

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

July 10, 2022



We're glad you're here. May you find rest for your souls, challenge and comfort alike, and inspiration to share Christ's love as you go forth in faith. Let us remember and proclaim that God so loved the whole world that he sent Jesus to share in this life.

Holy Communion: 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.

Name Tag Summer: We plan to offer name tags each Sunday, as we worship together, allowing us to learn more people's names. Greet someone new!

A large-print bulletin is available at the Welcome Center. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshipping with, please take one.

Today we hear from the Mission Trip Youth and Adults who traveled to Kenosha during the third week in June to work with the following agencies:

- The ELCA Outreach Center: helps people meet basic needs with clothing items, GED classes, computer training, and youth programming.
- The Grace Welcome Center: provides community, food assistance, meals, and showers to homeless and low-income people.
- The Spirit Alive Garden Project: a network of community gardens that "grow community by growing food."

Youth: Grace Charlson, Kate Charlson, Jake Dahlgren, Nathan Foley, Tyler Goeckermann, Yerania Kent-Pizarro, Kateri Kirchner, Michaela Kobinsky, Ciara Pliskie, Owen Schaar, Stephen Searing, Sam Slager, Victoria Vorpapel, Grace Williams, Evan Wolter.

Chaperones: Laura Crave, Patti Foley, Thaurra Stallings, Conor Williams, Mike Wolter, Gretchen Haugse (trip leader).

We are so grateful to the congregation for your prayers and support!

Garden Tours Today: We give thanks for the efforts of our Garden Crew, and offer you the opportunity to see their work this Sunday during the Coffee Time. Did you know? There are ten garden areas at St. Matthew's, including a Ginkgo Garden and two Orphan Gardens. Learn more from Bob Zwaska, Jeanne Collins, and other members of the Garden Crew this Sunday. Meet in the parking lot after worship.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – July 10, 2022

St. Matt's Meet-Ups! Join us this summer for one or all of these casual get-togethers at area locations for the purpose of conversation, beverages, food and fun together. You don't have to be a member to attend. Look for a table tent marked with 'St. Matt's Meet-Up.' **Wednesday, July 13 at 4:00 pm (until ??) at The Landing at Hoyt Park Outdoor Beer Garden.** Bring chairs if you'd like more comfortable seating. There is a rain date of one week later, July 20.

Youth, are you looking to earn some money and help people?

St. Matthew's Youth Services Directory now being updated. Youth, now is your chance to be listed in this directory that members of the congregation use to find youth to perform the following types of services. You and the person needing help negotiate the pay to be earned.

Pet Care

Yard Work

Raking

Snow shoveling

Child Care – babysitting

Privacy protections: This directory is given out by digitally by .pdf to members only, and we ask members to keep our youth's personal information protected.

NEW: Youth, Sign up online at this link: <https://bit.ly/3xYhvlN-YouthDirectory>

Deadline for sign-up is July 31, 2022. Directory available in mid-August.



Vacation bible school Snacks: If you are able to donate snacks to Vacation Bible School, you could sign up on the board outside the church office. Thank you very much!

VBS Sign-up for Children entering grades K4-5th grade:

Registration is open to all including members of the community. Registration is due no later than July 24th. We may need to keep our numbers to a manageable size, so please don't delay in signing up. Please note that you will

need to fill out an electronic registration form for each child you would like to register. Click on link below to begin registration. Questions? Call the church office at 414-774-0441. <https://forms.gle/q8Y3PWzs2m3gsbN97>

It's Time To Sign Up to Help with VBS! A couple more Teachers needed!

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>

Summer heat got you down? Love to sing?

Come “cool off” with the Summer Choir on Sunday, July 24th when we’ll sing a fun setting of the spiritual “Down to the River to Pray!” Open to any interested singer, we’ll rehearse the piece beginning at 8:30am on that day and then sing it during the 9:30 service. This is a great opportunity for those of you who love to sing, but can’t make a commitment to join the Senior Choir on a regular basis. And as a bonus, this fun arrangement also includes parts of the spiritual “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.”

Come and share your musical talents at the first of two Summer Choir Sundays this summer (the second happening on Sunday, August 14th). We’d love to have you join us! - Dave Mohr, Senior Choir Director



Call Committee Update: 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.*

Saints Older Adults Ministry Gathering: **Wednesday – July 20, 2022 -- Sculpture Milwaukee** Sculpture Milwaukee is a non-profit organization transforming downtown Milwaukee’s cultural landscape every year with an outdoor exhibition of world-renowned sculpture that serves as a catalyst for community engagement, economic development, and creative placemaking. Everyone is welcome to meet downtown at 10am to view some of the sculptures before the presentation. A map and parking information will be provided. We will then gather at church at 11:30 am to hear about the sculpture garden from a special guest speaker, followed by lunch. Sign up to reserve lunch; \$10 suggested donation.

First Fridays Book Discussion Group Reading List for next year (2022-2023) is now available. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and across from the church office, as well as on our website (under ‘Connect’ – ‘Adults’).

Volunteer Opportunity – Library Display Windows: The Library Committee is looking for an individual who might have artistic and creative talent to be in charge of changing the window displays. This would require a commitment of 7-8 times per year. It does require some lifting of boxes and bending. There are items available in storage for use during the seasons, or you can provide some of your own if you wish. If you are interested please email Linda Wunderlich at lindawunderlich.tosa@gmail.com

Hunger Relief is Needed in the Diocese of Meru:

Approximately 60% of the Diocese of Meru has serious drought conditions. About 8,000 families are in Urgent Need. You can help! You can save lives by supporting “Meru Hunger Relief—Food Crisis”. Donate through the Greater Milwaukee Synod at milwaukee.synod.org/giving or through St. Matthew’s by giving online stmatthslutheran.org/give/ Or make out a check to St. Matthew’s and mark it for Meru Hunger Relief. Asante Sana! Thank you!



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Your purchased of Mt. Meru Coffee will also support families affected by the terrible drought of 2022 (referred to in above article). Buy some coffee today – you’ll have some delicious coffee, knowing that you’ve also helped farmers and their families to survive the drought.

Altar Flower & Library Book Sign-Up: You are invited to sign up for altar flowers or a library book for a special occasion which will be noted in the bulletin. Flowers are \$35 and will be ordered by the office staff. Please make out a check and mark it for altar flowers. You can sign up to donate a book to the library. A book will be chosen for the occasion and you will be notified of which book was chosen. Library books are \$20. This is a great way to support St. Matthew’s worship and library ministries in a meaningful way. The Sign-up Book is outside the Upper Room, in a binder on the table.

Summer Office Hours: The church office closes at noon on Fridays. Office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-12:00 on Fridays. If coming to the church over the lunch hour, it’s a good idea to call ahead, since the building may be locked if few staff are in the building.

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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