

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's**  
July 24, 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.

**Next Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>:** It's Kringle Sunday. Bring a kringle to share, or just try a new type of kringle during coffee time next week. We'll have some, and we'll gladly serve any donated kringles. Our mouths are watering already!

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**It's only ONE WEEK away! Sign up deadline is NOW!**



**VBS Sign-up for Children entering grades K4-5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Registration is due no later than July 24th. 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>

**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!

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – July 24, 2022

Attention Youth and Parents of Young People age 6-12 grades:

**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. Please sign up today!

### Hunger Relief is Needed in the Diocese of Meru:

*Thank you to those who have given to this urgent need:*

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 [milwaukeesynod.org/giving](http://milwaukeesynod.org/giving) or through St. Matthew's by giving online

[stmattslutheran.org/give/](http://stmattslutheran.org/give/) Or make out a check to St. Matthew's and mark it for Meru

Hunger Relief. Asante Sana! Thank you! *Pastor Elias has updated and said that*

*conditions are better in a couple of areas, but worse in others. Your contributions are still being gratefully accepted.*



### Love to sing?



Come "cool off" with the Summer Choir on **Sunday, August 14th** when we'll learn a piece of music 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. Come and share your musical talents. 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.*

**Nursery Care** is being suspended for the summer because there were so few families using the nursery this spring. Children may use the nursery with a family member during worship, but there will not be a staff person present for supervision. We plan to resume staffing the nursery in the fall.

**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’).

**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, August 10 at 11:30 am for Lunch at Ally’s Powerhouse**  
10460 W. Innovation Drive, Wauwatosa

## **MT. MERU COFFEE**

As you know there is a drought going on in Tanzania, mainly in the southern and eastern districts of the Mt. Meru Diocese. This drought has and will continue to cause food shortages. There was sufficient rain on the mountain sides to support a good crop of cherries this season. Picking is going on now and should result in about 25,000 pounds of export grade coffee, but the future is uncertain.

Your continued support of Mt. Meru coffee through your purchases is more important than ever. When you purchase Mt. Meru coffee you are supporting these farmers through some tough times and you will be enjoying some good premium coffee as a bonus.

**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 from Alfa Flower shop 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.

## Please consider serving as a Sunday Morning Volunteer

In a few weeks, we will be scheduling our volunteers for September through December, 2022. We are looking for more help, in all areas.

- Acolytes
- Ushers\*\* (*esp. at 11:00*)
- Communion Preparers\*\*
- Communion Assistants\*\*
- Readers
- Lay Assistants
- Greeters
- Coffee Hosts
- Camera Operators\*\* (*\*\* = especially needed*)

For those who have not volunteered before but would like to volunteer for a position, feel free to contact the office and we can set you up for a position that best fits your abilities. Your ministries here at St. Matthew's makes us who we are. We hope you will be part of the worship services on Sundays! Contact Al Van Lith in the church office, [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org) or 414-774-0441.

**Saint Matthew's worship is now mask-optional.** You may wish to continue to wear your mask, depending on your health, your own risk assessment, and your concern for the vulnerable in your family. We respect and support both masked and unmasked participants at St. Matthew's.

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

### 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](http://www.stmattslutheran.org)