

Welcome to St. Matthew's

May 19, 2024



Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. May we be open to the Spirit's dynamic leading.

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.

Children for Baptism (11:00): Michael James Hafemann and Myles Joseph Hafemann, children of Stephanie Schulfer-Hafemann and William Hafemann, Wauwatosa. Michael is seven years old, and his sponsors are Edmund Schulfer and Xurianna Chisum. Myles is three months old, and was born February 18. His sponsors are Corianna Cavazos and Michael Reinicker.

First Communion: We welcome Charlie Huth and family as Charlie receives his first communion at the 11:00 service today.

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

May 19 - How Lutherans Founded Parish Nursing Presented by David Zersen

Parish Nursing is a specialty practice recognized by the American Nursing Association that combines nursing with health ministry, emphasizing health and healing in a faith community.

Simply said, it's a practice through which many religious groups serve the health needs of their members. Started by the Lutheran Church in Germany as Gemeindeschwestern (parish nurses), the movement developed independently in Lutheran churches in the U.S. and now has spread to denominations and institutions worldwide.

The Women's Group meets this morning at 9:45 am in the Youth Room. All women welcome.

Adult Mission Trip 2024 –Come hear about an October trip from St. Matthew's

We are going once again to New Orleans, LA for our Adult Mission Trip this year. We will be traveling Sunday October 20 and returning Saturday October 26, working closely with our New Orleans's partner, SBP (sbpusa.org). **We will have a meeting on May 19 in the Small Conference Room to talk about the trip.** Look for the signs for the meeting room. This will be a self-funded trip that will not only bring together a group of adults with a common purpose but also allow for fellowship with each other. We are looking at a cost of \$900 to \$1,100. This cost will cover flights, transportation and most of the food. If you have any questions, you can contact Al Land at

mktval@wi.rr.com

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, May 19, 2024

One Week from Today! We begin our Summer Worship schedule on May 26 with **one service** at 9:30 am, all summer long. Coffee and fellowship time will be held outside when weather allows.

Summer Office Hours: Beginning May 24, the church office closes at 12 noon on Fridays.

“Building Renewal” We’re beginning a Special Appeal to renew our building and keep it in good condition into the future, to keep pace with the vitality and optimism of our mission.

We have a list of projects to fulfill this goal: new carpeting, repave the parking lot, seal the roof leaks, updates to doors and windows, repurpose the Bride’s Chapel to be more family-friendly; enhance worship technology and update the organ. The goal is \$300,000. We are currently **debt-free** and wish to raise this amount to pay for the updates in 2024 and 2025 through your commitments to the projects. Check out our website home page for more information. Watch for a mailing to come to your home, or pick up a pledge card at the Welcome Center and let us know your level of support of this appeal. Thank you!

Building Renewal
2024-2025



St Matthew's Lutheran Church
See! I make all things new. Revelation 21:5

Stepping On Class (*safety from falls*) to be offered beginning May 28 – Sign up by May 20! Tuesdays, May 28 through July 9, 2024 - 9:45 - 11:45 am *St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Upper Room - Cost is free.* You will learn how to identify fall risk factors, how to get up safely from a fall, sitting and standing strength and balance exercises, strategies to help you stay independent and active, and how footwear, medication and vision can affect your risk for falling.

Is Stepping On for you?

- 60 and older
- Have fallen or are fearful of falling
- Live independently
- Are cognitively aware
- Walk without assistance or with a cane, or use a walker outdoors only

Questions? Contact Kimberly Lombard, program facilitator, by calling 414-805-8744 or email kimberly.lombard@froedtert.com Register for this workshop series by calling 414-777-7700, option 4 or visit froedtert.com/classes. **The registration deadline is May 20.**

St. Matt's Meet-Ups are back for 2024! These casual gatherings, usually outdoors, are an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy our short Wisconsin summers.

Wednesday, May 22 at 11:30am at Ally's Powerhouse

A restaurant with an outdoor patio at 10460 W. Innovation Drive, Wauwatosa.

Wednesday, June 5, 9:00-11:00am at Colectivo, 68th & Wells St.

Look for the St. Matthew's sign on the table to identify the St. Matt's folks present.

Volleyball each Tuesday: St. Matt's member, Sarah Frets, has organized a St. Matt's volleyball team. The season has begun, meeting Tuesdays 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.

Next Sunday, May 26 we welcome back Pastor Carolyn Fredriksen who will give the Gospel message. Remember the summer worship time: one service at 9:30 am

2024 VBS Volunteer Registration—Adults and Youth—*We need you to sign up to help!*

Join us July 29th -August 2nd from 8:45-11:45 and volunteer for a faith and fun-filled week. Click on the link below and fill out the form no later than July 15th. An individual form needs to be submitted for each volunteer. Youth volunteers must be entering 6th grade or older. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 414-774-0441 or email donnagm@me.com. Thank you for helping with this amazing ministry! Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/msd8km2m>

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. There are other sizes and packaging options available for order. Stop by the coffee cart for more information. Justice never tasted so good!

Graduating Seniors to be Celebrated on June 2nd!

On Sunday, June 2nd, at the 9:30 worship service, we will recognize and celebrate St. Matthew's Class of 2024, with a cake reception to follow. We have been blessed by the service and participation of this group of young people. They have sung and rung in our choirs, acted in pageants and dramas, assisted in Sunday School and VBS, and participated in mission trips and other service events. We will miss them as they begin a new chapter full of opportunities and discovery, and we wish them Godspeed on all that awaits them!



June 1st: Ray Of Hope Run

In memory of Brenda Ray and others who bravely endured ovarian cancer

Are you interested taking a run or walk through Hoyt Park and supporting a good cause? Would you help to support a fundraiser for education and research of ovarian cancer? Please join us June 1st for the Ray of Hope Run. Registration is open on rayofhoperun.org.

A Memorial Celebration for Will Robertson will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 pm at The Table, 5305 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee. Will died in December 2024 after a long illness. He was a newer member of St. Matthew's and made many friends here. Please join Will's friends and family as they gather to celebrate and remember a life well lived.

Lenten Offerings Help Support Scholarship Programs in El Salvador & Tanzania

Thanks to your Lenten donations, we collected nearly \$10,000 to support our scholarship programs in El Salvador & Tanzania. The donations will be shared with families who struggle to provide an education for their children because they cannot afford the cost of sending their children to school. Thank you for your generosity! **We continue to lift up this need in the hope that we fully support these programs and offer a scholarship to each student who needs one.** You can learn more about the 39 students who need scholarships at Pan de Vida by checking out the bulletin boards in the music hallway. If you have questions about sponsoring students in El Salvador and Tanzania, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

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: Ruth Kallio-Mielke.

Acolytes: (8:30) *open*. (11:00) Lily Wiemer.

Coffee Hosts: Sarah & Mike Ebenhoe.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Karla Baiert, Noah Weileder. (11:00) Siena Petersen, *open*.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Karie Clement, Rita Reinke. (11:00) Donna McAllister, *open*.

Greeters: (8:30) Linda Merklein, Mike Baiert, Laura Goeckermann, Trudy Zauner. (11:00) Karen Johnson, *open*.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Joanne Ziarek. (11:00) Connie Malloy.

Ushers: (8:30) Quinn Assenheimer, Don Birschel, Joe & Lisa Chiesa, Flash Gordon, Sue Voigt, Bret Rockenbach, *captain*. (11:00) Hannah Malloy.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Rob Sholl.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) Diann Lebow.

Library Assistant: Peggy Klemme.

Stephen Minister: Dee Birschel.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Bill Richter, Owen Schaar. (9:45) Bill Anderson. (11:00) Dave McCullough.

YTD Financial Results as of:	05/12/24
General Fund Receipts	\$353,247
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$441,605
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$88,358)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$40,436
Building Fund Balance	\$187,898

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 or request the document by email to <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**.

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.



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's