

# Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

December 26, 2021



**Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.** Today we continue to celebrate Christmas – and God's lavish gift of love, Jesus. We rejoice in your presence. May the full meaning of Christmas be real to us all ... now and always.

**Flowers at the altar** are given by Priscilla Lietz in memory of her daughter Cheryl's birthday on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Next week's worship service, Sunday, January 2:** One Service at 10:00 am (*Message: Pr. Sheila Rawn*)

**The Church Office will be closed** Mondays, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**Sunday School:** Please Note that there is NO Sunday School on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Call Committee Update: 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.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org).

**Wednesday Bible Study** with Pastor Ann Williams from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday, resumes on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to join in at any time.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – December 26, 2021

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>: 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sue Swing with questions.

### Youth Mission Trip 2022 – Info Meeting Set for January 9<sup>th</sup>

Plans are underway for Mission Trip 2022! **We know the dates: June 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>,** 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 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. The mission trip experience is open to kids who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Haugse.

**First Fridays Book Discussion Group:** Discussion by Zoom begins at 7 p.m.

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

More information available from Fred Heim, Book Group Coordinator.

### 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](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org) for more info.

**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.

**Job Openings at St. Matthew's:** We currently have two openings, one for church administrator, a full-time position, and one for Youth and Sunday School Assistant, a 12-15 hr/week position.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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, Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr