

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

April 17, 2022



Happy Easter! What a joy to celebrate and affirm that goodness is stronger than evil, that love triumphs over fear, and that life, not death, is the final word. Welcome to worship – and to resurrection life – on this most joyous day.

Easter Sunday: Our Easter Celebrations today:

Early Service of Lessons and Carols at **6:30 a.m.**

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

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers as well as juice are available for those with specific dietary needs. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

Thanks to this morning's Brass & Percussion Players: (8:30 & 11:00) Nick White, Robert Hughes, Steve Winters, Abigail Hughes, Connor Schmidt, Dave Mikec, Noah Manke, Jack Dankwardt, and Brian Smith.

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

Join us today for a special coffee hour with an assortment of home-baked treats as well as fruit, and, of course plenty of coffee. There will also be extra table seating in the Upper Room. Youth who are participating in this summer's mission trip to Kenosha will be involved in prepping and serving for the coffee hour. Freewill donations to the mission trip are encouraged and appreciated.

Easter Art: You may have noticed on your way into church near the Upper Room a framed three-dimensional art piece proclaiming the Easter message "He is not here... he is Risen, just as he said." Thanks to Donna McAllister for this gift of art so beautifully crafted and given to St. Matthew's to celebrate the miracle of Easter.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 24th with a big group for 1st-5th graders in Fellowship Hall. All other grades will meet in their classrooms. Sunday School ends for the year on May 22nd. If you have any questions about Sunday School, Please contact Gretchen Hauge.

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.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 18th, as it is a staff PTO day.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – April 17, 2022

Nursery Care is available this morning: Emily Chiesa is on staff in the nursery for parents who 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.

New Collection at St. Matthew's! We are collecting items for Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement program. Here is the list of needs items. Bring anything from this list and leave it at the collection area outside the church office, or upstairs in the Commons.

Toiletries Kit

Toilet paper

Shampoo and Soap for tub or shower (new, unopened, full size)

Soap for handwashing (new, unopened, full size)

1 toothbrush per person and tube of toothpaste (new, unopened, full size) (4-8)

Personal hygiene items (such as deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and razors) (new, unopened)

Hair brush, comb (new)

Next Sunday's worship services (April 24) will feature guest preacher Pastor Dean Natterstad with Pastor Karen Natterstad as the presider. The Gospel text is focused on Thomas and his doubt about Jesus' resurrection.

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.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew's! The first blood drive at St. Matthew's in 2 years will be Monday, April 25, from 2:00- 6:00 pm. Sign up has begun! 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.

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.

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)

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://milwaukeesynod.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.

Ray of Hope For Ovarian Cancer Cure: Join us for the fourth annual Ray of Hope Run on June 4th at 9am in Hoyt Park, Wauwatosa, benefiting ovarian cancer research at the Women's Health Research Program (WHRP) at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Over the last three years Ray of Hope has raised and donated \$32,000 to ovarian cancer research. Help us to continue to support ovarian cancer research. More information and sign-up here: <https://rayofhoperun.com>

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.*

Remember to check our website for:

- This week's bulletin announcements
- The latest issue of the Voice newsletter
- The church calendar
- The Sunday worship bulletin
- Prayer Request form for immediate needs
- Link to membership directory

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St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

Vision Statement: Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (*What we want to become*)

Mission Statement: Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name. (*What we are going to do*)

Values: We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. (*Who we want to be*)

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Interim Lead Pastor	The Rev. Karen Natterstad
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Older Adult Ministries	Julia Murphy
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen Hauge
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education	Sue Swing
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Sunday School and Youth Support	Lynne Thomas
Library Coordinator (volunteer)	Linda Wunderlich
Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
Senior Choir Director	David Mohr
Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
Financial Administrator	Al Van Lith
Office Assistant	Bridget Smith
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Cleaning Caretaker	Marsha Olson
Custodial Assistant	Dave Fagerberg
Property Chairperson (volunteer)	Edward Bross
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson