

# Welcome to St. Matthew's

April 21, 2024



**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers are available to those using the center aisle distribution stations. 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 worshipping with, please take one.

**Name Tags:** To help Pastor Kevin learn people's names, we will offer name tags each week. It will be helpful to him in connecting names and faces as he begins his ministry here.

**Child for Baptism (11:00): Elliott Richard Gluth**, child of Kellie & Richard Gluth, Wauwatosa, who was born November 8, 2023. Sponsors are Rachel Gaeger and James Gluth.

**Flowers at the altar** have been given by Steve & Betty Williams in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**Healing Services today** Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward at the time of healing and Holy Communion, along with their support persons or family members. Check out the Healing Prayer Pew card in the rack in front of you for more information on St. Matthew's Healing prayer ministry and how you can participate.

## **Adult Education 9:45-10:45am in the Upper Room:**

**TODAY: A Follow-Up–Discussing the Israel-Hamas War:** We recently hosted leading Muslim and Jewish voices in Milwaukee as they passionately debated the current war between Israel and Hamas. Where do we go from here? Conor Williams, Dan Bice and Pastor Kevin will lead an adult forum aimed at helping us to focus on the key issues in this Middle Eastern dispute.

**April 28 Adult Education:** Pastor Ann spoke about applying for a sabbatical grant during the annual meeting. What is a sabbatical anyway? What is the goal of a sabbatical for both pastor and congregation? What will happen while she's away? Come hear about the What, Where, When and Hows of a sabbatical in the Upper Room on April 28th.

**The second of two new member classes will take place** today at 9:45 am. In the Choir Room. Sue Swing will lead the class. The Choir Room is located down the hallway near the library, in our education wing, on the same level as the worship space.

**ROTB Lunches will be assembled this morning** at 9:30 am downstairs in the main kitchen.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, April 21, 2024

**Wednesday evening adult Bible study** continues through May. Meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Come for the learning and laughter! Stay after for the snacks! Contact David or Robbie Locher for info; [davidjlocher@gmail.com](mailto:davidjlocher@gmail.com)

**Undie Sunday** is underway through April 21<sup>st</sup>. We do this collection for Guest House and Benedict Center, and collect all sorts of underwear for men and women. Check out the details at the display in the Upper Commons. Thanks for your support of this collection! The collection spot is the big wooden box outside the church office. We'll accept donations through tomorrow.

**St. Matthew's Garden Crew** will have a spring meeting on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 9 am to plan for this growing season. All are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend and wish to be part of the crew, you can contact Bob Zwaska, our Garden Crew coordinator, [zwaska@wi.rr.com](mailto:zwaska@wi.rr.com)

**Quilt Ministry Blitz** will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9am – 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in creating warm quilts are welcome to help, and workers at all levels of experience are needed. Come when your schedule allows and bring your lunch and beverage to enjoy during the devotion time. This will be the final workshop before the Mother's Day blessing on Sunday, May 12th. We will concentrate on finishing up all quilts before the blessing and distribution of the quilts in the community. Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or [bevetz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevetz@sbcglobal.net) with any questions

### ***Looking Ahead to some fun opportunities:***

**Game Night:** Game Night is Friday May, 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-9:00 pm at St. Matthew's! Bring a game, snack and a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Bill Richter; [wrichter1977@gmail.com](mailto:wrichter1977@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**Volleyball:** St. Matt's member, Sarah Frets, has organized a St. Matt's volleyball team. The season starts on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:15 pm at Classic Lanes in Oak Creek. Subs may be needed and fan support is highly encouraged! For more info please contact Sarah; [sebolgert@gmail.com](mailto:sebolgert@gmail.com).

### ***Mt. Meru Coffee: Your support is needed now especially***

Just as we have experienced some changes in our weather this past year, so have the coffee farmers in the Mt. Meru region of Tanzania in East Africa. This has affected the size of coffee harvests this past year so your purchase of Mt. Meru coffee is more important than ever. We stock the standard coffee in regular and decaf, grind or bean, in 12 oz. bags for \$12. We also try to keep our Peaberry coffee in stock. This is a regular coffee in 12 oz. bags for \$18 and is less acidic than the standard regular. Besides our flavored coffees there are other sizes and packaging options available for order. Stop by the coffee cart for more information. Remember, all coffee served at St. Matthew's during the coffee hour or other functions is Mt. Meru. Justice never tasted so good!

**First Fridays Book Group Discussion** - We meet on the first Friday of each month for a discussion, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room at church. You can come just for the books you choose to read with us! Or come to all of them. You're sure to enjoy the discussion.

**May 3** *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel, 367 pages

**June 7** *Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel* by Shelby Van Pelt, 360 pages

**The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee** will hold its spring concerts soon, featuring John Rutter's "Requiem" with the theme Eternal Life. The first concert is Friday evening, April 26 at 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., in Waukesha. The concert will also be given on Sunday afternoon, April 28 at 3:00 pm at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. Tickets are \$15 general admission and students free with student ID. The group is led by Thomas Ajack and accompanied by Richard Ewert. Paul Davis, Karen Haglund and John Schilling are St. Matt's members who sing in the choir.

This spring's **Jubilate Chorale Concert** will feature *Jubilate Deo* by Dan Forrest with Chamber orchestra. This concert will be performed twice: Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, and Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in New Berlin. Tickets are available at [www.jubilatechorale.org](http://www.jubilatechorale.org). Brian & Bridget Smith of St. Matthew's are singers in the choir.

**Tosa Cares**, the Wauwatosa Food Pantry we support, has begun their first fundraising campaign, after 16 years of serving families in Wauwatosa. Recent years have posed unprecedented challenges for many. Economic instability, job losses and rising costs of living have pushed more families to seek assistance from our pantry than ever before. The number of families we serve regularly has increased from 188 in 2019, to 313 in 2023. With your support we have risen to meet this increased demand, but we need additional resources to continue our mission to serve our guests. **Your \$50 donation** will allow us to provide food and personal care items for one family at an upcoming distribution. To make a donation of any size, or learn more about how you can get involved, scan the QR code here or visit our web site at [tosacares.org](http://tosacares.org)



## **Erickson Scholarship Applicants**

### **Apply now for scholarship consideration**

It is time to apply or renew your application for a scholarship from the Rev. Gary and Susan Erickson scholarship Fund for the 2024-2025 school year. Eligibility is based on:

- 1) Students studying at a theological seminary;**
- 2) Students enrolled in a bachelor/arts music program intending work in church related music;**
- 3) Students enrolled in ELCA college or any Lutheran college**

Applications can be found at the church office or online at [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org) or request the document by email to [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org) Any questions regarding the scholarship or application may be addressed to Al Van Lith or Nancy Herrell. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2024**.

**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) Jack Clark, Clare Kasdorf. (11:00) *open*.

**Coffee Hosts:** Susan Bisswurm, Laura Goeckermann.

**Communion Preparers:** (8:30) Karla Baierl, Nancy Bowen. (11:00) Hannah Malloy, Julie Schmidt.

**Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Marion Heinz, Chuck Crook. (11:00) Joanne Ziarek, Kristin Hanson.

**Greeters:** (8:30) Marian Benz, Jenny Acompanado, Mike & Donna Gifford. (11:00) Diann Lebow, Linda & Mark Young.

**Lay Readers:** (8:30) Kevin Ede. (11:00) Tressa Bruggink.

**Ushers:** (8:30) Jim Bowen, Rob Sholl, Mary Ann Gordon, Dave Fagerberg, Don Birschel, John Charlson, Mary Ellen Millenbach. (11:00) Maggie Dugan.

**Lay Assistant:** (8:30) Anne-Marie Nickel.

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

**Library Assistant:** Linda Wunderlich.

**Stephen Minister:** Beth Brown.

**Worship Technology:** (8:30) David Locher, *open*. (9:45) Ed Bross. (11:00) Dave McCullough, Conor Williams.

YTD Financial Results as of:	04/14/24
General Fund Receipts	\$280,244
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$362,215
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$81,971)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$30,664
Building Fund Balance	\$187,034

Pastoral Staff: Kevin Kretzmann Farrar, Lead Pastor; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

Adult Ministries: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, Lynne Thomas

Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.

Music Minister: John Paradowski.

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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