

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

September 4, 2022



**Welcome!** On this Labor Day weekend, we pray that all our daily labors may be an extension of this time of worship, done to the glory of God. 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.

**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.

**Wednesday Bible Study begins 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.

**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. . New this year: Holy Communion will be offered at all services, each Sunday. The Education hour for Sunday school and Adult classes runs from 9:45-10:45 am. Join us on Rally Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **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. 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 Haugse or the church office.

**The church office** will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the Date: Blood Drive** at St. Matthew's, Monday, October 3, 2022.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – September 4, 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!**

Rehearsals began this past Thursday, 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. *Join us any time!*

### **Are you an experienced handbell player? Consider Bells Angels bell choir.**

Rehearsals began Thursday 9/1 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 on Rally Day 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.

*Kick off our Adult Education Season with this great speaker!*

## 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 Haugse - 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.

## "God's Work. Our Hands" Day of Service will be celebrated on September 18 at St.

Matthew's. "God's Work. Our Hands" is a celebration that should take place every day in our Christian lives. Some activities we will feature on Sept. 18 are: baking and delivering brownies and bars for our city firefighters, sending greetings to our shut-in members

and friends at Luther Manor, making a hot meal and a lunch to share with the women at the Benedict Center's Sisters North House, collecting vitamins for Guatemala, and an adult mission trip to help a homeowner in Houston, TX. Get creative, you can do a neighborhood clean up, write letters advocating for better treatment of marginalized citizens, see if a neighbor needs help with home maintenance or yard work. The list is endless. Whatever you do for the least of these is what you do for Christ.

**"God's work. Our hands."**



**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	Tuna	Canned Meats
Soup, Chili	Instant Oatmeal	Canned fruits and vegetables
Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta	Mac & cheese
Pork and Beans	Fruit snacks	Juice Boxes
Canned spaghetti, Beefaroni, etc.		

**Hygiene and cleaning products** (these items are not covered by SNAP, So they are especially needed)

Cross can also accept gift certificates to Pick'n Save.

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

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Quilt Ministry Blitz to be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 1:00pm** Be a part of *Stitches of Love* in the 2022-2023 season and join us on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00am-1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch to enjoy and a friend to share in the handiwork. Easy tasks for all, come when you can! Any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at bevetz@sbcglobal.net or at 262-250-3969.

### **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)

### **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.

**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

### **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 ([office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org)) to offer your assistance. We plan to accomplish the work with few meetings; possibly on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour.