

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

March 24, 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 follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.

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.

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

Altar flowers are given by Leah Phillippi in memory of Ellie Eichman.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation, 9:45-10:45 am in the Upper Room

March 24 -- Muhlenbergs Create the only American Lutheran Dynasty

Surnames like Kennedy, Rockefeller and Roosevelt represent familiar dynasties in American history, but five generations of Lutheran Muhlenbergs top them all. Pastors, scientists, politicians, and academics, they dominated cultural life in the Eastern U.S. for two centuries. Why don't Lutherans know more about this clan? Pastor David Zersen shares this fascinating story.

Holy Week begins today: Plan to worship with us, in person or live stream during all the Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday 3/28	7:00 pm followed by a Healing Service
Good Friday 3/29	10:00 am Children's Good Friday Service with egg hunt 7:00 pm Good Friday of light into dark and a message of hope
Easter Sunday 3/31	8:30 and 11:00 am Celebrate the Hope and Promise of Easter Easter breakfast in fellowship hall between the services

Easter Eggs Needed! *Pick up a bag of empty eggs outside the church office.*

We are asking for donations of wrapped candy-filled Easter eggs for the Good Friday easter egg hunt. Please bring them by Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Lent & Holy Week Offerings to Support Scholarship Programs in El Salvador and Tanzania - *Your donations are providing an Education!*

Offerings collected during Lent and Holy Week this year will be used to help students in our partner parishes in El Salvador and Tanzania. Help young people in El Salvador and Tanzania imagine a different future – one that can give them hope and lift them out of poverty. *Thank you for your gifts so far!*

Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt & Worship--Friday, March 29, at 10:00 am

Join us Good Friday at St. Matthew's for our annual Good Friday Easter Egg hunt. We will meet at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. A craft will be available as we await the start of the egg hunt. We will then gather in the Sanctuary for worship. Bring a basket or bag for eggs.

Join us for Breakfast on Easter Sunday – Mar. 31! *Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip*

Hop on down to Fellowship Hall on Easter morning for a festive Easter Breakfast from 9:30 – 10:45. The menu includes a scrambled egg bar with lots of toppings, fruit, doughnuts, juice, and plenty of coffee. There will even be hot beignets, a favorite New Orleans treat, to top off the meal!

Youth who are participating in this summer's Mission Trip to New Orleans will be involved in prepping and serving the breakfast. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children aged 3-11, and kids under 3 free. We appreciate your support.



You Are Cordially Invited
To the Service of Installation for
Lead Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar
Sunday, April 14, 2024

At the
8:30 and 11:00 am services
With Guest Preacher
The Reverend Bishop Paul Erickson
ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod

A Festive Reception will be held
Between services in the Upper Commons

*Please join us for this historic and
long-awaited day at St. Matthew's!*



Planning a Baptism? Come to the Baptism class on Sunday, April 14: You'll learn about what baptism means from one of the pastors, have an opportunity to ask questions about what will happen on the day of your child's baptism, and meet other parents. The time is 9:45-10:45 am. If you are thinking about baptism or have a baby due soon, sign up by calling or email the church office, 414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org

Our three-part series on the Holy Land is now available on website home page:
The Israel-Hamas war: Understanding the ongoing crisis At the center of the hostilities are issues of land, millenniums of history and two Abrahamic faiths. Scroll down the home page of our website (www.stmattslutheran.org) and click on the links for each presentation.

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.

April 5 *Janesville: An American Story*, by Amy Goldstein, 351 pages

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

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

Join St. Matthew's Faith Community!

New Member Classes on April 7th and April 21st

Our next series of new member classes begins soon, and we invite you to join us. Classes will take place on Sunday mornings, April 7th and April 21st, from 9:45-10:45 AM. The classes offer an introduction to our congregation, how to find your faith fed and nurtured, how and why we serve our neighbors, and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. This time together helps us to get to know you personally and provides space for you to interact with church members as well as others interested in joining St. Matthew's Church. Contact Sue Swing or the church office for more information.

Children's Clothing Swap returns on Sunday, April 14th, 9:30–11:00 a.m. In the Commons area - outside library Simply bring your kids' outgrown or unwanted clothes (size newborn through size 14), shoes and accessories and swap them for other items. We only ask that the clothes you bring are appropriate for spring/summer and in relatively good condition. If possible, please group clothing by size and mark the size on the bag/box. Clothing may be dropped off at the church office from April 2nd – April 13th (labeled "Clothing Swap") or brought on the morning of the swap. Clothing only; no toys or children's furniture.

Looking Ahead: Undie Sunday collection is coming up April 7-21! We do this collection for Guest House and Benedict Center, and collect all sorts of underwear for men and women. Look for a list in an upcoming bulletin, and if you see a sale on underwear in the meantime, please consider picking up some before the collection begins. Thanks for your support of this collection!

Found in sanctuary after last Sunday: Coffee Shop gift card with a balance on it. If you can describe it, we'll return it to you. It's in the office --- talk to Sonja Mohr or Bridget Smith; or call during the week, 414-774-0441.

Office Closed April 1st: We'll be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 1st.

St. Matthew's to Serve as Polling Site on April 2

Due to the remodeling construction going on at the Muellner Building in Hart Park, the City of Wauwatosa has asked to use our location as a place for people to vote on April 2. If you happen to stop by church on this day, you will notice extra people in the building. We are glad to be able to host this important community function in our space.

A Church Family Opportunity: Help Norman Rude celebrate his 62nd birthday. If you know Norman, who is Julia Murphy's brother, he LOVES receiving cards and keeping them, and looking at them over and over. His birthday is on April 10th. If you'd like to send him a bday card, please send it to St. Matt's: Norman Rude, c/o St. Matthew's, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa WI 53213. Thanks!

Worship Assistants today:

Volunteer Host: Flash Gordon.

Acolytes: (8:30) Clare Kasdorf. (11:00) Hannah Malloy.

Coffee Hosts: Laura Goeckermann, Dollie Kirchner.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Carrie Ralfs, Pat Gardner. (11:00) Julie Schmidt, Margaret Crawford.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Nancy & Jim Bowen. (11:00) Alice Rudebusch, Donna McAllister.

Greeters: (8:30) Mike & Donna Gifford, Marian Benz. (11:00) Roz Rouse, Judy Holmes, Carl & Eileen Lund.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Matt Malten, Carl Johnson, Annette Olson. (11:00) Joy Buer, Joanne Ziarek, Alice Rudebusch.

Ushers: (8:30) Bret Rockenbach, Mary Ann Gordon, Quinn Assenheimer, Kevin Meissner, Greg Strand. (11:00) Rob Wedel.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Allan Land.

Library Assistant: *Open.*

Worship Technology: (8:30) Michael Knutson, David Locher. (9:45) Heather Deaton. (11:00) *open.*

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) *open.*

Stephen Minister: Sue Swing.

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

Adult Ministries: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Hauge, 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.

YTD Financial Results as of:	03/17/24
General Fund Receipts	\$202,017
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$272,902
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$70,885)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$20,901
Building Fund Balance	\$182,216



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