

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

August 28, 2022



**We're glad you're here.** "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise." (James 5:13 NIV) In this holy time and space, we express prayers for the hurting as well as songs of joy. Welcome!

**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.

**Welcome, Pastor Roy Nelson!** We are pleased to welcome back to St. Matthew's Pastor Roy Nelson, who recently retired from ordained ministry. Roy and his wife, Jean, were married here at St. Matthew's, and their two children, Ben and Calla, were baptized here. Pastor Roy served congregations in Illinois and Wisconsin during his ministry. Just a week ago, their family celebrated Ben's ordination into ministry at Zion Lutheran Church in Woodville, WI.

**Altar flowers** are shared today in celebration of Chris Weber Spornick and Jim Spornick's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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.

**One more "All Together for Summer" Worship service** remain, next Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**Worship Schedule** changes beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>; we'll resume our two-service worship schedule with services at 8:30 and 11:00 am. This allows for an Education hour for Sunday school and Adult classes, 9:45-10:45 am. Join us on Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Details on Rally Day and Sunday School on the insert in today's bulletin.

### **Holy Communion to be celebrated at all services**

Beginning on September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have the opportunity to be welcomed to the table of Holy Communion at each worship service, 8:30 and 11:00, each Sunday of the month. It will be a blessing to experience the gift of God's grace each week.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – August 28, 2022



### **Sunday School Starts on Rally Day, September 11th! Special Rally Day Celebration at 8:30 Service**

It's back-to-Sunday-School time for 3-year-olds – 8th graders on Sunday, September 11th. We'll welcome in the new Sunday School year with a children's message and skit at the 8:30 service.

Following the worship service, 1st-5th graders will go to Fellowship Hall for a Big Group, and all other grades will go to their Sunday School classrooms. Teachers and room numbers will be listed in the bulletin on September 11th.

If your child attended Sunday School last year, or if you are a member, your child will automatically be registered for Sunday School. All children are welcome; you can sign up your child(ren) at this link:

<https://bit.ly/3jYYi26-SignUpforSS> If you have any questions about Sunday School, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

### **Consider the Senior Choir this fall!**

*Starts this week!*

Rehearsals begin Thursday, **September 1<sup>st</sup>** from 7:30-9:00. We sing for Sunday worship services beginning Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We sing most Sundays, alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. *See you this Thursday!*

**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.

### **Adult Education Begins!**

**9:45-10:45am each Sunday**

**September 11 Outreach for Hope with Tim Culhane, OFH Board Chair**

Outreach for Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve with the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. These ministries not only provide help with daily necessities, but most importantly, they are centers in the heart of their communities for providing transformation and hope. Fast approaching is the 15th annual Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk- "Together in Hope." Join us – and invite your friends and family, too – as we work together to raise \$165K for grants to ELCA Lutheran congregations and ministries in neighborhoods where many face income insecurity, so that our Synod continues to be a presence for the Gospel in these places.

## **Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 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 11<sup>th</sup>, we begin offering Sunday school classes for children who are three years old through 8<sup>th</sup> 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> Watch for letters with details for your child's grade level. Question? Contact Gretchen Hauge or the church office.

## **Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades Begins September 7th**

Confirmation for 7th and 8th grades will happen on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:15 beginning September 7th with an orientation for parents and kids. The weekly sessions consist of a big group lesson, followed by small group time. About once a month, there will be a service night or a small group fellowship night.

Letters with details of the program were sent to 7th and 8th grade families in August. If you have a 7th or 8th grader and did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.

## **9th Grade Confirmation Begins September 14th**

Confirmation for 9th graders begins this fall on Wednesday, September 14th through November 2nd. In these eight short sessions – led by Gretchen Hauge - we will explore, through various activities and discussions, what it means to live out your faith. The Confirmation Service for this class will be on Sunday, November 6th at 1:30 in the afternoon.

**Vitamins for Guatemala:** Later this fall we'll hear from Jennifer Demar of Guatemala Service Projects of the work her group does to combat the severe malnutrition in two small communities in Guatemala. We will be helping them provide gummy or chewable children's multivitamins to kids in the community and prenatal vitamins to expectant and new mothers. Let's get our **rally on** and start bringing those vitamins to the box outside the office on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee

**Call Committee Update:** The call committee is in the process of interviewing and evaluating as they are presented by the synod. 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.*

## **Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk is Saturday, September 24**

Help ministries throughout the Greater Milwaukee Synod carry out God's work to care for people in southeastern Wisconsin. Each in-person event site offers a NEW 5K fun run, two mile walk, and road and trail bike ride unless otherwise noted, as well as a fellowship only participant option.

Pay-what-you-can registration includes access to the online fundraising platform, and a free event t-shirt and picnic lunch for those who register by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 11:59 pm Information and Registration here: [ofhrrw.org](http://ofhrrw.org)

**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.

## **Do You Have Knowledge about Website Design and Ideas to Make ours Better?**

It's time for us to update our website, and we're forming a small team to lead us through an update. We have a local small business to make the actual new website, but would like input for what changes would be most helpful to people coming to check out our church through the website. A youthful perspective or two would be especially welcome! Check out our website [stmattslutheran.org](http://stmattslutheran.org) and contact Sonja Mohr to offer your assistance. We plan to accomplish the work with few meetings; possibly on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour.

**Calling all seamstresses:** Looking for 15 Christmas sacks to carry hats, gloves, scarves, games and treats to local area foster care group homes. Bags should be at least 28" by 36", possibly a little bigger. Bags should be red and white but creative touches welcome. Please share. We would need the bags by Thanksgiving for Allies for Teens in Foster Care. Contact Allison Byrne at 414.531.2862 for further information or to offer your help.

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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