



**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021  
*17th 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 8:30 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

**Sunday School continues** today for ages 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9:40-10:30 a.m. Much care is being taken to make Sunday School safe for students, teachers and their families. For information on Sunday School contact the church office, [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org) OR Gretchen Haugse, [ghaugse@me.com](mailto:ghaugse@me.com).

**Repairers of the Breach Help Needed This Morning!** Come to the main kitchen downstairs after the 8:30 worship service (appr. 9:45 a.m.) and help us put together bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach homeless outreach center. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there.

**Learn About the NAMI Walks Team "Remembering Doris and Eric Kloth at today's Adult Education gathering, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Upper Room.** NAMI was important to Eric Kloth, who lived for years with mental illness. After his death in 2010, Doris Kloth began to fundraise for NAMI through their annual walk, with the 'Remembering Eric Kloth' team. Doris died earlier this year, and the Kloth Family, especially her husband, Luther, are carrying on this family legacy. We are supporting this effort as a congregational family. Come to hear about it this morning!

**Altar flowers** have been provided by Joe Ceci and Pam Stokke-Ceci in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**(11:00) Child for Baptism: Charlie James Bradley Michelson**, child of Laura & Craig Michelson, Brookfield, was born January 22, 2021. Sponsors are Rob Sickler and Jane Riecan.

## *Announcement Insert for 9-26-21*

### **Congregational Forum planned for October 3rd**

Important  
Notice!

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.

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**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.

**Wednesday Bible Study** is now underway with Pastor Ann Williams from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday, now in the Upper Room. We are masking in respect for those more vulnerable. We had a great group this past week, but there is still space for you!

**First Friday Book Group** meets on October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, with Pastor Ann Williams officiating and the Senior Choir singing for the service.

### **Upcoming Adult Education, Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am October 3**

**Bishop Erickson & St. Matthew's 100th Anniversary Celebration** ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson spent time at St. Matthew's as a child when his father was associate pastor here. Come listen to his unique perspective.

### **October 10**

**Meet the Pastors of St. Matthew's** - We have three female pastors for the first time in St. Matthew's history! Get to know them a little better during this informal time together.

**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](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org) or speak to one of the pastors.

### **Volunteers Needed**

- Pew Tender-Straighten and re-stock pews.
- Quiet Sacs-Maintain Quiet Sacs that are used in worship.

Both of these volunteer roles take about 2 hours per month. The tasks can be done whenever the church is open; day or evening. Great for a parent waiting for a child in choir, confirmation... Please contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net).

### **Women's Book Discussion Starts Wednesday, October 6**

#### **Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent and Lead by Brené Brown**

Meeting in person at St. Matthew's Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in October (October 6, 13, 20, 27). Read introduction and Chapters 1-2 for our first meeting on October 6th. The book is readily available in various formats. If you need assistance in getting a book or for more information please contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net). All are always welcome!

### **Quilt Ministry Fall Quilt Blitz:**

we are inviting YOU to join us for a few hours on **Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall** (please wear a mask) to carry on the mission of quilting for others. Remember all of those comfy quilts on the pew backs on Mother's Day? Those were blessed and sent out into the local community and nationwide. Questions? Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at [bevetz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevetz@sbcglobal.net) or 262-250-3969. Empty nesters, young families, grandparents, etc....you are all invited!

*Stop by or stay to assist with simple tasks on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall*

**Confirmation Classes: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation** continues each week, taught by Pastor Sheila Rawn. Please contact her with questions, or if you wish to have your child attend. ([pastorsheila@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:pastorsheila@stmattslutheran.org))

**9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation** will begin Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, and continue through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes are led by Gretchen Hauge, and will culminate in the service of Confirmation on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jreeveswk@yahoo.com) Check out all the details on our website: [stmattslutheran.org](http://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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact John Paradowski if you are interested in ringing handbells this fall.

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### **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](http://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 at St. Matthew's, 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 people. We greatly appreciate everyone doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID in our community!

**Office Hours:** The church office is open full days 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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