

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

April 10, 2022

Welcome to worship this Sunday in Lent as we journey toward the cross and the empty tomb. Wherever we have been, whatever we have done, our all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into his arms.

Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, is the celebration of the Passion of Christ. The Passion is the retelling of the story of Jesus who was abandoned on the cross and died for the sins of the people.

With a procession of palm branches and shouts of "Hosannas," for the Messiah we begin. The story continues, with music and drama we will see portrayed for us; the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane betrayed by Judas, and Jesus' trial in front of Pilate. Finally in our Passion story, Jesus comes forward to be crowned with thorns, mocked, finally being led away to Calvary.

The day begins with shouts of joy; but ends in silence – the Lord's passion has begun. The somberness of the Passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of Easter, which is its purpose and culmination.

A Library book is given to the church library by Lisa, Emily and Abby Chiesa in honor of Joe Chiesa's 58th birthday.



Easter Flowers: This is the last day to order flowers for next Sunday! Look for a form to orders yours at the Welcome Center, church office, or other places around church. Place orders in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. You can also sign up online at this link: <https://forms.gle/VwmCJGC1nRadtN9x8>, Help celebrate Easter at St. Matthew's by adding to the beautiful flower display at the altar, while honoring special people and/or occasions in your life.

Good News! The Nursery reopens today: Emily Chiesa will be taking care of children whose parents wish to attend worship or adult education while their little ones are safe in the nursery. As with all our gatherings, careful thought and expert advice has gone into new nursery protocols, which are posted at the nursery entrance, or you can read the details here:

<https://bit.ly/3qQjUk6-Nursery>

Nursery hours begin at 8:15 and continue through the 11:00 service. Thanks to Emily Chiesa for providing a warm consistent caregiver to this ministry. Please know that children are welcome in worship; the nursery is an option for parents who wish to use it.

Filled Easter Eggs due this week! We will offer a Good Friday Children's Service at 10:00 on April 15th, which will include a craft, worship and the popular egg hunt. We need Easter eggs for the children to find. Fill eggs with a piece of candy or some sort of treat, tape them closed, and bring them back by Tuesday, April 12. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcement Insert – April 10, 2022

Today Adult Education at 9:45 a.m. in the Upper Room:

April 10 “Exploit No More” (*Rescheduled!*)

Exploit No More offers that hope for those who are trafficked. Josh Beaton, Operations Director for Exploit No More, will present “Human Trafficking 101” on April 10th during the Adult Education Forum from 9:45-10:45. The program will cover the definition of human trafficking, breaks down what sex trafficking looks like in our area, and equips the audience with the tools to get involved in the fight to end sexual exploitation and ways it can support Exploit No More in its work because no one is excluded from the fight against sex trafficking!

Holy Week at St. Matthew’s

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

Worship with Holy Communion at **10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Good Friday, April 15th

Children’s Good Friday Service at **10:00 a.m.**

Evening Good Friday Service at **7:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Early Service at **6:30 a.m.**

Festive Services with brass at **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**



Coffee and Treats available between 8:30 & 11:00 services

Homebaked sweets, fruit kabobs, coffee and juice; free will offering accepted to benefit the Youth mission trip this June

Reformation Lutheran Church invites you to its 2022 Good Friday

Neighborhood Walk. Like the stations of the cross, our group will stop at sites in the community that demonstrate signs of despair and transformation. We will read Scripture, and the group will sing and pray together, lifting high the symbol of the cross in our heart of the city neighborhood. **The walk begins at 3:15 PM on Friday, April 15th** after a brief time of fellowship inside the church located at 3806 W. Lisbon Avenue. The walk lasts approximately an hour and will conclude at the church. The walk and church facility/restrooms are wheelchair accessible. The walk is suitable for all ages. Carpooling is a good idea; street parking is available. We hope to see you as together we witness to God's presence in our community.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew's! We are pleased to share the date of the first blood drive at St. Matthew's in 2 years: Monday, April 25, from 2:00- 6:00 pm Sign up begins now! There is a paper sign-up form in the Commons, or you can also sign up at this link:

bit.ly/stmattstosa0425

Please consider signing up to give the Gift of Life through blood donation. Donors will be eligible to receive four free tickets to Mount Olympus waterpark in Wisconsin Dells.

Mt. Meru Coffee: When you have coffee at church, it's Mt. Meru Coffee! Please buy some to take home. Check out the choices at the coffee cart in the Upper Commons.

No Bible Study this Wednesday: Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 20 from 10:00-11:00am.

A Benefit Concert for Ukraine: The Milwaukee Mosaik Chamber Orchestra will present 'Clazzical' on Tuesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran College's Schwan Hall, 8815 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Tickets are \$30, and all proceeds will go to United Help Ukraine, providing humanitarian aid to those affected by the crisis in Ukraine. Details at www.milwaukeeemosaik.org. You can also purchase tickets online.

City-wide Clean-Up: Tosa Takes Out the Trash: Sign up by April 15th to help collect litter in spaces like medians and sidewalks on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00-12:00, with everyone meeting at the Tosa Public Works at 11100 W. Walnut Rd., Wauwatosa. Contact tparks@wauwatosa.net or 414-471-8422 for details or to sign up.

Lenten offerings marked for "Lent offering" will be directed toward Ukraine relief through Lutheran Disaster Response and "Exploit No More," a local organization working to address and prevent human trafficking.

Lutheran Disaster Response is already helping the people of Ukraine currently under attack by Russia. If you wish to make a donation to support LDR's assistance, you may write a check and mark it "LDR-Ukraine," give through our website at this link: **Stmattslutheran.org/give** or give through the Lutheran Disaster Response website: **Elca.org/ldr** Our prayers for the people of Ukraine are also very much needed.

Looking Ahead to Upcoming Adult Education: (9:45-10:45am)

April 24 Partners in Hope: Community Warehouse

Partners in Hope is a faith-based prisoner re-entry program, run by Community Warehouse which helps formerly incarcerated prisoners become productive citizens. They provide mentoring, job search assistance, resume work, vocational workshops and many more services. It is an honor to welcome this organization to St. Matthew's. Thank you to Conor Williams, St. Matthew's member, for bringing this group to our Sunday morning adult forum.

The Garden Crew will hold a planning meeting for the 2022 season on Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. Matthew's. Anyone interested in helping with the gardens this year is welcome to attend; new workers welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Voting Member to Synod Assembly, May 20 (5pm) -May 21 (4pm); in person or online Each year, the Greater Milwaukee Synod holds an assembly to hear reports, adopt an annual budget, hold elections, and vote on resolutions. The synod is composed of over 120 ELCA congregations who send voting members and their pastors to participate. St. Matthew's is eligible to send 5 voting members. The assembly will be held at the Italian Community Center (and online). This year, a Bishop election will occur. For more information about the Assembly go to: <https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/2022-synod-assembly/> If you are interested in serving as a voting member, please contact Al Van Lith, Financial Administrator, al@stmattslutheran.org or 414-774-0441.

Call Committee Update: The Call Committee has received a second group of names and is scheduling interviews after Easter. 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. Our Call Committee is made up of *Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

First Fridays Book Discussion Group

We are back to meeting in person at church! Discussion begin at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room. All are welcome.

May 6, 2022 Hollywood Park: A Memoir by Mikel Jollett (384 pages)

June 3, 2022 Ordinary Grace: A Novel by William Kent Krueger (336 pages)

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Hauge, Lynne Thomas
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



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's