



**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's**  
Sunday, September 5, 2021  
*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

**We're glad you're here:** Jesus urged his disciples, "Come away ... and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

**Join us for Holy Communion:** 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.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule:**

Sunday, September 12                      ONE worship service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 19 and beyond    Fall Worship Schedule  
Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00am



**Festive Service planned for September 12<sup>th</sup>:** We will kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a "Welcome Back" Sunday on September 12<sup>th</sup>, with **one worship service** at 10:15 a.m. Plans are in the works for a Spirit-Filled worship. Come to feel the Holy Spirit move among us as we listen and proclaim the Word, share in the Meal of Holy Communion, and sing and make music to our God. All are welcome to come and worship as a community in Christ.

Following the service, there will be a picnic in the West parking lot, with Denson's food truck, as well as Pete's Pops, offering their unique frozen treats. You also could bring your own picnic lunch.

Join us to **Reflect, Rejoice and Renew** on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It is so good to be together, and we look forward to this opportunity for celebration on this day.

**Rally Day is September 19<sup>th</sup>**, when we begin our fall worship schedule, with two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. This allows time for an Education Hour from 9:45-10:45 a.m. On this day, Sunday School will resume for young people three years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and there will be an Education time for adults also. Come to the 8:30 service for a Rally Day Sunday School Kickoff. For information on Sunday School for 3-year-olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, contact the church office, [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org) OR Gretchen Haugse, [ghaugse@me.com](mailto:ghaugse@me.com). Parents, watch your email for details about SS safety protocols and schedule.

## ***Additional Announcements for 9-5-21***

### **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](http://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 put LDR.

**Women Together in Prayer** plans gathering for Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: WTIP is a "secret prayer partner" opportunity to have someone praying for you throughout the year, and for you to pray for another person throughout the year. Each year of prayer is marked with a breakfast where prayer partners are revealed, usually in the Spring. We'll gather on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00 A.M at St. Matthew's. We hope to enjoy a light continental breakfast (fruit & muffins) followed by devotional time with Pastor Ann and Prayer partner reveal. All women are welcome. You do not need to be part of this ministry to attend!

**SAINTS Older Adults Ministry** to resume gatherings in September. **Retired pastor Margaret Schoewe** will be speaking to us on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. A box lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. You can sign up now in the Upper Commons or in the church office. Suggested donation for a CityMarket box lunch is \$10.00.

### **The Mums Are Back! Sunday September 12th**

It's a perfect time to replace some of those annuals that looked great in spring but didn't fare well through the heat of August. Mums are a cool weather flowering plant that can be enjoyed outdoors as well as inside.

- **\$10 each**
- **Sunday, September 15**
- **Variety of colors available in 8" pots**
- **Sold before and after the 10:15am service in the St. Matt's parking lot**

**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 plans to meet in person in the Upper Room at church at 7 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

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

**The Senior Choir** (adult choir)

It's not too late to join the Senior Choir! We've had one rehearsal, but 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 will be available for all.



**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. Contact John Paradowski if you are interested in ringing handbells this fall.

**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

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**Outreach for Hope 2021 RIDE, RUN or WALK**

*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](http://OFHRRW.org)

This is a wonderful event for the family and a great way to participate in a well-organized event for a great cause. Please contact Julia Murphy through the church office for additional information or check out the information table in the Commons.



**Looking Ahead:** 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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**RAY OF HOPE Run:** Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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 who left us too soon. Sign up for this run at [www.RayofHopeRun.com](http://www.RayofHopeRun.com)

**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.

**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

**Office Hours:** We have expanded our office hours to full days and are open each weekday 8:30 – 4:30. We are often closed over the lunch hour, Noon-1:00pm.

**Nanny Needed:** The Collins Family is looking for a nanny for their children, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00, in their Enderis Park neighborhood home. It would be primarily for their 1-year-old son, but also part-time for their 3- and 6-year-old. Please contact Sarah Collins for further information at 773-412-5365 or by email: [Sarah.collins@cuw.edu](mailto:Sarah.collins@cuw.edu) Share this request with people you know, and help out this St. Matthew's family.

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