preparing and completing the bulletins for Sunday Service; preparing and completing special mailings; serving as the office receptionist; and other duties as needed. Schedule is flexible with Wednesday and Thursday being preferred days.

Contact Sonja Mohr at office@stmattslutheran.org or 414.774.0441 weekdays to receive job description or to provide resumé. Deadline for applicants is November 17, 2021.



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.

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. The Sign-up Book is outside the Upper Room, in a binder on the table.

Reformation Lutheran Church In-Person and Zoom Community Bible Study: You're invited to attend this study beginning Nov. 4th at 10:00 a.m. and every Thursday morning. The book being discussed is "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby. Books and companion study guides are available on Amazon. Reformation Lutheran Church is located at 3806 W. Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee.

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Assoc.; Sheila Rawn, Interim Assoc.

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