

THE VOICE of St. Matthew's

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Jesus said: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (Gospel for 7/2/23)

Our Pastor's Voice

Six Reasons to Attend a Church When Away

Summer is here! Many of us are enjoying vacations and out of town weekends. That's great. I hope the adventures and memorable experiences, the big events and quiet moments spent with family or friends are enjoyable and refreshing.

If you are out of town on the weekend, you can "attend" St. Matt's worship streaming on our youtube channel. But why not consider finding a church worship service near you to attend. The finding is easy these days. In ten minutes on the internet you can locate a church, get the times of their worship services, and the directions. You can even get a first impression by checking out their website and facebook pages. With a worship service easy to find, here are six reasons why you might want to attend when away:

God desires your worship.

Nothing makes God happier than when we bring our thankfulness and praise. And a community of worshippers helps us express it.

You can share your faith.

Maybe attending church won't fit into your plans. Fine. God is gracious. Don't sweat it. But maybe it could. Maybe you just didn't think about it or considered asking those you are with if they'd like to attend church with you. Inviting others is a great way to share your faith and that worshipping God is important to you. If family or friends are not church goers, they may turn you down, but they might accept. You'll both be showing up as strangers, and that's a good thing. At brunch afterwards you may have an interesting conversation.

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

The newsletter of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead Pastor
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

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SUMMER Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.

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Develop empathy and a warmer welcome.

Walking into a church on Sunday morning, when you don't know what to expect, can feel awkward. Being a stranger in a crowd of people who seem to all know each other can be terribly uncomfortable. Being a visitor in another congregation, I think, will help you appreciate what the visitors and guests coming to St. Matt's experience. How you were welcomed as a newcomer may teach you how to better welcome others.



This is something to teach your children.

It'd be great if all our St. Matt's children stayed here forever. Chances are they won't. They'll go off to school or move for work. And when they do, we want them to find a new church community. Parents, this summer you can share the experience of visiting a new church. You can talk together as a family about what was similar and different to St. Matt's. And you can share your hopes that they will continue to practice their faith and have a church community wherever God leads them.

Discover good ideas.

If you didn't know this, churches constantly borrow ideas from each other! Visiting other churches is how we find some of these good ideas. If you see something great, bring it back to St. Matt's!

Free coffee.



I'm serious. Most congregations serve free coffee after their worship services. Sometimes you'll even be served free donuts or pastries! If you are, know this congregation seriously wants to welcome you. Healthy churches love visitors. They don't care if you're just in town for the weekend or have moved in down the block. They're just glad you came and are genuinely delighted to meet you. In fact, churches in tourist areas learn to expect visitors, and see it as part of their ministry.

So, these are six good reasons to attend church when you are away. I'd love to hear your experiences when you are back worshipping with your faith family at St. Matt's. Have a great rest of your summer!

On the journey with you,
Pastor Karen

Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School 2023!

Operation Restoration: Mending God's World

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to be a **MENDER OF THE UNIVERSE**. "But, I'm just a kid! How can I be a mender of the whole universe?"

But you are. That's exactly how God made you. You have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest--essential tools for you to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. Your time as a mender at VBS will help unleash the powers that God has placed within you.



Sign-up is all online. Please note that you will need to fill out an electronic registration for each child. Just use the QR code. For questions you may contact the church office at 414-774-0441 or email Donna Gardner Manke at donnagm@me.com - You can also register on our website!! We are also still in need of volunteers! Use this QR code to sign up to help!

[< To Volunteer](#)

**Mon. July 31 - Fri. Aug. 4
8:45 - 11:45 am**



[> To Register](#)

St. Matt's Meet-Ups

If you haven't joined us yet, there's still time! Everyone's welcome. Look for the St. Matt's tabletop sign for the group.

July

Wednesday, July 12th from 11:00-1:00
Uncle Julio's Restaurant; 245 S. Moorland Rd. Brookfield

Saturday, July 22nd from 4:00-8:00
The Landing at Hoyt Park; 1800 N. Swan Blvd, Tosa
Featuring our own **CHRIS KENT** as the entertainer (See the article on the right)

August

Wednesday, August 2nd from 9:00-11:00 am
Colectivo; 6745 W. Wells St, Wauwatosa

Thursday, August 17th from 5:00-8:00 pm
The Landing at Hoyt Park; 1800 N. Swan Blvd, Tosa

September

Thursday, September 7th from 11:00-1:00
Ally's Powerhouse; 10460 W. Innovation Dr., Wauwatosa



Welcoming all into the community of Christ

Jeff, John and Jesus invite you to a time of sharing as we continue to learn and welcome all into the community of Christ. Come to hear the stories that Jeff and John have to share.

Thursday July 13, 2023 - 6:30-8:00pm

The second session is not the same as the first, and will cover different topics. All are truly welcome.



Christopher Kent at The Landing Beer Garden - July 22, 5-8pm - Come Listen with others from St. Matt's!

St. Matthew's member, Christopher Kent, will be the musical entertainment at the Landing Beer Garden at Hoyt Park on July 22, from 5-8pm. He invites you to join him for an evening of American roots music in folk, rock, blues and the broader Americana music genre. A number of songs are faith based giving praise and glory to God. For more details, follow Christopher's page on Facebook - www.facebook.com/christopherkentmusic or visit www.christopherkentmusic.com



Youth Mission Trip in Kentucky took place June 18-24

Read about and see photos from the trip in the next issue; Mission Trip Worship service planned for July 9

Our group has returned from Kentucky, where they spent the week repairing and rebuilding homes that were damaged or destroyed by record breaking floods last summer. They worked in Appalachian communities where poverty rates are high and flood damage was severe.

We are thankful to the congregation for your support of this meaningful experience, and we appreciated your prayers for our week of service.

Plan to attend worship on Sunday, July 9, when the youth and adults who worked in Kentucky will share their experiences and reflections during worship.

Ethan Antczak	Kate Iding
Kate Charlson	Kateri Kirchner
Merrigian Cook	Kylie MacIntosh
Calli Dahlgren	Eli Schaar
Jake Dahlgren	Owen Schaar
Clare Kasdorf	Sophia Searing
Jeremiah Finley	Stephen Searing
Claire Foley	Sam Slager
Julia Fossum	Lila Thomas
Tyler Goeckermann	Victoria Vorpapel
Jinru Granger	Grace Williams
Annie Hyland	Michaela Wolter



Adult Chaperones:
Jenna Antczak
Patti Foley
Kevin Slager
Thaurra Stalling
Tom Templeman
Mike Wolter

Trip Leader:
Gretchen Hauge



Self-Determination Camp offered at Pine Lake - do you know someone who would enjoy this?

Do you have a family member, neighbor or friend with an intellectual or developmental disability? Invite them to register for our Self-Determination Camp: Ministry Arts & Advocacy! Join the growing group that is already registered for Self-Determination Camp at Pine Lake Camp on August 13th - 16th.

Self-Determination Camp is a unique opportunity for young adults (ages 18-40) with intellectual or developmental disabilities to gather in an authentic, faith-filled environment, grow in their connection to each other & the greater church, and return home with a renewed enthusiasm & new skills to share their personal faith in their church & community. This new program will include opportunities for younger, active adults with disabilities to engage in Theater arts, Applied arts and Culinary arts, in addition to all of the typical adult camp activities. Camp staff will guide participants through this three night program where they can fully participate in the joy of outdoor ministry. Contact Robyn Koehler (robyn@crosswayscamps.org) for more information or questions.

Register today at www.crosswayscamps.org/selfdetermination !

Thanks!

- from the earth for saving it from hundreds and and hundreds of pounds of clothing—now recycled through Betr Earth.
- from people in need who will receive clothes and shoes that would have been discarded.
- from the babies who are now being kept clean and dry with 1086 diapers and 22 packages of wipes.
- to the people of St. Matthew's for donating to the Reformation diaper drive and BETR earth recycling.
- from the Social Ministry committee for supporting our efforts to do God's work through St. Matthew's ministries.



Scams: Even the church and its staff are targets -- *What to watch for:*

If you receive a text or an email from someone from St. Matthew's, and it sounds a little odd, look for these red flags:

- 🚩 **Check the sender's email - is it familiar? or is it only similar to their email**
- 🚩 **Does it ask for gift cards or money or personal information?**
- 🚩 **Is there a rush for you to respond?**

If you see these red flags, beware! If you ever aren't sure about a contact that's been made using a staff member's name, check with the church office, or send an email directly to the person (not a reply to the suspicious email), using the email address you know to be correct, asking if they contacted you.

We hope these steps will prevent you from being 'scammed'! Please reach out to any staff member if you have questions or concerns.

Etiquette and Ethics with our Church Directory

Our church directory is a powerful tool for people to be in touch with other members. We encourage these contacts for church connections and for personal reasons. However, if you are a business person, using the church directory for solicitations, or even informational emails about your business, is not appropriate, and discouraged. We keep the church directory secure from the public, and our members trust that their contact information is not going to be used for unsolicited emails or texts that don't relate to church business. Please keep this in mind as you use the directory. Thank you.



St. Matt's Directory

Did you know that there's a...

...Church Directory App for your mobile device: There is a mobile app "Instant Church Directory" for accessing St. Matthew's online pictorial directory. Once you download and open this app, you'll need to create a log-in and password.

****Important:** Use the email address that is listed in the directory for you. ** Check it out! It's an easy way to access the directory when you're away from home.

Seniors Recognized on June 4th



Seniors read the scripture readings. Above, Annabelle Wooster & Emily Gastrau; below Miranda McIlheran and Richie Nickel.



Participating in Senior Recognition Sunday were: (back row, l-r) Evan Olson, Hope Stangel, Richie Nickel, Matthew Byrne, Stephen Searing, Aiden Weileder, Tyler Goeckermann. (front row, l-r) Miranda McIlheran, Emily Gastrau, Emily Kramer, Annabelle Wooster, Grace Kasdorf, and Gretchen Hauge.

Picture Yourself Volunteering at Luther Manor: Enriching Lives, Including yours!

Volunteering is at the heart of our mission of sharing God's love. Hundreds of volunteers play a vital role in creating the sense of home, community, and well-being that unifies our communities by generously volunteering. How, when and where you serve is up to you. When do you want to serve? We do request a minimum of 25 total hours, but if you have more to offer, we're glad to have you. What do you want to do? We have 60+ opportunities available to choose from including:

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| Convenience store cashier | Activities program partner |
| Hospice companion | Resale shop clerk |
| Resident transportation | Pet therapy partner |
| Coffee cart host/hostess | Musical Entertainment |
| Ice Cream parlor server | |

Interested in knowing more? Contact us at 414.831.8964 or volunteer@LutherManor.org



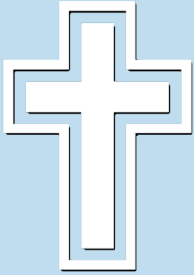
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A Life Plan Community

**Luther Manor is located at
4545 N. 92nd St.
Wauwatosa WI**

Stephen Ministry

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Growth of Stephen Ministry

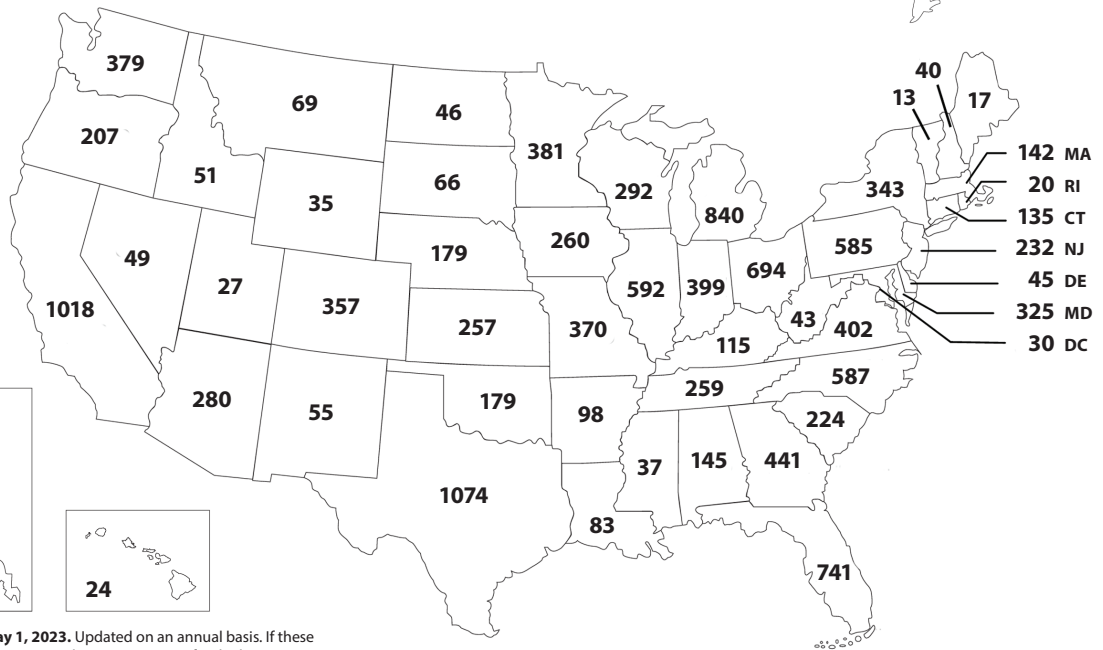
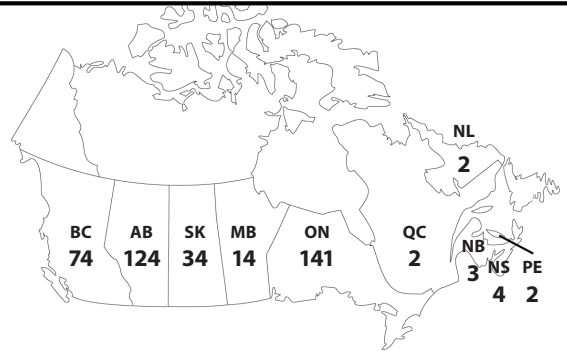


God of all goodness, you have blessed our congregation and our community with the gift of Stephen Ministry. We have seen our caregiving grow in depth and in breadth under your gentle guidance through the tending of our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers. More and more people have been touched by the care of our Stephen Ministers. We ask for your continued blessing on our efforts, and we offer ourselves always to your service here on earth. Help us to know the needs of those who hunger for your healing touch. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Stephen Ministry Statistics*

Stephen Ministry Enrollment Totals

Enrolled congregations or other organizations	13,790
Additional countries with Stephen Ministry congregations.....	30
Denominations represented	192
Number of pastors and lay leaders trained as a Stephen Leader	80,340
Approximate number of people trained as a Stephen Minister in their church or organization.....	600,000+
Approximate number of people cared for by a Stephen Minister	Millions



* Stephen Ministry statistics through May 1, 2023. Updated on an annual basis. If these statistics are more than one year old, visit www.stephenministries.org for the latest version.

St. Matthew's is just one congregation using the Stephen Ministry peer to peer program. So many people are being positively affected by this ministry all over the country, and beyond.

St. Matthew's Class of 2023 Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS!



Eliot Began

I graduated with Honors from Wauwatosa West High School. In high school I was involved in theater, art, cross country and track (pole vaulting), orchestra and German. This fall I will be attending UW Madison where I will be majoring in Graphic Design.

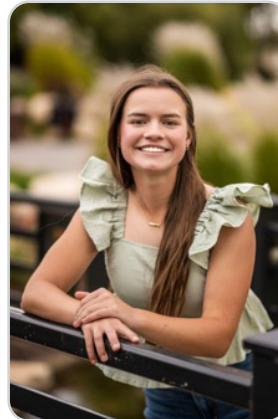
Matthew Byrne

Matthew Byrne graduated from Wauwatosa West High School. He has participated in all 8 musicals, played as a 4-year band member, and served as student class president. Outside of school he enjoys hanging out with friends, rollerblading, and crocheting. Through his job working as a Certified Nursing Assistant he has fostered a love for the medical field. Next year he will be attending to University of Wisconsin Madison to become a nurse practitioner.



Drew Freeborn

I graduated from Wauwatosa West High School. I was active in theatre all four years, captain of the swim team senior year, and was involved in APPSE my junior year. I was also active with Boy Scout Troop 21 and recently completed my Eagle Project by cleaning up and restoring the fence in St. Matt's parking lot across the street. I grew up at St. Matthew's and enjoyed being involved in Sunday school, confirmation, choir and drama. In the fall, I will attend Xavier University in Cincinnati to pursue a degree in philosophy, politics and the public.



Emily Gastrau

I graduated from Wauwatosa East, where I have participated in many activities, including golf, Best Buddies, band, and more. At St. Matt's, I have been involved in VBS since kindergarten and have gone on two youth mission trips. I plan on attending Illinois Wesleyan University next fall, where I will be majoring in business and playing on the golf team. I am grateful for the support that I've received from St. Matthew's over the years!

★ ★ Class of 2023! ★



Tyler Goeckermann
I have been a member of the Wauwatosa West Band for 4 years, pep, band and Full Orchestra and a Member of Best Buddies. I have been in the Engineering Launch program with Brookfield Central and Tosa West. I graduated with honors and will be attending UWM Biomedical Engineering program in Fall. Being a

member at St. Matts and being involved with the mission trips has broadened my Faith. It has taught me to serve the Lord with others who are less fortunate.

Zolbayer Granger

Zolbayer Granger graduated from Wauwatosa East High School. He completed the CNA course at Tosa East in 2021, with the ambition of becoming an RN. He worked as a CNA at Harwood Place for one year and is now at Froedtert in the Step Down Unit. He has also taken three years of sign

language. Zolbayer has been accepted into the nursing program at WCTC in the fall. His long time interest is in law and becoming a judge. A future career may be Nurse Ombudsman.



Olivia Iding

Olivia Iding graduated with Honors from Wauwatosa East High School. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin, majoring in Kinesiology in preparation to study Physical Therapy. While at Wauwatosa East, Olivia was in National Honor Society and Tri-M, the Band National Honor Society. She played clarinet in the Marching Band and played Soccer, Basketball and Golf as well. Clubs she enjoyed include Best Buddies and Link Crew. As her English teacher, Megan Sampson wrote: "Olivia is a smart and hard-working student who cares about others and engages in her community."



Grace Kasdorf

My name is Grace Kasdorf and I graduated from Tosa East High School. Through my years in high school I was part of the tennis team, Best Buddies, as well as being a teacher's assistant in special education classes. At St.



Matthew's I was part of the New Orleans mission trip and was a teacher assistant for VBS for many years. I am very grateful to be part of the St. Matthew's community. It has been a great place to create friendships and to grow a stronger connection to God. In the fall I will be attending St. Norbert College where I will be studying Elementary Education.

Michaela Kobinsky

I graduated from Wauwatosa East this year. Throughout my high school journey, I have received multiple student athlete awards from my involvement in Cross Country and Track and Field, Academic Achiever Awards, a scholarship and have been an active member of multiple clubs to better my school and community. At St. Matthew's, I have gone on three mission trips, which have taught me to always give back to the community to help the world to be a better place. Additionally, I have participated in being a teacher assistant at VBS for many years and have enjoyed being in the plays, choir and bells. I am very grateful for St. Matthew's, and for all the experiences this community has brought me. I am attending UW-Madison in the fall and I'm beyond excited to see what the future will bring!





Emily Kramer

I graduated with Honors from Wauwatosa West High School. Throughout high school I have been involved with Key Club, National Honor Society, Choir, & Link Crew. I also played 4 years of Varsity Tennis & served as a captain for multiple seasons. I'm so grateful for all that St. Matthew's has given me throughout

my childhood. From VBS, bells, choir, skits, and family camp to the unforgettable discussions in Sunday school and all of the friendships forged throughout, I know I will cherish these memories forever.



Miranda McIlheran

I graduated from Brookfield East this year and will be attending Marquette University this fall for Exercise Physiology in the direct admit physical therapy program. I have been involved in Key Club, the Writing Center (an essay tutoring program), and received awards for both my painting and German skills. I also ran varsity Cross Country for three years and was a captain my senior year. At St. Matthew's, I have enjoyed helping out in VBS, volunteering at service events, and attending two mission trips. I am grateful for St. Matthew's and the experiences it has given me.

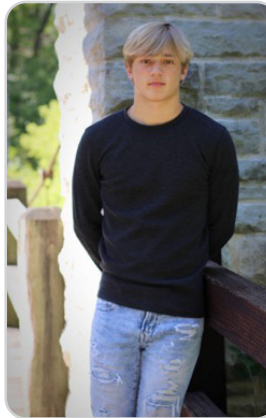
Richie Nickel

At St Matthew's, I have really enjoyed the music during the services. I've been involved in choir and bells, as well as volunteering for services and helping teach VBS. Outside of church, I run sound for Tosa East Theater, play soccer and tennis, and play violin in MYSO. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Southern California to study sound design and industrial engineering. I am very grateful for the St Matthew's community!



Evan Olson

My name is Evan Olson and I graduated from Wauwatosa West High School. Throughout my high school career, I maintained a strong GPA while taking rigorous classes. I played football for all four years, basketball for two, and enjoyed skiing in the school's Ski and Snowboard club. My volunteer opportunities included activities through the National Honor Society, Key Club, and church. I went on the Milwaukee based mission trip and volunteered with VBS. I am looking forward to attending University of Wisconsin-Madison studying biology.



Stephen Searing

My name is Stephen Searing and I am graduating from Wauwatosa East High School. I have been an active member of the Tosa East Orchestra throughout high school, and I have played with the Barcel Suzuki Academy Briosso advanced violin group for the past two years. I was a member of the National Champion chess team and have enjoyed playing intramural sports. I have enjoyed participating in the St. Matthew's mission trips to Milwaukee and Kenosha, and I plan to travel with the group this summer to help serve in Kentucky. I will be attending UW-Madison in Fall to study chemistry and pharmacy.



Hope Stangel

My name is Hope Stangel and I have been involved in the church since I was little, attending services, singing in the choir, and volunteering/attending VBS. I graduated from Wauwatosa East High School and will be attending the University of Memphis in the fall. There, I am committed to pole vault on the track team and will be studying biology.



Hannah Veenendaal

I graduated from Wauwatosa West as a valedictorian. In high school I was involved in many activities including APPSE, National Honor Society, Student Senate, Key Club, Best Buddies, and Spanish Honor Society. I also participated in Varsity Cross Country and Soccer for four years and was captain of both my senior year. In the fall I plan to attend The University of Tennessee-Knoxville and major in Nursing.



Aidan Weileder

My name is Aidan Weileder and I graduated with Honors from Brookfield East. In school I'm involved in activities such as French Honor Society, Model United Nations, and Political Action Club. I also competed in Cross country and Track and field all four years of high school receiving multiple awards and recognitions, as well as being JV Captain for cross country. At St. Matthew's I have enjoyed participating in choir, hand bells, and plays since I was little. In the fall I will be attending IUPUI in Indianapolis to study Motorsports Engineering.

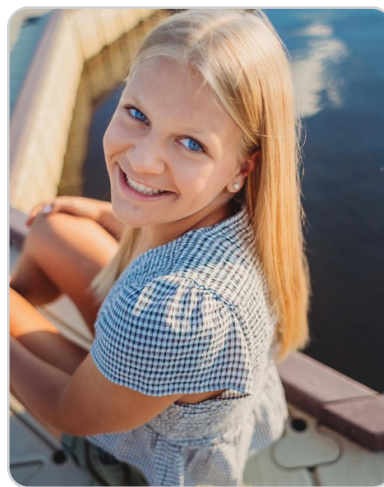


Additional Graduates:

- Rowan Andreas
- Spencer Bliesner
- Isaac Brewer
- Madelyn Brown
- Benjamin Dillie
- Holly Holton
- Hanna Tanel
- Conlan Welch
- Ava Yuergens

Annabelle Wooster

I graduated with honors from Wauwatosa West High School. Throughout my time in school I've been involved in Key Club, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, APPSE, Best Buddies, and writing for the school paper, The Tosa Compass. Outside of school I am captain of both the varsity soccer and tennis teams. I've loved growing up at St. Matthew's and some of my favorite memories include volunteering at VBS, acting in Christmas pageants, and packing meals for homeless shelters in Milwaukee. In the fall I will attend the University of Missouri to major in broadcast journalism with the hopes to one day appear on a TV near you!



Bulletin Board

Schedule of Healing Services for the rest of 2023

Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward, along with their support persons or family members.

- Sunday, July 23 In Worship 9:30am**
- Sunday, August 20 - In Worship 9:30am**
- Sunday, September 17 - After 8:30 worship service**
- Sunday, October 22 - In Worship 11:00am**
- Sunday, November 12 - After 11:00 worship service**
- Sunday, December 10 - After 8:30 worship service**

“We promise to support your parents...”

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 during recent months in the last few years at St. Matthew’s. May their lives be blessed through your prayers.

Andrey Bartlett Kisamo	July 17, 2022
Sia P. Bartlett Kisamo	July 17, 2022
Iggy Mayne Tanem	July 31, 2022
Quincy Donald West	July 8, 2020
Julian Andrew Meier	July 18, 2020
Arthur Alexander Eichman	July 23, 2017
Chris Eichman	July 23, 2017
Jameson Nickel	July 30, 2017

Can You Support Our Scholarship Program for El Salvador?

Pan de Vida, our sister parish in El Salvador, is asking for our help to make sure the children of their congregation have the opportunity to attend school. Many families in the congregation struggle to get by, and the costs of education are out of reach for them. Yet education is what lifts kids out of poverty. We invite you to be part of the scholarship program. There are 39 students, ranging from kindergarten through university who need assistance. Tuition costs by grade level are:

- **Grade School - \$200 - \$250**
- **Middle School - \$300 - \$350**
- **High School - \$450**
- **University - \$1600**

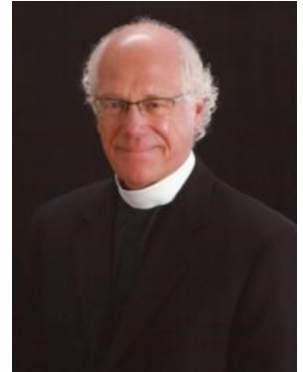
We welcome one-time or ongoing donations of any amount. Education is a gift of the future to these families. We appreciate your support of the Pan de Vida Scholarship Fund!. If you have any questions, please talk to Gretchen Haugse.



Church Family

Pastor Lowell Timm died on May 5, 2023, after a long illness. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Kathi, and their three adult children, Nathan (Kim), Aaron (Sandie) and Anna (Anthony), and eight grandchildren.

Pastor Lowell was known to many people in our synod through his unique and dedicated ministry in many areas. He spent 34 years as lead pastor at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. He was a gifted counselor and taught others this skill; he also worked with numerous interns at Capitol Drive LC, giving opportunities for learning the ministry to seminary students. Lowell made a positive difference in many lives through both his work and in his daily relationships. His following of Christ, demonstrated in his commitment to inclusivity, peace and justice, was core to how he lived his life. His kindness, steadiness, and intelligence are an example and an inspiration to all who loved him.



A memorial service with visitation was held at St. Matthew’s on Father’s Day, June 18, with Bishop Paul Erickson as the preacher of the day, including Pastor Karen Natterstad, Pastor Margaret Schoewe, and Pastor Chris Manke helping to lead the service. Memorials are being directed to the Froedtert Cancer Center.

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We give thanks for the birth of **Henry Thomas Jurss** on June 15 to **Kerri Beckett and Carl Jurss**. Proud grandparents are **Larry & Holly Jurss**. Henry has a big brother, **Charlie**, who is two years old.

No Saints meeting in July

Next Saints Gathering will be on **Wednesday, August 16** “Wisconsin’s Wild Weather” with TV Meteorologist Drew Burgoyne, 11:30 am



Summer Office Hours 2023:
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30
Fridays, 8:00-12 noon



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PERIODICALS RATE

Mail Carrier: Please deliver by July 1, 2023.

The Voice of St. Matthew's

We are called to welcome, nurture, equip and send

Next issue of the VOICE is dated August 6, 2023.



Members of the Healing Prayer Ministry Team surround Pr. Ann and a person being prayed for during a recent Healing Prayer service during communion. Healing Services are offered monthly at St. Matthew's.



(Left to right) Darla Hium, Chris & Paul Davis, Jan Johnson and Judy Holmes met for lunch at a St. Matt's Meet-Up in June. Photo by Beth Schulz (next meet-up is on July 12 - see pg. 3)



Ruth Kallio Mielke brings the prepared communion trays to the altar. She has also taken on the additional responsibility of being a worship host, overseeing volunteers on one Sunday morning a month.



Grace Note quartet presented a beautiful Pentecost anthem accompanied by Andy Sajdak on cello. Singers are (left to right) Steve Winters, Al Van Lith, Andrew Cherney and Mark Wulff.



Mayor Dennis McBride reads a mayoral proclamation in honor of David Mohr's retirement.



Former pastors at St. Matthew's returned on May 21 for Dave Mohr's retirement reception. Left to right are current interim lead Pastor Karen Natterstad, Pastor Emeritus Gary Erickson, Dave & Sonja Mohr, and Pastor Margaret Schoewe.