



Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
Sunday, September 19, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Sunday

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised (Psalm 113:3). And so we gather to celebrate and to praise the name of the Lord. Welcome!

Join us for Holy Communion at the 11:00 service: All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine. St. Matthew's welcomes children to receive the sacrament with parental support.

Fall Worship Schedule is now underway: Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00am

Rally Day: Sunday School begins today for ages 3 years through 8th grade. Much care is being taken to make Sunday School safe for students, teachers and their families. Instructions for classroom locations will be given at the end of the 8:30 service. For information on Sunday School contact the church office, office@stmattslutheran.org OR Gretchen Hauge, ghaugse@me.com.

Adult Education begins today, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Upper Room. Today's topic is Social Ministry. Representatives of these organizations will be present today and share how you can get involved: Guest House (Carl Johnson), Allies for Teens in Foster Care (Allison Byrne), ERAS (Julia Murphy), Outreach for Hope (Emily Wanezek). We hope you can join us.

The Library is now open Sundays during the Education Hour, 9:45-11:00 a.m.. Please feel free to visit! The Library has almost 4000 books and DVDs available for check out. It is staffed by members of the Library committee that can assist you in finding books on a specific topic as well as help you with the self check out system. Any specific questions about the Library can be directed to Linda Wunderlich (Library Coordinator) at library@stmattslutheran.org.

Anniversary books are available for purchase today in the Library Commons. The cost is \$30.00. The history of St. Matthew's, from 1920- 2020 is revealed decade by decade in a rich story arc that draws from long-established faith traditions and reaches toward our changing, modern world. Numbers are limited, so don't delay.

Wednesday Bible Study is now underway with Pastor Ann Williams from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. We are masking and bringing our own beverages and bibles. Hope you can join us. All are welcome!

Announcement Insert for 9-19-21

Congregational Forum planned for October 3rd



There will be a congregational forum on Sunday, October 3, to give the congregation an update on our current transition process and the progress made toward calling a new lead pastor. This forum will be both in person and through Zoom, beginning at 12 noon. Our Synod Bishop, Paul Erickson, will receive the MET team report and speak to us about what comes next.

RAY OF HOPE Run: Saturday, September 25th beginning at 9 a.m. at Hoyt Park, Wauwatosa. Many St. Matthew's people remember Brenda Ray, who died in 2018 of ovarian cancer. This run is in remembrance of a vibrant, energetic, faithful woman, wife, mother and friend who left us too soon. Sign up for this run at www.RayofHopeRun.com

Outreach for Hope 2021 RIDE, RUN or WALK – September 25

We Are Team St. Matthew's Wauwatosa!

Register to ride, run, or walk on Saturday, Sept. 25 to support the mission of Outreach For Hope and choose the St Matt's team.

- All four locations feature a walk.
- Three locations feature all options – ride, run, or walk.
- Rides are available in shorter or longer distances.
- All details available at: OFHRRW.org

Check out the information table in the Commons.

First Friday Book Group meets on October 1st to discuss this great book by Isabel Wilkerson, "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration." The group will meet at 7 p.m. on October 1st by Zoom. Watch for a link to be sent by email. Contact the church office or Fred Heim for more information.

Funeral Service for Agnes Wells: Saturday, October 2, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m. This is to be held at St. Matthew's.

New Member Classes will be offered on October 3, 10 and 17, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. giving an introduction to our congregation, how to have your faith fed and nurtured, how and why we serve our neighbors, and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org or speak to one of the pastors.

Confirmation Classes begin soon:

7th & 8th grade Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 with a big group lesson in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Sheila Rawn. A parent meeting will follow at 8:00 to discuss the schedule and other expectations.

9th grade Confirmation will begin Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00, and continue through November 10th. Classes are led by Gretchen Haugse, and will culminate in the service of Confirmation on Sunday, November 14th at 1:30 pm.

Music Ministry— *It's a great time for new people to join!*

Children and Youth Choirs and Handbell Ensembles begin in October. This is a great time for your child to begin participating in St. Matthew's popular music ministry. If you want to get information on this for your child, please contact John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, jreeveswk@yahoo.com Check out all the details on our website: stmattslutheran.org under welcome/worship/choirs & ensembles



The Senior Choir (adult choir) It's not too late to join the Senior Choir! It's still a great time to join us as we're learning new music. Questions can be directed to Dave Mohr, davemohr@me.com or 414-477-6430. All voice parts are welcome. Singers' masks are available for all, thanks to a generous donation from anonymous donors.

Adult Handbell Ensembles at St. Matthew's: The advanced group, Bells Angels, has resumed their Thursday evening rehearsals. Another group, The EmBELLishments, meets in the daytime on Tuesday mornings beginning on September 28th. Contact John Paradowski if you are interested in ringing handbells this fall.

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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: Haiti, Hurricane Ida, western wildfires

As you've seen in the news, the need is great. Your donations gratefully accepted. Gifts will be used in full (100%) to assist those in need until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. ELCA.org/disaster Checks can also be made payable to St. Matthew's and they will be forwarded to LDR, or pay via our website and click on Other Fund and in the notes, print 'LDR.'

Stephen Ministry Are you going through a difficult time? Would it help to have someone listen to your concerns? Stephen Ministers can help! Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a challenging situation or going through a tough time. They will not pressure you to resolve your concerns quickly or try to fix things for you. They will pray for you and honor confidentiality. To learn more talk with Pastor Ann or Sue Swing. *“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34*

Mount Meru Coffee: We need your coffee purchases in order to support Tanzanian Coffee Farmers. Your support is more important than ever as the Tanzanian people work to recover from the pandemic with fewer resources. Remember, it's delicious coffee! Check out the display in the Commons area.

What should I consider for returning to worship?

- 1) **If you are a little bit sick**--maybe with a cold, or you're not sure what it is--**please stay home!** This is the best way to care for those around you and be a responsible citizen in our community.
- 2) Not vaccinated? **Please strongly consider taking one of the vaccines**, for yourself, and for the future of mitigating the effects of this virus. Vaccines are proving to be effective against the variants, and especially against severe illness requiring hospitalization.
- 3) Still not sure it's safe? **Remember our Livestream** of Sunday Services at this link: **bit.ly/StMattsLive** (at the time of the services)

Help us to prevent the spread of COVID. If you or someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID soon after you have been in St Matthew, please contact the church office to let us know. We will always keep your personal health information private. But we do want to be able to contact those who were in close contact with you and send out a notification to relevant congregational email lists. We greatly appreciate everyone doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID in our community!

Office Hours: We have expanded our office hours to full days and are open each weekday 8:30 – 4:30, with the exception of Fridays when we close at 3:00. We are often closed over the lunch hour, Noon-1:00pm.

Pastoral Staff

Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead Pastor
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Sheila Rawn, Interim Associate Pastor

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