

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

April 24, 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.

Holy Communion: (8:30 Service) 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.

Today's worship services will feature guest preacher Pastor Dean Natterstad. Pastor Dean has been a pastor for over 40 years in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, and the last ten years has served in interim ministry for several congregations. Recently he has done regular guest preaching visits to many area congregations. We welcome Pastor Dean and look forward to hearing his message this morning.

The altar flower arrangement on display today is given by Dale & Dollie Kirchner in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Child for Baptism: (11:00) **Corinne Reynolds McCarthy**, child of Daniel & Laura McCarthy, was born January 22, 2022. Sponsors are Anna Seckar-Anderson and Jane Peterson. Corinne's big brothers are Brennan, age 3 and Larry, age 2. Dean & Anne DeWitt of St. Matthew's are Corinne's maternal grandparents.

First Communion: We welcome Hadley Frantz and Alexis Herrell and their families, as they will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this morning at the 8:30 service. May this become a meaningful part of their faith journey in the years to come.

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.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – April 24, 2022

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

Next Sunday's 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. Thank you to Conor Williams, St. Matthew's member, for bringing this group to our Sunday morning adult forum.

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 & 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)

Annual Mother's Day Diaper Collection is Happening Now!

Bring Diapers to St. Matt's through Mother's Day, May 8th

Diapers of all sizes, unscented diaper wipes, and diaper rash creams are needed by our central city partners. They will be shared with Cross Lutheran, which will distribute them through the food pantry, and Reformation Lutheran, which will distribute them at their their upcoming Baby Fest, which offers safe sleep info and provides support to young parents. The cost of diapers is prohibitive to many families. About a third of US families struggle to afford diapers for their children, and diapers are not covered by low income assistance programs like SNAP and WIC. Please leave donations in the collection area under the coat rack across from the office. Thanks so much for your generosity

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)

MT. MERU COFFEE

Our Mt. Meru Spring Blend 22 in regular drip grind or bean is now available. This blend includes subtle natural flavors of dark chocolate, citrus, and coffee blossom blended with premium Peaberry and is only \$15 for 12 oz. We also have our regular and decaf coffee, Peaberry coffee and a selection of flavored coffees. Stop by today.

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Looking Ahead to Adult Education on Sunday May 1st: Forgotten, Misrepresented, and Marginalized Figures of Early Christianity (Part Three): More on Mary Magdalene- Led by Dan Bice

Mary Magdalene may be one of the best-known figures in the New Testament, but she is widely misunderstood. With time, her story has grown and grown. How is Mary Magdalene emerging as a central figure in some Christian circles today? What might our Christianity look like now if she hadn't been written out of the story? We will take a look into the Gospel of Mary and other non-canonical sources to dip deeper into the story. Future topics in this intermittent series: James, the brother of Jesus; and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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.

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://milwaukeeesyndod.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>

Drivers Needed for Eras Senior Network serving Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties' residents. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact (Milwaukee County) volunteermilwaukee@eras.org 414-488-6931 or (Waukesha County) Marisa.Strothenke@eras.org 262-522-2402

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

www.stmattslutheran.org



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

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
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Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.
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