

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

August 14, 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. May we become better acquainted with each other by name.

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

Healing Prayer During Worship will be offered again on Sunday, August 21 at the 9:30 am service. All those desiring special healing prayers for themselves or others are invited to attend and come forward during the time of healing.

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. 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.*

Now available: Updated Youth Services Directory Are you looking to hire a young person or two for babysitting, yard work, or help with a project at your house? We have a listing of young people willing to help. Email the church office to receive a .pdf of the list, or pick up a copy in the church office.

Guest Preacher Sunday, August 28: Retired pastor Roy Nelson, a former member of St. Matthew's, will be our guest preacher on Sunday August 28th. We hope you will be able to welcome Pastor Roy back to St. Matthew's on this day.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – August 14, 2022

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.

St. Matt’s Meet-Ups! Join us for this casual get-together 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 24 at 9:00am at Colectivo, 68th & Wells Streets

An Invitation to Community! Please join us for the inaugural gathering of L’Arche Milwaukee: Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. We will spend time together, learning about each other and learning about an international movement called “L’Arche.”



A community where everyone’s gifts are recognized and honored.

A community where differences are welcomed and celebrated.

A community where each of us has value and has something to offer.

A community where we acknowledge our spiritual component of being.

RSVP requested but not required. Call or text 414.453.9367 to RSVP or with questions.

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 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.

Love to sing? Consider the Senior Choir this fall!



Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 1st from 7:30-9:00. We sing for Sunday worship services beginning Rally Day, September 11th. We sing most Sundays, alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Are you an experienced handbell player? Consider Bells Angels bell choir.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 1 from 6:15 to 7:25. If you have musical experience and are willing to learn the handbell world fast, speak to John Paradowski.

Rally Day, September 11th – Return to two-service worship schedule

Come join us this fall each Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am services. New this year: Holy Communion will be offered at all services, each Sunday. Also on September 11th, we begin offering Sunday school classes for children who are three years old through 8th grade during the Education Hour which begins at 9:45 am. You can sign up your child(ren) at this link: <https://bit.ly/3jYYi26-SignUpforSS> If your child attended Sunday School in a previous year, they are already enrolled for this fall.

Save the Date: Blood Drive at St. Matthew's, Monday, October 3, 2022.

Drivers needs for Eras Senior Network: Opportunities available in both Milwaukee county (414.488.6931) and Waukesha county (262.522.2402). Gain the benefits of being a valued and reliable volunteer!

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.

Sing with the Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee! You don't have to be Lutheran to join, just love singing sacred choral music. Auditions are being held August 23rd at Mount Carmel Lutheran in Milwaukee, beginning at 7PM. The Christmas programs will be December 2nd and 4th, featuring Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughan Williams. For information contact music director Tom Ajack at ajack.tom@gmail.com

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