

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

May 1, 2022



Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! "Let us rejoice today and be glad" (Psalm 118:24, NIV). May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

Holy Communion: (11:00 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.

The altar flower arrangement on display today is given in honor of Ruth Rogers' 80th birthday, by Debbie and Allan Land.

Children for Baptism: (8:30) **Finn Ryan Gintoft**, child of Amanda & Ryan Gintoft, Wauwatosa, was born July 1, 2021. Finn is brother to William, Henry and angel sister, Greta. Sponsors are Jordan & John Leen.

Josephine Colette Yentz, child of Casie & Derek Yentz, Wauwatosa, was born July 21, 2021. Sponsors are John & Jordan Leen.

John and Mary Yentz of St. Matthew's are grandparents to both of these children.

First Communion: (11:00) We welcome Ada McCorkle and Lucas Swalheim and their families, as they will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this morning at the 8:30 service. We hope this becomes a meaningful part of their faith journey in the years to come.

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.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – May 1, 2022

Women's Breakfast on Saturday, May 14th

Join us for Breakfast & Bible Study with Pastor Ann from 8:30-9:30 am. We will also be assembling Toiletry Kits for Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement program. Here's the list of items needed for the kits. Please bring an item from the list and invite a friend to join you. All are welcome! Sign Up online at: <https://bit.ly/3MydCOO-Brkfst> or contact sueswing@sbcglobal.net or the church office.

Toilet paper

Shampoo and Soap for tub or shower

Soap for handwashing

1 toothbrush per person and tube of toothpaste (4-8)

Personal hygiene items

(such as deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and razors)

Hair brush, Comb

Your Help Needed with Pentecost Display

For over 100 years, the spirit has been at work at St. Matthew's in and through the people who have been and are a part of our history. To represent that movement of the spirit, we are creating a Pentecost themed decoration for the center staircase, and we need your help!



All you have to do is make a simple origami flame using paper and directions that we will provide. Materials will be available starting this Sunday, May 1st, on a table in the Commons. Flames need to be returned no later than May 15th so that we can assemble and hang the display in time for the May 22nd celebration of our 100th anniversary. Thanks for your help!

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 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 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)

New Members Welcomed on May 22nd

We invite all who have interest in joining St. Matthew's to attend our 8:30 worship service on Sunday, May 22nd. This will be a special day as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our congregation. A highlight of the service will be welcoming new members into our church family! After the worship service from we will host a gathering for those who join to get to know the pastors and learn more about the mission and ministry of St. Matthew's. This time together will help us to connect personally and provide space to interact with church members as well as the others joining St. Matthew's Church on that day. This will take place from 10:00-10:45AM in the Upper Room at church. If we have not yet met you in person, or if you'd like to have an in-person conversation with one of the pastors or staff before May 22nd please let us know. We would love to meet you! Anyone interested in joining St. Matthew's Church on May 22nd please take a moment to RSVP to Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net. Or, you may contact the church office at 414-774-0441.

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. Mt. Meru coffee, improving the standard of living in the Meru region of Tanzania for over twenty three years.

Textile Recycling Is Returning to St. Matthew's: Better Earth Textile Recycling collects all sorts of used clothing and textiles and recycles them so they don't end up in landfills. We will collect these items here during the month of May, at the west entrance. Please bring your items in plastic bags. Check this Link for acceptable items: <https://bit.ly/3vnx5f2-textiles>

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/3gQjUk6-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.

Interested in helping Afghan refugees? In addition to the toiletry items being collected, there are some opportunities for people to volunteer time. LSS can use some administrative help in going through applications and there will soon be opportunities to help sort donated items. Please contact Peder Johanson at either johanson@wichurches.org or at 608-346-2676 to get further information.

Friends of the Monarch Trail 2022 Plant Sale: Their plants are tried and true and are excellent support systems to help the monarch butterfly and pollinators. Saturday, May 7, 12:00-4:00 and Sunday, May 8th, 11:00-2:00 at the Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124th St., West Allis.

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. 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



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Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; 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