

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

April 3, 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.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace at the 11:00 service. Let an usher know if you'd like to have communion brought to you because of mobility challenges.

Child for Baptism: (8:30) **Gavin Robert Freund**, child of Erin Preloger and Jeff Freund, Elm Grove, who was born September 18, 2021. Sponsors are Matt Preloger, John & Alyssa Preloger and Kevin & Johanna Freund. Gavin has a big sister, **Madelyn**, who is 6 years old, and a big brother, **Ethan**, who is three.

Flowers at the altar are given by Jack & Arlene Hastings in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary.

A Library book is given to the church library by Dee & Don Birschel in honor of Ellen Bratz's birthday.



Easter Flowers: We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers for the display at the altar on Easter morning. Look for a form to orders yours at the Welcome Center, church office, or other places around church. You can also sign up online at this link: <https://forms.gle/VwmCJGC1nRadtN9x8>

Sunday, April 10th – Scenes from the Passion will be presented at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We invite you to attend this moving service, with participation by our youth and adult choirs in dramatic scenes from Holy Week. With music and drama we will once again 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. In the final scene of our Passion story Jesus comes forward to be crowned with thorns and draped with the scarlet cloak, finally being led away to Calvary. Invite a friend to attend with you!

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

Thanks to Nancy Bowen and Anne DeWitt for their leadership in bringing this back to St. Matthew's! Please consider signing up to give the Gift of Life through blood donation.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – April 3, 2022

Today Adult Education at 9:45 a.m. in the Upper Room: April 3 Forgotten, Misrepresented, and Marginalized Figures of Early Christianity (Part Two) Led by Dan Bice

Mary Magdalene may be one of the best-known figures in the New Testament, but she is widely misunderstood. Was she a prostitute? A witness to Jesus' resurrection? An apostle to Jesus? A holder of his secret teachings? His lover? With time, her story has grown and grown. We will scour biblical and extra-biblical sources to find out more about this enigmatic figure of early Christianity. Future topics in this intermittent series: James, the brother of Jesus; and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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!

Good News! The Nursery will reopen on April 10th: We are pleased to share that 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, including masks, sanitizing after each service and air purification. These protocols are posted at the nursery entrance, or you can read the details here: <https://bit.ly/3qQjUk6-Nursery>
Nursery hours will begin at 8:15 and continue through the 11:00 service. Thanks to Emily Chiesa for providing a warm consistent caregiver to this ministry.

Looking Ahead to Good Friday: Filled Easter Eggs Needed! 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 Palm Sunday, April 10th. Thank you!

Dr. Dawg! Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip: On Saturday, April 9th, between 11:00 and 4:00, St. Matthew's will earn 10% of all proceeds. (No coupons or codes needed; online orders included). The Dr. Dawg menu includes a wide variety of hot dogs as well as sausages, burgers, veggie burgers, and other sandwiches. They are located at 853 N. Mayfair Rd., at the shopping center where Wisconsin Avenue intersects Hwy. 100. What an easy way to support our youth as they will be serving in Kenosha this June.

“Making Room: Renewing Our Practice of Christian Hospitality”

This Wednesday: (thru April 6th)

Making Room: Hospitality with



Family
Church
Neighbor
Stranger
Enemy

Watch for 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 through April 6th.

Join us when you can!

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM & 6:15 PM

FAMILY LENTEN TIME: March 9 – April 6, 2022 *Continues this week!*

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, led by Donna Gardner Manke. For children 3rd grade and younger with their parents.

Holy Week at St. Matthew's

Holy Week Services begin next Sunday, April 10th:

Palm Passion Sunday, with Scenes from our Lord's Passion: **8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

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.**



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.

High School Students – We Want to Know What YOU Think!

On April 3rd at 1:00, there will be a Zoom listening session for high school kids interested in becoming involved in advocacy. This is a chance for you to join with other teens from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan to talk about what you think and to share your ideas about responding to injustice in the world. To register (and take a short survey) go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/dtaxfu2k> Or you can talk to Gretchen to get more information. The world needs to hear your voices!

Growing Coffee on Mount Meru

Mt. Meru premium coffee is grown primarily by farmers on the slopes of Mt. Meru in Tanzania where shade and volcanic soil offer perfect conditions for the growth of premium coffee beans. These plants are tended carefully on these small family farms and beans are picked individually by hand during an extended harvest season. In most cases the 3-5 acre farms are handed down from generation to generation and typical family incomes are \$500 - \$600 annually. Some of the coffee trees are 20 to 30 years old. There are also new plants that are a new cultivar developed by Tanzania Coffee Research Institute that are insect and disease resistant. This combination of coffee trees is making coffee farming on Mt. Meru sustainable. Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project.

Apartment Needed: Andy Cherney's parents are looking to rent an apartment/duplex in the greater Wauwatosa area beginning May 1st. Andy's father has limited mobility, so first-level options would be preferred. Please contact Andy with any leads at 414.255.4943.

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.

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead and Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, 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