

Welcome to Our Day of Celebration!

April 14, 2024



It is Pastor Kevin's Installation Sunday. Welcome, one and all, as we celebrate and welcome Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar as lead pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Pastor Kevin began his call at St. Matthew's on February 28, 2024. More information, including his bio, can be found on the home page of our website.

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.

We welcome as our Guest Preacher today Bishop Paul Erickson of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod. Bishop Erickson leads 115 southeastern Wisconsin ELCA Lutheran Churches, and is an active religious leader in Milwaukee. He has spent much of his ministry working in cross-cultural settings and has traveled extensively to visit global companions in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Tanzania. He feels called to lead the church as it explores ways to move forward with curiosity, courage, compassion, and collaboration.

Members of our Call Committee and Church Council will be participating in today's worship services for the Installation of Pastor Kevin. **The Church Council** consists of: Carl Johnson, Fred Heim, Alice Rudebusch, Laura Hyland, Cathy Shaw, Rob Sholl and Michael Wolaver. **Those who served on the Call Committee** were Brian Due, Nancy Bowen, Dave Celata, Robert Mochel, Diane DuBois, Kristen Charlson, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Andy Cherney and Michael Wolaver.

The banner welcoming Pastor Kevin and the colorful paper tulips were made by the first through fifth graders who participated in the Sunday School Big Group time last Sunday.

Prayer cards won't be collected during this morning's worship, but if you wish to add a prayer request to our prayer chain, please place the card in the offering place.

Baptism Class Today at 9:45 am in the UPPER ROOM: You'll learn about what baptism means, 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. Pastor Ann Williams will be leading the class, and she looks forward to meeting those interested in scheduling a time for baptism at St. Matthew's.

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A library book has been given to the church library by Emily, Lisa and Abby Chiesa in honor of Joe's 60th birthday.

Children's Clothing Swap In the Commons area outside library—It's Today! Stop by the tables and choose clothing for your young ones. If you haven't donated clothing and wish to make an optional monetary donation, it will be directed to a local charity. Left over clothing will be given to Tosa Cares and Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. What a great way to reuse and recycle! Thanks to Bev Etzelmueller as well as the volunteers who set up on Saturday for their efforts to bring this event back to St. Matthew's!

*****Your Help Needed to Stock Reformation's SONshine Pantry in April!*****

We are filling SONshine care bags filled with cleaning and hygiene supplies – necessities that are not covered by SNAP (Food Stamp Program). **We are collecting 70 of each of these:**

- Laundry detergent
- Toilet tissue, 4-pack
- Pine-Sol type cleaner (qt. size)

Also welcome are \$10 & \$15 gift cards at Wal-Mart, The Dollar Store, or Pick N' Save

Donations are needed by Sunday, April 14th. (**Monday April 15th is okay, too!**)

Wednesday evening adult Bible study continues through May. Meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. We are about to start 1 Samuel on Wednesday, April 17th. Come for the learning and laughter! Stay after for the snacks! Contact David or Robbie Locher for info; davidjlocher@gmail.com

Next Sunday's Adult Education (April 21st) 9:45-10:45am in the Upper Room: 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 and Dan Bice will lead an adult forum on **April 21** aimed at helping us to focus on the key issues in this Middle Eastern dispute.

The second of two new member classes will take place next Sunday, April 21 at 9:45 am. If you have questions about joining St. Matthew's, or what the class will cover, please contact the pastors or Sue Swing at sueswing@sbcglobal.net

Undie Sunday is underway through April 21st. 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!

Beer Barons of St. Matthew's – April – *If you haven't joined us yet, how about this month?* The Beer Barons of St. Matthew's convene once again this April, as they do every month, on the third Thursday of each month – this time **April 18th**. This month's gathering takes place at The Gathering Place – Tosa Tap Room, located at 7208 W. North Ave. The generous owner has pledged to donate 20% of the proceeds back to St. Matthew's for a designated benevolence cause! While drinking is not required, the Beer Barons extend a warm invitation to the men of St. Matthew's to join in.

**SAINTS Older Adults Gathering: Wednesday, April 17 beginning at 11:30am
“Milwaukee’s Love Affair with Baseball – The Story of a City and a Sport”**

With Dr. Stephen Hauser – Join us for some baseball fun just two weeks after the Brewers win their home opener. Dr. Stephen Hauser will present a baseball talk to be enjoyed by people who don’t even like baseball. His historical presentation opens in 1859 and will carry us to the arrival of the Milwaukee Braves in 1953. *Saints is St. Matthew’s Older Adults Ministry which meets monthly for fellowship, devotion, entertainment and a box lunch (suggested donation \$12). Sign up at the Welcome Center or church office.*

Middle School Service Saturday Event April 20th! Focus on Food Insecurity in Milwaukee

Middle School students are encouraged to join us on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 – 3:00 for a service and learning event. We’ll gather at 9:00 for doughnuts and a brief intro activity and then head into the community to volunteer at various ministries serving those who are challenged by food insecurity, returning to St. Matthew’s to debrief and do an interactive activity over lunch. Sign up with Gretchen; watch your emails for signups

Men’s Breakfast on April 20, 7:30am – special guest speaker the Rev. Richard Shaw

Men of St. Matthew’s, bring your friends and come hear a great speaker after a delicious breakfast at the next Men’s Breakfast gathering on Saturday, April 20 from 7:30-9:00 am. Pastor Richard Shaw is the President of the MICAH interfaith organization working for peace and justice, and is the lead pastor at St. Matthew CME Church in Milwaukee. Come hear an interesting and inspirational talk.

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.

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. Join us!

Looking Ahead to some fun opportunities:

Game Night: Game Night is Friday May, 3rd 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. All are welcome!

Volleyball: St. Matt’s member, Sarah Frets, has organized a St. Matt’s volleyball team. The season starts on Thursday, May 2nd 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.

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.

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) Kateri Kirchner, *open*. (11:00) Claire Foley, *open*.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Margaret Hyland, Rosalind Rouse. (11:00) Siena Petersen, Maya Tanel. **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Dee Birschel, Michael Wolaver. (11:00) Donna McAllister, Alice Rudebusch.

Greeters: (8:30) Laura Hyland, Steve & Betty Williams, Holly Holton. (11:00) Judy Holmes, Margaret Bartlett & William Kisamo, Joyce Biehn.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Anne DeWitt. (11:00) Connie Malloy.

Ushers: (8:30) Daniel Gordon, Mary Ann Gordon, Claudia & Dale Renaud, Daniel Zello, Flash Gordon, *captain*. (11:00) Joseph Ceci, Zachary Peterson.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Pam Stokke-Ceci. **Welcome Center Host:** (8:30) Dee Birschel.

Library Assistant: Bridget Smith. **Stephen Minister:** Carl Johnson.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Grant Nickel, Eli Schaar, Brian Smith. (11:00) Stephen Skaife, Dave McCullough.

Tosa Cares Food Pantry is celebrating its 16th Anniversary of serving Wauwatosa. Economic instability, job losses and rising costs of living have pushed more families to seek assistance from Tosa Cares 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. Any contribution allows us to continue building a community where every neighbor knows the warmth of a helping hand. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more or to make an online donation. Thanks for considering!



MICAH seeks a full time Office Coordinator. MICAH is an interfaith organization that works for racial and economic justice. The position involves administration, communications, financial management and event planning. The position requires some weekend and evening work. The job includes a competitive salary, health insurance and a 401 (k) plan. To apply, or for more details about the position, interested applicants must send a resume a cover letter by April 15 to office@micahmke.org

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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 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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