

# Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

February 13, 2022



**Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**, each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved child of God. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1): sky, waters, ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace at the 8:30 service. Let an usher know if you'd like to have communion brought to you because of mobility challenges.

**Today Adult Education at 9:45 a.m. in the Upper Room: The Music of St. Matthew's from 1921–Today** - with John Paradowski. Enjoy a path down the musical journey of St. Matthew's. This is part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary two-year-long celebration.

## **Sunday School has resumed!**

In-person Sunday school classes for preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade takes place each Sunday from 9:40-10:30. All COVID protocols will continue to be in place: masking, distancing, and air purifiers. If you have any questions, contact Gretchen Haugse.

**Communion Class for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders on February 13<sup>th</sup>** Each year we have a special communion celebration for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that begins with a class about the significance of the sacrament of communion. This year's class, taught by Pastor Ann and Gretchen Haugse, will be on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. The class is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders *and parents*, and it is open to children who missed the class in previous years and would like to participate this year. Kids will also design and paint a communion glass that they will use to celebrate communion with their families at worship services throughout the spring. (Families will sign up for a service). Class will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

## **Lynne Thomas has begun as Sunday School/Youth Assistant:**

We are excited to welcome Lynne Thomas to the St. Matthew's staff as the new assistant to Youth and Sunday School Ministries. Lynne has been a frequent volunteer in the Sunday School and youth programs, as well as a regular VBS teacher. She also has a background in education and a wealth of volunteer experience in educational settings. We look forward to working Lynne and the talents she brings to this position!

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – February 13, 2022

***Farewell to Pastor Sheila:*** We give thanks for the interim ministry of Pastor Sheila Rawn, who has been with us since May 2021. She will be ending her time with us on February 20, when she will be the preacher of the day. St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Greendale has completed their MET process and has a call committee in place; Pastor Sheila will be assisting them as interim minister until their new pastor is called. We are grateful to Pastor Sheila for her strong and thought-provoking sermons, her willingness to help wherever needed, and her beautiful voice as part of our Senior Choir.

### **Undie Sunday underwear collection runs February 13 - March 13 Benefits clients of Guest House & Benedict Center's Sisters Project**

This is an annual collection which we last did in the fall of 2019. Here's what we're collecting:

**Men's briefs or boxer briefs (Sizes S, M, L, 2X and 3X)**  
**Men's Socks, size 6-12**                      **Women's panties, sizes 4-24**  
**Women's Bras, sizes 34A - 42C**      **Women's Socks**  
**Women's pajamas and long underwear, sizes up to 2X**

If you'd like to contribute to this donation, there will be a collection box outside the church office. Thank you for sharing of your resources to benefit those in our community worthy of some additional help.

*It's February - the best time to dream of all things green*

### **Saints Older Adults Ministry Gathering: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022**

#### **"Nature's Best Hope – A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard"**

February is the best time of year to start planning for and dreaming of sunshine and green plants. Attendees are encouraged to bring a houseplant to this event as we will be transforming Fellowship Hall into a mini greenhouse. Speaker: Donna Miller, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center *Please sign up at the welcome center or the church office.*

**Don't forget Mt. Meru coffee when you are at church.** We have regular and decaf in both drip grind and bean. They are still only \$10 for 12 oz. Peaberry coffee is a premium coffee blend that is richer and less acidic than regular coffee. It is created when a single coffee bean is used that is grown within each coffee berry instead of the normal two beans, and only 5% of coffee is Peaberry. It will be available at \$15 for 12 oz., regular only. ***Justice never tasted so good!*** ***\*\*Watch for PEABERRY TASTING on an upcoming Sunday morning.\*\****

**Ash Wednesday worship** will be held on March 2 at 10:30am and 7:15 pm. Plan to join us as we enter into the reflective season of Lent. *On the other side of this sheet, read about Lenten Wednesday plans beginning on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>.*

# “Making Room: Renewing Our Practice of Christian Hospitality”

*Lent 2022 at St. Matthew’s*

## Making Room: Hospitality with



Family  
Church  
Neighbor  
Stranger  
Enemy

For this Lent season you are invited to consider how we make room or might want to make room in our hearts and in our daily life to connect with others. As we remember and give thanks for the welcome God gives us through Jesus Christ, we share in a ministry of extending that hospitality to family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. We can learn from the past, from

scripture, from one another how this ancient Christian practice is much more than entertaining someone. We make room by being aware of those around you each day, simply taking notice of who God puts in your path. We make room by adjusting our attitudes or actions. We make room through enjoying the company of our church family gathered in worship, learning, or serving. Together we journey to the cross and make room once again for the welcome God has prepared for us.

Each week there will be a **midweek worship video** that will arrive in your email inbox, inviting you into reflection and prayer with the weekly theme.

Be part of a **small group conversation** during Lent **starting the week of March 6th**.

- At Church: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, Wednesdays at 10:00 AM & 6:15 PM
- On Zoom: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Zoom Link available soon
- Start your own group - We can help you do that!

**Sign up for a group** in the Commons or just join us when you can!

### **FAMILY LENTEN TIME: March 9 – April 6, 2022**

Parents and younger children, come and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights! Join us for the midweek family time, 6:15 to 7:00 each Wednesday. There will be stories, songs, projects, prayer, and a brief worship, led by Donna Gardner Manke. Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are encouraged to attend with their parents. Participants will learn about Bible stories addressing our Lenten theme of HOSPITALITY. It's going to be fun! Come and join us!

**Call Committee Update:** The first group of candidates provided by the synod office did not yield a candidate, and the committee has asked for another group of names. Brian Due, Chairperson of the Call Committee, spoke at the Annual Meeting and expressed the committee's disappointment over the necessity of lengthening the process for several more weeks and months. As soon as new names are provided, the Call Committee will determine whom to interview and move forward as quickly as possible. They feel the urgency that many have expressed to place a new lead pastor into ministry, but also feel a large responsibility to call the right person. Prayers are greatly appreciated for our Call Committee, as well as whomever may be our new lead pastor, now in discernment.

**Contributions for 2021** have been sent out by mail and email. If you did not receive one, please contact Al in the church office, 414.774.0441 or [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org)

### **Looking Ahead to Upcoming Adult Education:**

- **Feb. 20: Our Global Partnerships** – Learn about our partnerships with the Meru Diocese congregation of Sing'isi Lutheran Church in Tanzania and with Pan de Vida Lutheran Church in El Salvador
- **Feb. 27: Planning a Good Funeral** with Pastor Karen Natterstad; we'll discuss what might be involved in leaving your loved ones some of your wishes for your 'celebration of life.'
- **March 6: A Prophetic Artist** -- Artists who work with Christian themes are typically from the West, but increasingly Asian artists have been exploring the Gospel with various media. One whom many regard as the "Dean" of Asian artists is Pulidindi Solomon Raj, a true polymath who combined interests in batiks, woodblock prints, poetry, dance and drama. He died at his ashram at the age of 98 two years ago in his native city in India, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh State. And surprise, he also had a Ph.D in communication from the University of Birmingham (UK) and was a Lutheran pastor! A visual presentation of his art and Christian message will be shared at the March 6 Adult Forum Class by Dr. David Zersen who served as his representative for over a decade.

**Tosa Community Food Pantry Open Board Position:** The Tosa Community Food Pantry, a non-profit charitable organization affiliated with Hunger Task Force, seeks to fill the position of president of its Board of Directors. The ideal candidate is committed to relieving hunger in the Milwaukee area and serving our clients with dignity and respect. Good organizational skills and computer proficiency needed. This person will represent the pantry in the community and among our regular donors, including churches, schools and businesses. Average time commitment of 5-10 hours per week. Contact Judy Maret for more information at [judymaret@wi.rr.com](mailto:judymaret@wi.rr.com) Tosa Community Food Pantry is located at St. Bernard Catholic Church in the Tosa village, near St. Matthew's.