

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

February 4, 2024



Welcome to worship We worship as we live — in the name, and under the guidance, of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the Epiphany, may God enlighten us all.

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. Juice is available as an alternative to wine, in the center of each communion tray. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

A large-print bulletin is available from an usher. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshiping with, please take one.

Today, we welcome Guest Preacher Frank Janzow. Pastor Frank served at Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha, for 37 years. He was also our guest preacher in April 2023. In his retirement, he is an author, guitarist, songwriter and pastoral coach (www.sundaycreations.com) We are grateful for his willingness to share his time and gifts for ministry with us today.



The Good News!

Lead Pastor Approved by Congregation at last Sunday's meeting.

What's Next?

We await our candidate for lead pastor to give us word that his congregation has been notified of his intent to accept our call, so that we can share his name with all of you. Those of you who had the opportunity to meet Pastor and family last Saturday at the Meet & Greet spoke of being impressed with his warmth, friendliness, enthusiasm and energy. We look forward to getting to know him better in the weeks ahead, and sharing a timeline for starting his ministry among us.

Call Committee Thank you! We thank this group who worked so hard to get us to this point, with a candidate so many are excited about. Brian Due, as chairperson, was a faithful and steady leader throughout. Other members of the Call Committee are Diane DuBois, Nancy Bowen, Kristen Charlson, Robert Mochel and Dave Celata. These people also served for a long time on the committee and we thank them: Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver, Andy Cherney

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, February 4, 2024

Upcoming Adult Education:

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation in February

All are Welcome. Come when you can! Our Adult Faith Formation hour supports the faith growth of our church and on line community. This is a weekly opportunity to engage your mind in faith related topics, meet others with similar interests and connect with your church community. We gather on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 A.M.

February 4 Meeting Paul Anew - Part 3 With Dan Bice

Many of us have been taught that the Apostle Paul taught a “law-free gospel” in which God’s grace stands at odds with the works of the Old Testament law. But what if that wasn’t Paul’s message? A number of leading scholars are suggesting an alternative view that places Paul in his 1st Century Jewish context. Are they right? If so, does this change your understanding of salvation and the Christian life?

February 11

Nehemiah Project - The Milwaukee Center for the Study and Practice of Forgiveness With Marye Beth Dugan; Executive Director for the Nehemiah Project Planning Team

Forgiveness is a by-product of an on-going healing process. It takes time and can go through various stages including grief, rage, sorrow, fear and confusion. Nehemiah has begun a new initiative to build on their past work with forgiveness, striving to create strong and sustainable forgiveness practices throughout the Milwaukee Metropolitan area. Their intention is to be a community resource extending their outreach to private individuals, professionals and organizations.

Don't skip this huge congregational event!

Night in NOLA Dinner Auction is February 9th

Plan to join us for this annual event that supports the Youth Mission Trip. The theme this year is Night in NOLA, where you can expect a preview of this summer’s mission trip to New Orleans. Food, entertainment, and decorations will reflect the colorful culture of New Orleans.

The event begins at 5:30 with hor d’œuvres and an auction bidding. Dinner starts at 6:30. Sign up at the welcome Center OR by using the QR code.

Dinner Auction Bidding Opens Sunday!

Items for the Night in NOLA Dinner Auction are on display and open for bidding. From babysitting services to themed baskets, there is plenty to choose from! All proceeds from the auction will support the Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans next summer.



Night in Nola
Dinner Auction
Friday, February 9th

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Proceeds benefit
Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans

To help us plan food amounts, please
sign up at this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/NightinNOLA>



February & March KFC & DOC dates: Join Us for Children's Ministry!

Parents of children in grades 1-5, consider bringing your child for Children's Ministry gatherings. (See the dates below) We will gather for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Join us for pizza and a game of Capture the Flag. Please bring \$5/child for lunch.

Kids for Christ (1st-3rd grades)

Sunday, February 4 from 12:00-2pm

Sunday, March 3, 12:00-2pm

Disciples of Christ (4th & 5th grades)

Sunday, February 11 from 12-2pm

Sunday, March 10, 12:00-2:00 pm

Join us for Worship on Ash Wednesday
February 14 -- Two Worship Services
10:00 am and 7:15 pm

Services include Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion



Midweek Evening Adult Bible Study--Wednesdays 6pm-7pm Now Underway:

It's not too late for you to join them

Take a pause during the busy week and join us for an hour of fellowship, growth and good humor as we journey through the Bible, starting with the Gospel of John! What are the synoptic gospels and why isn't John one of them? Who is the Disciple Jesus Loved? What's up with foot washing? This is an ELCA study; all viewpoints are welcome. Bring ideas and join us for the conversation! Meeting in the Upper Room

Beer Barons of St. Matthew's - No Skills Required

The Beer Barons had an excellent turnout back in January and look to break "liquid bread" yet again in February! As always, drinking is not required, but the Beer Barons invite men of St. Matthew's to meet other men where they're at. Thursday, February 15th, we'll be O'Sullivan's at 12525 W. North Ave. from 8-10pm.

2023 Printed Annual Reports are available for pick-up today at the Welcome Center and across from the church office.

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 from Alfa Flower shop 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. The Sign-up Book is at the Welcome Center.

Women's Retreat planned March 8-10 at Cedar Valley Retreat Center. A registration flyer is at the Welcome Center, or, contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net for more info. Sign up now, as there is limited space available. There's also a Saturday-only option for attending. Guest presenter for the weekend is Danette Braun of Abundance Life Coaching.

Will you become a Friend?

The Friends of Luther Manor — many of whom are members of ELCA congregations — have been around since 1961. Become a part of this rich tradition!

As a Friend, your gift will help **bridge the gap** between Medicaid and the actual cost of care for older adults who have outlived their savings.

Please consider beginning or renewing a membership to help support Luther Manor's vital work. For more information on Luther Manor Foundation and how to become a Friend, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/FriendsLM2024> or scan the QR code:



Thank you to our Assistants for worship services today!

(It's possible some of these people have switched dates since the bulletin was printed on Thursday morning. "Open" means this spot was not filled when bulletin was printed.)

Volunteer Host: Flash Gordon.

Acolytes: (8:30) Mary Ellen Millenbach, Daniel Zello. (11:00) Kaden Bitar, *open*.

Coffee Hosts: Laura Hyland, Dollie Kirchner.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Marian Benz, Noah Weileder. (11:00) Hannah Malloy, Marge Crawford.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Rita Reinke, Jen Richter. (11:00) Kristin Hanson, Rosalind Rouse.

Greeters: (8:30) Ken & Sue Voigt, Linda Merklein, Bob & Theresa Zwaska. (11:00) Linda Young, Jennifer & Paul Kramer, Kristin Hanson.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Carl Johnson. (11:00) Joy Wedel.

Ushers: (8:30) James Blomquist, Brad Forrest, Tim Goetsch, Luke Grove, Fred Reinke, Bob Kettler, captain. (11:00) Zachary Peterson, Rob & Joy Wedel.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Jan Johnson. (11:00) Annette Olson.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) Marion Heinz.

Library Assistant: Peggy Klemme. **Stephen Minister:** Gloria Potter.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Eli & Owen Schaar. (9:45) Dave McCullough. (11:00) Stephen Skaife, Conor Williams.

Pastoral Staff: Ann Williams, Associate Pastor (*Lead pastor position open*)

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.

Interim Senior Choir Director: Alexa Doebele.

Music Staff: Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.

Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.

Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.

Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



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