

THE VOICE of St. Matthew's

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**“BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, who
takes away the sin of the world”**

- John the Baptist in the Gospel of John ch. 1, vs. 29

Pastor's Voice

How to observe "Epiphany"

Epiphany is the Church's season of celebrating the light of Christ in the world. It is a Greek word meaning "manifestation", "display", or "showing". Following Christmas until Lent, Epiphany is a time set aside to remember how Christ's light and authority are very present in the world. It is a time to celebrate, pray for, discover, and participate in how Christ has become known throughout the world.

CELEBRATE

At St. Matt's this Epiphany, we will celebrate with the global church through world music sung and heard in our worship. Selections made by our music staff will be introducing us to newer musical threads that have witnessed to and enriched the faith of the global church. We hope they help you experience the breadth of this Church and inspire your own worship.

Also, at the Forum on January 22nd, Dave Zersen will be inviting us to celebrate some of the Church's visual arts. He'll present pieces from the early church and invite us to imagine "What was important to early Christians?"

Finally, in worship we will join in praying for the unity of the Church, that Christians might move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)



DISCOVER

This season, won't you also discover the global mission work of our own national church body. Use the ELCA website and explore our extensive and varied work in the world today. The ELCA partners with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God's reconciling mission through proclamation and service. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission>

Also, who do you know that has wanted to be a missionary? Opportunities are still available. And a terrific opportunity exists particularly for ELCA young adults, ages 21-29, to engage in a transformative, year-long journey in international service working with global neighbors. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission/Ways-to-Serve>

Finally, we all have family, neighbors, co-workers or friends who have received God's love and grace, mercy and justice through a different church or denomination. If they are open to a conversation, learning about our neighbor's faith can inspire us to dig deeper into our own traditions. We can both honor our neighbor's faith and find our own beliefs strengthened. To meet this same purpose, I can recommend a book that's in the St. Matt's library: *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* by Robert Farlee

PARTICIPATE

This Epiphany season, won't you also participate in St. Matt's community of worship, serving and witness to our faith. Won't you invite a friend to "Come and see" how God is at work in and through this congregation. For it is through your stories of what God has done and is doing, the light of Christ shines through us.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Karen

St. Matthew's Mission Statement

Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's Welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, Nurtures our faith journey, Equips us to serve others, and Sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name.

The Voice of St. Matthew's

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News and Events

Annual Meeting for Congregation of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church to be held Sunday, January 29, 2023, 9:45 am



The Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 9:45 am. The Annual Report will be available one week prior to the meeting so that you have time to see it before the meeting. Please plan to attend and be updated on all that is happening with our congregation, as well as to vote on the budget for 2023.

Be ready for the Annual Meeting by picking up the Annual Report for 2022, available in paper and on our website beginning January 22.

Church Council Update for end of year

- Thank you for your continued financial contributions during this giving season. We are poised to finish the year in a stronger position than earlier anticipated, so thank you!
- We continue to prepare for the transition in our council size from twelve to seven. The final vote on this change will occur at the Annual Meeting in January. We appreciate your prayers during this time of transition.
- The MET team continues to work on the call process by making sure the MSP, the church's 'resume', is up to date and accurate. Please keep this team in your prayers as they continue the search for a lead pastor.

Communion Class for 2nd Graders on January 22nd

At St. Matthew's children of any age are welcome to receive communion; some receive it when they are toddlers, while others wait until they are older. Regardless of when children begin to take communion, each year we have a class and service for 2nd graders and their parents to help talk about the significance of this sacrament. This year's class will happen on Sunday, January 22nd from 9:45-10:45. (The class is also open to kids who might have missed it in previous years).

We will celebrate the sacrament of communion with the 2nd graders at services throughout the spring.

Families of 2nd graders received an email with further information early in January.



Adult Ed Class - February 12, 2023

What's Your Favorite Hymn?

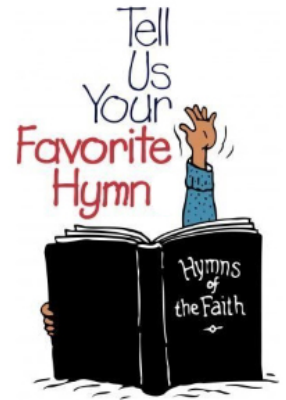
Each Sunday parishioners gather in their local churches to worship God by singing hymns, saying prayers, experiencing sermons and engaging in other parts of the liturgy. Every dimension of the worship service is important.

Hymns are especially important because they provide a vocabulary for praise and communicate theology and doctrine in poetic and memorable ways.

The Bible reminds us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Ps 100:1) and to "speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph 5:19).

What are your favorite hymns? What's the hymn that really gets you fired up in church? When you hear it you think, "Here we go, this is a good one." What's the song that gets you excited to worship God?

For an upcoming Adult Forum on February 12, 2023, John Paradowski is collecting notes about **your favorite hymn** or **church song**. Fill out a card, found near the welcome center, and place in the Hymn Basket. John will compile the hymns and use this information in his Class.



Baptismal Anniversaries for January recognized

During the rite of baptism on Sunday mornings, the congregation makes a promise to pray for those baptized. To help us to offer prayers in a more intentional way, we list some of those baptized in January at St. Matthew's for the last few years.

Clayton Thompson	January 16, 2022
Elsie Eve Zanskas	January 10, 2021
Noah Christian Kloth	January 12, 2020
Henry John Robert Gintoft	January 26, 2020
Henry Benjamin Kent	January 26, 2020
Neve Marie Flatley	January 26, 2020
Callan John Ordonez	January 28, 2018
John Andrew Sajdak	January 8, 2017
Madison June Meier	January 29, 2017
Maebel Jane Nelson	January 10, 2016
Charlotte Grace Cherney	January 17, 2016

Women's Ministry

Women's Wellness Event

Saturday January 21st, 2023

9:30-11:30am

FREE EVENT

Register online at

<https://forms.gle/B7nhx7S2SXMZ1RZe>



With all the different wellness trends circling, fitness social media influencers posting, and ever changing superfood list how does someone keep track of it all these days? More importantly, where does God fit into all of it? Join Katie Nickel and the St. Matthew's Women's Group to learn about key wellness facts and tips to live a healthier lifestyle. You'll leave empowered with dozens of physical, mental, and faith-based wellness tools that you can begin applying immediately. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other women in a faith-based setting and learn more about the St. Matthew's Women's Group. Brunch will be served.

Katie Nickel currently leads the St. Matthew's Women's Group. She spent a majority of her professional fitness career as a fitness director overseeing a large fitness center in Milwaukee and coaching other fitness professionals across the county. She is currently a certified precision nutrition coach, personal trainer, health coach, fitness instructor, and in graduate school at Marquette University for mental health counseling. Katie is a current St. Matthew's member with her husband Logan and their three kids (Finnegan, Jameson, and Gianna).

Sunday Morning Women's Group

Meets February 5th 9:45-10:45

Join us on the first Sunday of the month as we connect and converse on topics that are central to our well-being and faith growth. Katie Nickel leads our conversation. Here are some of the questions considered in fall.



What feelings do I experience when I am uncertain? How do I normally react? How can I hand over my uncertainties to God and trust his guidance?

What transition was I hesitant to go through? How did I try and avoid the transition? What could I teach others about my transition? How can I ask God for help during transition?

What is a gift I have been hiding? How can I use my gift to help others? How has God made this gift unique to me?

Please come when you can. All are always welcome!

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry

We are thankful for full bins!

Join us on Saturday, January 28

The Quilting Ministry recently completed an inventory and our totes are filled to the brim! We have plenty of beautiful fabrics to make quilts. If you love to quilt or want to start a project, the closet door in Fellowship Hall is open and the bins are labeled by color sequence....help yourself! Because we have limited space, we ask that at this time no donations be made. We will reassess at a different time the inventory on fabric, as we are limited in space. In the meantime, help yourself and make your own creation!

The next ministry meeting consists of a few projects we could use assistance with;

- Boxing up quilts, blankets, clothes to provide to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota
- Lifting boxes into cars for shipment to UPS (some heavy lifters, please)
- Simply tying and pinning projects to put together tops and bottoms of quilts
- Organization of sewing supplies
- Taking inventory of quilts, receiving blankets, bed runners, etc.

Please join us on Saturday, January 28th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-1:30pm. Bring a friend, help in simple tasks and have fun! Bring your own lunch and beverage and any handiwork to share with the group. We continue to be blessed with the hard-working hands of our volunteers. Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Save the Date!

Women Together in Prayer (WTIP) Breakfast

Sat April 22, 2023
from 9-11am.

Open to all women and friends of St Matt's



Prayer partners from the past year will be revealed and new partners will be selected in April with a new twist to the prayer partner relationship.

Sun. Morn. Adult Education Time, 9:45-10:45am

Join us for Adult Education on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 A.M. Learn something new about your faith and ways you can serve! Come when you can!

January

15 Sojourner Family Peace Center with Cherie Swenson

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 11,800 clients each year. Their primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Wear Purple to show your support for the work of Sojourner’s mission.



SOJOURNER

22 “Discovering What was Important to Early Christians: Playing Detective not with their Texts, but with their Art”

David Zersen



29 Annual Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend to learn about the past year, vote on constitutional changes, and approve the 2023 budget. The meeting is led by Tara Laatsch, congregational president.

February

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L’Arche

Learn more about this intentional community which has started right here at St. Matthew’s. Currently in the formation stage L’Arche is all about building community. L’Arche starts with community. Unlike other intentional communities, L’Arche does not merely make allowances for community later in the process. L’Arche is community from the start. “It takes a community to start a community.” Julia Murphy of St. Matthew’s is a passionate voice for L’Arche and will share more on Febr. 5th!



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Favorite Hymns with John

Sing along with Director of Music Ministry, John Paradowski, as he shares background and plays some of our favorite hymns!

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Social Ministry- Hope Street Ministry, Milw.

The Greenhouse for People, which helps broken men, women and children cultivate hope by providing a safe environment for building community, developing self-sufficiency and experiencing the love of Christ.

St. Matt’s 1st Fridays Book Group

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.

- February 3** **The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II** by Denise Kiernan, 416 pages
- March 3** **The Air We Breathe: A Novel** by Andrea Barrett, 320 pages.
- April 14** **All Creatures Great and Small**, by James Herriot, 448 pages
- May 5** **Raft of Stars: A Novel** by Andrew J. Graf, 304 pages
- June 2** **West With Giraffes: A Novel**, by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages.

Repairers of the Breach - ROTB - is in need of coordinators for Sunday morning bagged lunch preparation

As you may know ROTB lunches are bagged the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:45-10:30 (during the education hour). We are in need of Lunch Coordinators for this ministry. That involves getting the fruit in advance for the 100 lunches and being present for the bagging. Just making sure things get done. Church staff take care of asking for volunteers and others bring the sandwich stuff, chips, cookies and beverage.

If you would be willing to serve as a lunch coordinator 3 or 4 times a year please let Sue Swing know or contact the church office. They manage the lunch coordinator scheduling.

If you have additional questions about the ministry please contact Trudy Zauner. She is the lead volunteer of ROTB and does an amazing job keeping this ministry flourishing at St. Matthew’s!



Music Ministry

Music for the Epiphany Season

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1, 3)

Epiphany is the time of the church year when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world. During this season, we celebrate the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community—with God and with one another.

Starting on January 8, 2023, we started to explore Global/World music in worship; using Responses, Hymns Anthems that are based on a global theme.



NEW THEOLOGICAL EXPRESSIONS CONTAINED IN GLOBAL SONG LYRICS ENGENDER A MORE EXPANSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF GOD

The content of the song text is profoundly embodied and visualized in ways that stimulate honoring God in majesty and holiness. Thus, ... global Christian music provides new theological pathways for understanding God in today’s contemporary society. It also cultivates intentional hearing of the biblical narrative in ways that evoke revitalization of our Christian faith.

PURSUING UNITY IN DIVERSITY AS WE WORSHIP

Finally, it is critical for the Church at worship to realize that global Christian music provides a platform for creating unity in the midst of diversity. As we do so, we give voice to the extended Kingdom of God. Embracing global Christian musics and the communities of faith from whom they have arisen, brings glory to God and his work among the nations.

John Paradowski, Minister of Music

DEFINING GLOBAL CHRISTIAN MUSIC

Global Christian music is defined as any music found in the Christian Church worldwide. Particularly, it specializes in cultural musics from the non-Western world. In the evangelical church in North America, for example, there is a growing trend for hymnals to include global songs and indigenous songs that arise out of the churches in the Southern Hemisphere.

MUSIC IS INTIMATELY LINKED TO A PEOPLE AND THEIR CULTURE

Music is intimately bonded to people, functioning as an expressive element of each particular cultural grouping. When the Church gathers in worship, each group of people brings heart music—the set of musical genres that speak to them in significantly profound ways.

GLOBAL MUSIC SOUNDS AND TRADITIONS ARE EXPANDING THE CHURCH MUSIC REPERTOIRE

We are seeing (“hearing”) the musical sounds and traditions from around the world. With Western music as the broad historical base for worship, the ancient texts of the Christian faith will not change. Yet God’s Word and faith statements are being expressed in a broadening array of cultural musical styles and performance praxis.

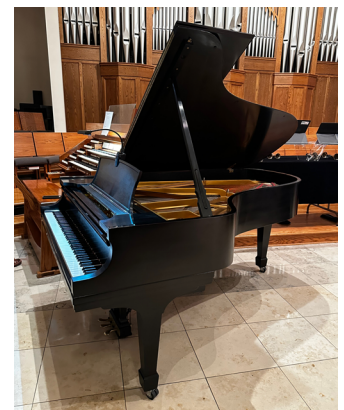
Have you seen it? “New” Piano arrived just in time for Christmas

Back in 2015 the piano fund was graciously established at St. Matthew’s in memory of Eric Kloth to replace the piano used in our worship space. The Kloth family kick-started the fund and since then many donations have been made by congregation members. With a recent anonymous memorial gift, we have been able to purchase a used 7-foot 1991 Steinway Grand Piano for the sanctuary.

We were working to achieve this as part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, but Covid delayed that. The Steinway Gallery has been looking for a good piano for us for a few years. A 7-foot, good condition Steinway rarely comes up for resale. The piano arrived just before this Christmas.

As always, ministry is not about things, but about people and those people that are touched and moved by our ministry. I personally thank everyone for your support and dedication to our ministry and know that the piano will be used to continue in helping people worship and celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

John Paradowski, Minister of Music



SAINTS

Older Adults Ministry

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

“The Endurance”

Professional storyteller and author, Rochelle Pennington, will share the story of the *Endurance*, the three-masted ship in which Sir Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the Antarctic in the early 1900's. Sit back and enjoy this fascinating tale.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

“Heart and Soul”

Award winning entertainer David HB Drake will join us to share songs about giving, sharing, old loves and new hopes especially for Valentine's Day. David performs songs, poems, and stories on many different instruments including banjo, dulcimer, concertina, Native American Flute, and guitar. His selection of songs will be familiar to many.

SAINTS events will follow all COVID risk reduction protocols observed at St. Matthew's on Sunday mornings. As the pandemic ebbs and flows, these protocols may change. Watch for details nearer the event regarding meeting location, masking, and procedures for lunch.

The SAINTS, short for Seniors Active In New Testament Service, is open to all adults. The group typically meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30am.

Contact the church office with any questions or concerns. (office@stmattslutheran.org) or 414.774.0441

Lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. A suggested donation of \$11 is requested.



Saints tried out Hand Chimes at the December meeting, playing “Name That Tune” with Christmas songs.

Youth Ministry

Planning for Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky is Underway

Disaster response will be the focus of next summer's youth mission trip to Kentucky, where we will spend a week repairing and rebuilding homes that were damaged by the severe flooding and storms that pounded Kentucky in the last year. The dates of the trip are June 18th – 25th.

In just seven months, three major disasters were declared in the state of Kentucky because of extensive damage caused by tornadoes in December, 2021 and flooding this past July. Thousands of homes have been damaged and destroyed, leaving families without homes and possessions. Town centers, including historic buildings were destroyed. In some of the poorest parts of the state, the infrastructure was almost wiped out from roads and bridges to phone, water, electricity, and internet. And in Kentucky, as in all natural disasters, it is those living in poverty who are most affected.

The trip is open to high school youth (those who are currently in grades 9-12). If you have questions or would like more information on next summer's week of service, please talk with Gretchen Hauge.

Next Youth Mission Trip Meeting is Febr. 5th

The next monthly meeting for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky will be Sunday, February 5th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. All youth planning on going on the trip should plan to attend. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Youth Drama Workshop on January 22nd

Are you a middle or high school student who loves drama? Then come to the Youth Drama Workshop on Sunday, January 22nd at from noon to 2:00. We'll start with lunch and then move on to improvisation activities and drama games. We'll also look ahead to future meeting dates that will coincide with dramas that we present during the worship service.

All middle and high school students are welcome. Please bring \$5 for lunch. If you have questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

Middle School Game Day, February 19th from Noon – 2:00

If you are a middle school student who misses playing Capture the Flag, this event is for you! Come to the Youth Room for pizza and stay to play Capture the Flag and other fun games. The event is open to all kids in 6th – 8th grade. Please bring \$5 for pizza.



Communities were submerged and infrastructure was wiped out by severe flooding in Kentucky last summer.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is 1:1 confidential support, encouragement and prayer for anyone who wants a listening ear. In a Stephen Ministry relationship you are free to share all of your concerns, knowing that your privacy will always be upheld, you will never be judged or told what to do. Here are what some are saying about having a Stephen Minister.



“After the death of my mom, I needed someone who would listen—even to the same stories over and over—and who wouldn’t be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory. That’s who my Stephen Minister was, and I don’t know how I would have gotten through it without her”

“My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. He doesn’t judge me or tell me what to do but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I’m making it through.”

“I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew the good, the bad, and the ugly about me—and still cared for me. Experiencing that through my Stephen Minister was a tangible expression of God’s love. It changed my life.”

Please reach out to Pastor Ann or Sue Swing if you’d like more information about exploring a relationship with a Stephen Minister. Stop at the Stephen Ministry Center on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 to speak in person with a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader.

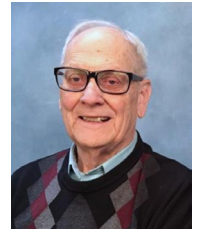


Thank you for your generous giving toward the people represented on the Giving Tree. So many wonderful gifts were collected and distributed.

Our Church Family

Recently hospitalized after a fall: **Don Ralfs.**

Pastor Ed Weiskotten died on November 29 while recovering from hip surgery. Ed was passionate about social justice and tireless in his fight to preserve the dignity and rights of all per-sons regardless of color, culture or creed. He served in parish ministry, campus ministry and as assistant to the bishop of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan synod. With his friend Pastor Elias Kitoi, they founded the Mt. Meru Coffee Project 25 years ago, still going strong today enabling small coffee farmers in Tanzania to achieve economic stability and escape the cycle of poverty. Our sympathy to **Gloria**, Ed’s wife of 68 years, as well as their four children, Ron, Suzanne, Trudy and Bruce, and nine grandchildren. Ed was proud to have baptized all of his children and grandchildren. A memorial service was held at St. Matthew’s on Saturday, December 31 with Bishop Paul Erickson preaching. ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’



David Johnson died on December 15 after a short illness. God’s care and our sympathy to Karen, David’s wife of 59 years. David was a member of St. Matthew’s since his youth, being confirmed in this place in 1949. He was a regular worshiper at the 11:00 service. Pastor Ann Williams officiated at a service to celebrate David’s life on December 22 at Krause Funeral Home.



Carol Keller, a newer member of St. Matthew’s, died on November 27, 2022. Carol moved to Wisconsin in 2021. She was very personable, sweet and sassy, with a great sense of humor. She was everyone’s “Grams.” Our sympathy to her large family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will miss her.

Dorothy “Dottie” Anderson of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, died on December 2, 2022. Dottie was a long-time member of St. Matthew’s along with her husband, Richard, until 2007 when they relocated to be closer to family. Richard died in 2011. Dottie was a humble, caring and giving servant of God. A Celebration of her life was held in Rice Lake.

Sunday School Christmas Program Involved Many!

In the Sunday School Christmas Program that was presented last month, the words and actions of children gave life and tenderness to the story that is so familiar to all of us, the story of Jesus’ birth. Kids from preschool through middle school related the story of God’s incarnation, beginning with prophecies in the Old Testament and ending with the manifestation of God’s glory to the wise men.

We thank the many people who helped make the program happen: scene directors, Sunday School teachers, parents, and especially the kids.

Sunday School Christmas Program - December 11



Tax collector Isaac Wurzburger gets ready to collect as guard Jackson Reuter issues a decree from Caesar that all must be enrolled.



Third and fourth grade angels bring tidings of great joy to the shepherds.



Mary (Kloee Richter) is visited by the angel Gabriel (Hannah Malloy) who tells her that nothing will be impossible with God.



Finn Nickel, Cassie Locher, and Collette Schrubbe practice the song "Mary Had a Baby" at the dress rehearsal.



Second grade shepherds recite words from the 23rd Psalm to the prophet Isaiah (Luke Grove) who tells them that God will send a savior to bring justice and peace.



King Herod (Grant Nickel) tells the wisemen to bring him news of the newborn baby, so that he, also, may worship him.



Welcome to Our New Members

~ November 20, 2022 ~



Gary Christianson, Wauwatosa.

Gary is a retired social worker who lives at Luther Manor. He has been worshipping with us regularly.



Michael and Emily Anthony, Milwaukee.

Michael works at Rockwell Automation and Emily is a teacher at Pius XI High School. Michael and Emily are the parents of **Josephine**, 5 years old, and **Charles**, 3 years old. Both children attend the Downtown Montessori School. Emily is the daughter of Chris & Linda Brown, who are also joining our congregation at this time.



Chris and Linda Brown, Milwaukee.

Chris is a chess coach with Varsity Tutors, and Linda is retired. Linda has joined the Embellishments bell choir and also sings with the Senior Choir. They are both interested in Bible study. They are the parents of Emily Anthony, who is also joining our congregation.



Mary Marino, Wauwatosa.

Mary is retired, and has been widowed for about a year. She has been worshipping with us regularly for several months.



**Sonja Sorenson Markland and Brandon Markland,
West Allis.**

Brandon and Sonja both work for FedEx. They are the parents of **Hanna**, age 4, and **Soren**, age 2.

**William Kisamo and Maggie Bartlett,
Greenfield.**

Maggie is an associate professor at UW-Milwaukee, and William works at Bostik in Wauwatosa.

They are the parents of **Andrey**, who is ten, and **Sia**, who is eight years old.



**Ken and Charlotte Kolby,
Wauwatosa.**

Charlotte is a retired choral director. Ken is an auto technician with Lexus of Milwaukee. Charlotte is the primary caregiver for her 101-year-old mother.





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The Voice of St. Matthew's

We are called to welcome, nurture, equip and send

Next issue of the VOICE is dated February 5, 2023.



K5 SS Teacher Coriana Cavazos demonstrates how to make a heart with hands for their time of prayer.



7th & 8th grade Confirmation students wrapped gifts for the Allies for Teens in Foster Care gift bags.



Brian Smith and Annette Olson play percussion instruments to accompany a Senior Choir Advent anthem.



Brothers Kassen and Jacob Bartlett greeted worshipers at ushers at one of the December Sunday services.



Coffee hosts Kristen & John Charlson serve cookies on the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program.



Hannah Malloy and Carol Heim set up communion elements before a worship service, serving as communion preparers.