

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
Sunday, December 19, 2021



*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

A blessed Advent to you! We pray for all who are lonely in this season, or exhausted, or grieving. Give them the courage of Mary as you fill them with the Holy Spirit.

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 service): **Vanessa Royal Szafir**, child of Renee & Charles Szafir III, Wauwatosa, who was born March 17, 2020. Sponsors are Simon Omekanda and Denise Getschow. Vanessa has a big sister, Nadia, age 6.

Today's Adult Education session has been postponed.

There will be a Healing Service today, December 19th, after the 8:30 service. All those desiring special healing prayer for themselves or others are invited to attend.

Wednesday Bible Study: There will be Bible Study this week, at 10:00 am on December 22nd, but then a break with *no* Bible Study on December 29th.

Have you seen the third one? Join us for the Advent Season of Light with weekly video worship services Led by pastors and staff these 20 minute reflective services have been very well-received as we reflect deeper into the meaning of our Advent Candle themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These video links can be found on our Youtube page: [youtube.com/StMattsTosa](https://www.youtube.com/StMattsTosa) Look at the "Worship Services" playlist to find them by date. *Thanks for your positive feedback, and thanks to our pastors and John Paradowski for making this possible!*

Progress toward a New Lead Pastor: The Synod Staff is providing names of potential candidates, and interviews have begun. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as their work moves into a confidential period for interviews and discussion. *Members of the Call Committee: Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

Announcement Insert for 12-19-21

St. Matthew's continues to be vigilant in our efforts to protect everyone who comes into our building from contracting and/or spreading COVID.

With the rise in variants and our upcoming Christmas worship services, our task force will continue to uphold current COVID protocols:

- If you or someone in your household feels sick, please stay home and participate in worship online.
- Masks are required during worship and while in the building (communicate this to your family and guests who may be joining you for Christmas worship).

Please note that we will NOT be taking reservations for in-person worship nor will we be limiting the number of people at each service. This means we cannot predict how many people will be in attendance. Use your own best judgment and be safe.

Christmas 2021 at St. Matthew's:

Friday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service

(Christmas message: Pr. Sheila Rawn)

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service

(Christmas message: Pr. Ann Williams)



Saturday, December 25: In Person Service only

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service *(Christmas message: Pr. Karen Natterstad)*

Sunday, December 26:

One Service at 10:00 am *(Message: Pr. Karen Natterstad)*

Sunday, January 2:

One Service at 10:00 am *(Message: Pr. Sheila Rawn)*

All Services will be livestreamed and then archived on the St. Matthew's YouTube Page (**Except Christmas Day**)

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are now available in the Library Commons. If you use the Simply giving electronic contribution method, you will not be assigned envelopes. If you don't see a box of envelopes and you'd like one, there is a place on the envelope table to sign up to receive a box. Questions? Ask Al Van Lith in the church office.

2021 Year End Giving

As we get to the end of the year, in order to have your contributions appear on your 2021 Contribution Statement, we need to remind everyone that all contributions need to be either in the office or post marked by December 31, 2021.

- **St Matthew's Website:**

If you go to www.stmattslutheran.org and click on the Give button in the upper right hand corner, you can contribute via your credit card.

- **US Post Office:**

If you want to mail in your check, the postmark on the envelope must be December 31, 2021 or earlier.

- **Drop off a check in the church office:**

Drop off your check in the church office by 4 PM on December 31, 2021, or earlier.

Following any one of these options will allow your 2021 contribution to St. Matthew's to appear on your 2021 Contribution Statement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Al Van Lith in the office at (414) 774-0441 or email him at al@stmattslutheran.org.

Looking Ahead to Next Year!

January 2 Adult Education With DAN BICE: "Resolution: I will read a book of the Bible this year." Why is it that so many people who profess to believe the Bible never read it? The scriptures are full of compelling, weird, infuriating and mystifying material. We will help you decide which book to pick, give you some important background information, and help you come up with a plan to keep this resolution. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., *At a later time, after the 10:00 worship service.*



Beginning January 5th: Women's Book Discussion, Three Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." Read chapters 1-3 for January 5th. Contact Sue Swing with questions.

Youth Mission Trip 2022 – Info Meeting Set for January 9th

Plans are underway for Mission Trip 2022! **We know the dates: June 18th – 26th,** but other details are still being worked out. Where will we go? How far will it be? What will we do? How will we get there? So many questions! We will have answers for you at an info meeting on January 9th at noon. The mission trip experience is open to kids who are currently in 9th – 12th grades. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

First Fridays Book Discussion Group: Discussions begin at 7 p.m. For now, the meetings will continue through the use of Zoom to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Jan. 7, 2022 The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (304 pages)

More information available from Fred Heim, Book Group Coordinator.

Sunday School continues today for ages 3 years through 8th grade, 9:40-10:30 a.m. Please Note that there is NO Sunday School on December 26 or January 2nd. For information on Sunday School contact the church office, office@stmattslutheran.org OR Gretchen Haugse, ghaugse@me.com.

Two Job openings 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 31, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pastor Karen at 414.774.0441.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa is seeking the right person to join the team as the Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant, Average of 12 – 15 hours per week (some weeks will require more hours, some will require fewer hours). Pay range: \$10-12/hour. The Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant will assist in preparing and managing the weekly Sunday School and other youth programs, including fundraising for partner and mission trips. The preferred candidate will work collaboratively with the Youth/Sunday School Director to ensure the smooth operation of Sunday School and youth programming. The successful candidate must pay attention to details and manage simultaneous priorities. Minimum Requirements: Experience in working in a church or non-profit environment.

Please submit a resume to Pastor Karen Natterstad at pastorkaren@stmattslutheran.org by January 15, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pr. Karen at 414.774.0441. Position open until filled.

The Church Office will be closed Mondays, December 27th, 2021, and January 3rd, 2022.

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

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