

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

May 8, 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: (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.

It's QUILT BLESSING SUNDAY!

We welcome the opportunity to view and also to bless the many beautiful creations of the Quilt Ministry. St. Matthew's Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry has a total of 2,699 quilts completed since 2004, and is in its 18th year of ministry. **New participants** are welcome in this ministry, and people of all skill levels can join at any time.

Accomplishments of Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry September, 2021-May, 2022

- 125 quilts created & completed by the St. Matthew's Quilt Ministry.
- 20 receiving blankets completed and presented to St. Matt's parents at time of baptism
- Thrivent Action Team Project shipped 6 boxes consisting of afghans & fleece blankets to Pine Ridge Reservation in SD. This project is in conjunction with the SE Wisconsin Women of the ELCA. Thrivent Action Team covers \$250 shipping costs.
- 8 new bed pillows & custom made pillowcases created for distribution to The Joy House.
- 10 fleece tied blankets donated to Allied for Foster Teens
- 10 Oversized Christmas gift bags given to Allied for Foster Teens.
- 118 pillowcases completed thanks to donated fabric. Items given to Ronald McDonald's House.
- Lap blankets for The Lutheran Home

St. Matthew's Quilt Ministry "Stitches of Love" was created by Bev Etzelmueller in 2004 and she has provided leadership for it ever since. Details on recipients of handsewn creations in the May 8th issue of the St. Matthew's Voice newsletter.

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 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>

Bulletin Announcement Insert – May 8, 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 continues 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. Please leave donations in the collection area under the coat rack across from the office. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Short-Term Children's Book Collection for Journey House! Our Social Ministry Committee just learned of a "Books are Just the Beginning" new and gently used book collection for Journey House, sponsored by Thrivent. For each book donated, \$2 will be given by Thrivent, up to \$1,000. We will collect children's books here at St. Matthew's **through May 11th (Wednesday) only**, after which they will be transported to Journey House. It's a great opportunity to pass along books your children have outgrown, and share them with a great community organization serving families and children.

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.

All Together for Summer! One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Worship & Fellowship 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. 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.

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

Join us August 1st – August 5th 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 18th. 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. Looking forward to having you join our team! <https://forms.gle/ewrjmfZTUmkfcfDo7>

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. (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**

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. Sunday, May 8th, 11:00-2:00 at the Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124th St., West Allis.

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



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