

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

August 7, 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 worshipping with, please take one.

**Altar flowers** have been provided by John & Sandy Richter in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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 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.*

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – August 7, 2022

**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

**Wednesday, August 24 at 9:00am at Colectivo**, 68<sup>th</sup> & Wells Streets  
For Beverages, conversation and good food

### 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

**Visitation and Memorial Service** for Ronald K. Wells will be held on Saturday, August 13 beginning at 1pm (visitation) until the time of the service at 3 pm. Pastor Ann Williams will officiate at this service celebrating Dr. Wells' life.

### **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.

**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](mailto:ajack.tom@gmail.com)

## 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](http://milwaukee-synod.org/giving) or through St. Matthew’s by giving online [stmatthewslutheran.org/give/](http://stmatthewslutheran.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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> and can be sent to 2368 N. 91<sup>st</sup> St., Milwaukee WI 53226 or contributed through our website [alliesforteens.org](http://alliesforteens.org). Contact Allies at [abyrne@alliesforteens.org](mailto:abyrne@alliesforteens.org) or call/text 414-531-2862 for questions. Look at Allies FB page to learn more about their work.



## **Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Return to two-service worship schedule**

Plan now to attend worship at either the 8:30 or 11:00 worship services on this day. 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. If your child attended Sunday School in a previous year, they are already enrolled for this 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



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)**