

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

September 25, 2022



**Welcome!** We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. May the Lord enrich our time together.

**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.

**Sunday School continues Today for ages 3K through eighth grade.** Stop at the welcome center for room locations for the various ages or watch for the signs. First through fifth graders are on the third floor of the education wing for Rotation Sunday School classes. If you would like to register your child for Sunday School, you can take your child to the class and speak to the teachers.

**Flowers at the altar** are given by Marian Benz in memory of her sister.

**Child for Baptism:** (11:00) **Eliana Marie Lanza**, child of Tony and Kellie Lanza, Waukesha, was born May 20, 2022. Eliana's siblings, Angelina, age 9, and Elijah, age 7, are her sponsors.

**Adult Education 9:45-10:45am Sunday in the Upper Room:** "Children's Feelings" Join Pastor Ann and St. Matt's members Ginny Cleppe and Beth Brown in this discussion about children and emotions. How can we better understand the emotions the children share? What can we do to help them recognize, accept, and express their feelings in healthy ways? Why is it important to do so?

**The Adult Mission Trip to Houston** group has left for their week's work: Allan Land, Kevin Hume, Ginger Wooster, Dan Gordon, and Al & Susan Van Lith are in Houston, working with SBP on home repairs after hurricane damage. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – September 25, 2022

### Now is the time to join these choirs! Children's choirs begin this week

During the Last Week of September, These Choirs will Begin:

EmBELLishments Adult Bell Choir: Tuesdays, 9:30-10:15am beginning 9/27  
New Creation Choir (grades 3-6): Wednesdays, 5:45-6:30pm beginning 9/28  
Godsbells (grades 4-6): Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm beginning 9/28  
Praise Kids (age 4K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) Thursdays, 4:00-4:50pm beginning 9/29

Youth Choirs Begin in October

New Generation Choir (7th-12th grade) Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 beginning 10/5  
Righteous Ringers (7th-12th grade) Tuesdays, 7:00-7:45pm beginning 10/18  
Questions may be directed to John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, music ministry staff.

**Blood Drive** at St. Matthew's is only a week away, Monday, October 3, 2022, between 2:00-6:00 p.m. Here's how you can sign up:

- 1) Paper copy of registration schedule is at the Welcome Center *or*
- 2) Use the QR code to the right with your smart phone to link to schedule

Versiti tells us that blood supplies are low right now and that a successful drive at St. Matthew's would be so helpful in contributing to alleviate the shortage.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to Receive Bibles

This year's 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be presented with Bibles at the 8:30 worship service on October 2nd. Following the service, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents will attend a class on using their new bibles during the Education Hour, 9:45-10:45am. We hope that these young readers will make engagement with scripture a life-long habit!

**Adult Education Next Week:** (October 2, 9:45-10:45am) **Forgotten, Misrepresented, and Marginalized Figures of Early Christianity (Part 4):** Who took over the early Christian movement after Jesus' crucifixion? Peter? Paul? How about John? The answer: James, the brother of Jesus. Didn't know Jesus had a brother? Actually, he had four and at least two sisters. We will scour biblical, extra-biblical and historical sources to find out all about this obscure figure known in history as James the Just. **Led by Dan Bice**

**NAMI Walk Wisconsin in Wauwatosa!** This year's NAMI walk in southeastern Wisconsin is right here in Wauwatosa beginning at Hoyt Park. The date is Saturday, October 8 at 9am. There are many from St. Matthew's who have supported this event before, in memory of Eric Kloth, and now also in memory of Doris Kloth. If you are interested in joining in the walk to raise funds for this important organization which supports those struggling with mental health as well as their families, please consider signing up and making a donation. Here is the link to register for the walk: <https://bit.ly/3DsBFNH-NAMI-Tosa>

## **Book Group: First Discussion on October 7th**

You decide which books you wish to read for the discussions you wish to participate in. Discussions begin at 7pm on the dates listed, held at St. Matthew's.

Friday, October 7 *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles, 592 pages

Friday, November 4 *While Justice Sleeps: A Novel* by Stacey Abrams, 480 pages

Full List on our website and also available at church.

**Food Collection – September 18-25** We are collecting food and hygiene and cleaning products for the Cross Lutheran and Tosa Cares Food Pantries as they continue to serve growing numbers of people.

**Peanut Butter**

**Soup, Chili**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

**Pork and Beans**

**Canned spaghetti, Beefaroni, etc.**

**Hygiene and cleaning products**

**Tuna**

**Canned fruits**

**Pasta**

**Fruit snacks**

**Canned Meats**

**Instant Oatmeal**

**Mac & cheese**

**Juice Boxes**

**Canned veggies**

Donations should be brought to the food collection area across from the church office.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## **Children's Vitamins being collected for Guatemala Service Projects:**

Malnutrition is a huge problem in Guatemala. There are many consequences of poor early childhood nutrition, including lack of brain development, illness, and listlessness. But, when a child gets a positive and healthy start on growth and development, many more opportunities exist for a better, healthier future. In our vitamins program, we give chewy or gummy multivitamins to kids in the community. We also provide prenatal vitamins to expectant mothers, giving very early nutritional benefit to mom and baby simultaneously! Please collect vitamins (which expire June 2023 or later, please) and bring them to the box outside the church office. With any questions, please contact Jennifer Demar ([president@guatasp.org](mailto:president@guatasp.org)) or talk to Tammi Krueger Poe in church! *Learn more about this organization and its ministry at the Adult Education session on October 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**God's Work. Our Hands. Thank you to everyone** who participated! Including: those who took cards to send to our 37 homebound folks. Thank you to Jill and Brian Due for baking brownies for Wauwatosa firefighters. They were surprised and happy to receive them. Thank you to Chris Zello and Jim Bowen for assembling 20 lunches for the women at Sisters North and thanks also to the 6-8 grade Sunday schoolers who decorated those bags. Thank you to those who wrote letters of advocacy for Bread for the World. Thank you to everyone who brought food and vitamins for those collections. Remember, God's work is not just one day of the year. Keep reaching out.

**MT. MERU COFFEE** Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. Your purchase helps provide sustainable incomes for the farmers growing these coffees. While we try to maintain an inventory of the basic coffee in drip grind and bean and the Peaberry coffee in drip and bean, there are many other products available which can be ordered if not in stock. These include four choices of flavored coffee which are Butter Pecan, French Vanilla, Hazelnut and Chocolate Raspberry, premium sampler packs that feature six coffees, single serve “K” cups that fit many coffee makers, four pound packages of coffee and “Perfect Pot” packages for 12 cup coffee makers. Stop by the coffee cart during the coffee hour for more information or to place an order.

**Get the St. Matthew’s App. It’s new!** A new way to be connected and a shortcut to the important ways to connect to the information you want you to know. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code here, then follow the instructions on your phone.



**Wednesday Bible Study continues this week!** Join Pastor Ann and the great group of people who enjoy gathering each week for bible study and discussion, beginning at 10:00am and lasting one hour. It’s a great way to deepen your faith in a positive way. Everyone is welcome. Meeting is in the Upper Room.

<b>YTD Financial Results as of:</b>	<b>09/18/22</b>
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>	<b>\$621,480</b>
<b>Hunger Basket / Meal Outreach Receipts</b>	<b>\$10,055</b>
<b>Benevolence Disbursements</b>	<b>\$124,156</b>
<b>Building Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$240,577</b>

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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