

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

July 31, 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!

We welcome Morgan Downey and her family as she joins us for her first communion at this morning's service. May this holy sacrament be a blessing to her throughout the rest of her life.

Child for Baptism: Iggy Mayne Tanem, child of Jena & Justinn Tanem, Wauwatosa, was born April 9, 2022. Iggy has five brothers and sisters: Piper, 9; Ebben, 7; Yara, 6; Garner, 4; and Varro, age 2. Sponsors are Elton & Stephanie Mustafaraj.

A Library book has been given to the church library by Sally Temple in memory of Robert Temple.

Today: It's Kringle Sunday. Stop by the coffee time following worship to enjoy your favorite flavor or to try a new one!



There is still space available in Vacation Bible School!

<https://bit.ly/3ltx9Er-RegisterVBS>

VBS Begins Monday at 8:45 am and lasts until 11:45 a.m.

We gather in Fellowship Hall. Can't wait to see you all!

Vacation bible school Snacks: Thank you for all the snacks!

If you see some spaces still available on the sign-up board outside the church office, you are welcome to sign up to bring something. We are grateful for your support of the VBS program!

Bulletin Announcement Insert – July 31, 2022

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.

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

Young People! Consider having a Lemonade Stand Fundraiser to support ALLIES for TEENS in FOSTER CARE: 100% of your proceeds will go to Christmas presents for teens in foster care group homes. Here are the details:

Use your creativity to create a Lemonade stand to collect money for Allies for Teens Christmas distribution. All kids/groups that send a donation will receive a bracelet which says "I help foster kids." The kid who has the greatest donation will receive a certificate as our Christmas in July Greatest Ally, Allies for Teens drawstring bag and teddy bear. To qualify for contest, funds must be received by August 15th and can be sent to 2368 N. 91st St., Milwaukee WI 53226 or contributed through our website alliesforteens.org. Contact Allies at abyrne@alliesforteens.org or call/text 414-531-2862 for questions. Look at Allies FB page to learn more about their work.



Call Committee Update: The call committee is in the process of interviewing and evaluating a small pool of candidates during the summer. If the committee determines any of the candidates match closely to the skills and experiences identified in our profile and has the gifts necessary to lead us toward our visioning objectives, second interviews will be pursued in late August. Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as their work progresses in finding a candidate for Lead Pastor that is the right fit for St. Matthew's.

Our Call Committee is made up of *Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

Love to sing?



Come sing 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

Saints Intergenerational Event! Wednesday – August 24, 2022 - 11:30 a.m.

"Fun With Animals" Join David Stokes, Grandfather, Father, Husband, Educator, and Entertainer for an hour of animal fun. We will sing, sign, touch, and see live creatures, many of whom are misunderstood and unloved. Loving them and their place in Creation will be our focus. Bring your camera and your favorite little person. Parents: you are welcome to attend this event with your children. It will be entertaining! Lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or the Church Office.

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 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! *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.*



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.

Nursery Care is 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').

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.

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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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