

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

July 3, 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. As our nation celebrates Independence Day, 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.

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.*

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

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.

Mission Trip Worship on July 10th: Our Mission Trip Youth and Adults have returned home from their week's work in Kenosha. **We hope you'll be present next week** when we share the story of this community experience during the worship service. We are so grateful to the congregation for your prayers and support!



Bulletin Announcement Insert – July 3, 2022

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>

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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.

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 stmattslutheran.org/give/ Or make out a check to St. Matthew’s and mark it for Meru Hunger Relief. Asante Sana! Thank you!



MT. MERU COFFEE Supporting families, growing futures, changing lives. 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.

Seniorfest Day at Summerfest: presented by Direct Supply – on Thursday, July 7 from 12 noon - 4 pm, All patrons ages 60+ will be admitted FREE when they present their ID at the designated turnstile at any gate. Admitted seniors will also receive a voucher for \$2 off food or beverage purchase over \$10. Look for the Eras display while you’re there, for the services offered by Eras, as well as volunteer opportunities.

Unique Opportunity available- Volunteers as Community members on the Pediatric Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Children’s Hospital: The IRB is a group of scientists and community members who review research conducted at Children’s to ensure that it is safe and ethical. Both scientific and lay members are needed. Members go through online training in research ethics and work remotely to review protocols. Meetings are during the day, one hour every other week, or monthly, depending on which committee you’re part of. Contact Dr. Danny Thomas with questions or to volunteer for this opportunity: redshoemd@gmail.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

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



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