

# Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

May 15, 2022



**Jesus prayed 2,000 years ago** that all his followers would be one. Whatever our differences, we are united in him. Let us worship God together.

**Child for Baptism** (8:30 service): **Everest Stanley Benson**, child of Alyssa Pisarski and Joshua Benson, was born March 2, 2022. Sponsors are Kate and Cambrea Woodson.

**Bible Distribution:** Second graders will be invited to receive a Spark bible this morning at the 8:30 service. Following the service, in Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour, children and parents will attend a class on using their new bibles. We hope that these eager young readers will make engagement with scripture a life-long habit.

**Historical Artifacts on display during Education Hour:** Stop by the Upper Room this morning to see some unique items from our Historical Collection. Prepare for next week's Anniversary Service by seeing some examples of St. Matthew's ministries from the beginning in 1920 and throughout our existence on this corner in Wauwatosa. You're sure to see something interesting and perhaps learn something new about your church.

**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.

**First Communion:** We welcome Riley Braun, Evelyn Georgeson and Stephen Juech and their families, as they will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this morning at the 11:00 service. We hope this becomes a meaningful part of their faith journey in the years to come.

**Healing Service:** A Healing service will be held after the 11:00 service today in the worship space. Those desiring special healing for themselves or others are invited to attend, along with their family members and/or support persons.

**NEXT WEEK - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Services – May 22 – 8:30 & 11:00:** We are eagerly anticipating our festive services of celebration with guest preacher Pastor Emeritus Gary Erickson, who retired after 38 years of ministry at St. Matthew's in 2011. Retired Pastor Margaret Schoewe, who served at St. Matthew's for 9 years, retiring in 2015, will also participate in the services. Our music ministry has been very busy preparing for the five commissioned pieces of music which will be premiered on this day. It promises to be a special day with many guests and former members in attendance. Watch for special treats during the coffee time between services. Remember that services will be live streamed as well as recorded, if it is not possible for you to be here.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – May 15, 2022

**Teacher Appreciation: Thanks be to God** for our Sunday School teachers, assistants, shepherds and staff who have worked within the parameters of safe gatherings to bring the love of Christ to our young people, age 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you see a teacher, please thank them for teaching this year! Teachers and staff will enjoy a brunch today in thanks for their dedication to the young people of our congregation.

**Saints Older Adults will gather this week** on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. welcoming guest speaker Eugene Schulz. He is a WWII veteran with experiences to share and stories to tell. In addition to writing two books, Eugene Schulz has given countless presentations relating to his first-hand experiences of events that most of us only know from books and movies. Equally important to his telling of these events is our hearing them. This is history. You may be inspired to look at your own past and realize that you also have stories to be preserved and shared. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or in the church office; an optional lunch at a suggested donation of \$10 is available.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a special day as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> please let us know. We would love to meet you! Anyone interested in joining St. Matthew's Church on May 22<sup>nd</sup> please take a moment to RSVP to Sue Swing [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net). Or, you may contact the church office at 414-774-0441.

**Textile Recycling Is now underway:** Better Earth Textile Recycling collects all sorts of used clothing and textiles and recycles them so they don't end up in landfills. We are collecting 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>

### **It's Time To Sign Up to Help with VBS! VBS Volunteer Registration**

Join us August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-11:45 and volunteer for a faithful and fun-filled week. Click on the link below and fill out the form no later than July 18<sup>th</sup>. An individual form needs to be submitted for each volunteer. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 414-774-0441 or email Donna Gardner Manke at [donnagm@me.com](mailto:donnagm@me.com). Looking forward to having you join our team! <https://forms.gle/ewrjmfZTUmkfcdDo7>

**All Together for Summer! Begins May 29**  
**One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship, Fellowship and fun**  
**on Sunday mornings this summer**



We look forward to the beautiful Sundays in summer, when we will be able to gather as one faith community for worship at 9:30 am. Our worship service will be energized by consolidated attendance, coming together as a faith community each Sunday for Word, sacrament and message. Holy Communion will be celebrated each Sunday all summer. Immediately following the worship service we will enjoy fellowship time outside that will include coffee, a variety of treats, and activities for kids. There will also be outdoor seating for those wishing to stay awhile and chat. This will be a great time for all of us to reconnect with one another! There will be something for everyone, and we encourage you to make Sunday mornings at St. Matthew's part of your summer plans. Invite a friend to attend with you! Guests welcome.

**Summer Worship on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am service:**

We will kick off "All Together for Summer" on Memorial Day weekend by remembering family and friends who have died while serving our country. Coffee hour with special themed treats will be held outdoors with tables and chairs for seating. Plan to linger with your friends or get to know someone new! Honor your loved one by writing a message of gratitude on our "In Memoriam" board. Fun activity for the kids is also planned! All are Welcome!



**All Together for Summer on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:**

We will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and other followers of Christ, marking the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. High school seniors will be recognized as they complete their high school education and celebrate their graduation.

Following the service a Wauwatosa Fire Truck will pay a visit to the Coffee time gathering, as the flames of Pentecost bring to mind those in our community who keep us safe from fire.



## MT. MERU COFFEE

Don't forget Mt. Meru coffee. For a premium coffee the price is very competitive. The 12 oz bag is \$10 or .83 per ounce. It is available in drip grind and bean, regular or decaf. If you drink a lot of coffee or are buying it for your office or a group, it is available in 4 lb. bags for \$45 which is only .70 per ounce. It is available per order in decaf or regular drip or perk grind and bean. If you drink coffee at St. Matthew's, it is Mt. Meru coffee. Remember, we pay Mt. Meru the same price we sell it for, there is no extra markup. We have been supporting families in Mt. Meru in Tanzania, East Africa for over 22 years.

## Erickson Scholarship Applicants - Apply now for scholarship consideration

It is time to apply or renew your application for a scholarship from the Rev. Gary and Susan Erickson scholarship Fund for the 2022-2023 school year. Eligibility is based on:

- 1) Students studying at a theological seminary;
- 2) Students enrolled in a bachelor of arts music program with intent to work in church related music;
- 3) Students enrolled in ELCA college or any Lutheran college.

Applications can be found at the church office or online at [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org). (on the Foundation page) Any questions regarding the scholarship or application may be addressed to Nancy Herrell. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2022**. **Turn in all applications to the church office, or send them by email to [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org)**

**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.*

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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



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