

Welcome to St. Matthew's

April 7, 2024



Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we continue to celebrate and live out the Good News of the resurrection.

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.

Today's Adult Education Session, 9:45 – 10:45 am in the Upper Room: Our new lead pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar presents "What it means to be Lutheran." This class is for anyone who has a Lutheran background, but perhaps has a question or two, and especially for those who may have a faith background from another denomination, or no church background at all. So it's open to everyone, and is also part of our new member class. Come and meet some new members, and learn with them about being Lutheran.

Join St. Matthew's Faith Community! **New Member Classes on April 7th and April 21st**

We invite you to join us. Classes will take place 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. Contact Sue Swing or the church office for more information.

Sunday Morning Women's Group Our next meeting is Sunday, April 7th 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Led by Katie Nickel. All are welcome!

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

Special Thanks to all of our Holy Week and Easter Worship Assistants. Thank you for serving at church during one of the most important weeks of the church year.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, April 7, 2024

Next Sunday: A Very Special Day at St. Matthew's:



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!*



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. Collection Area: Wooden box under the entrance screen – look for the sign.

Set-Up help needed: Come join us to help set up the swap on Saturday morning, April 13, beginning at 9 am in the Library Commons.

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Undie Sunday collection starts now, 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!

Wednesday evening adult Bible study continues each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in the Upper Room. All are welcome, even if you haven't attended before.

Bible Study this Wednesday morning: Resumes on April 10 from 10:00-11:00am.

Our three-part series on the Holy Land is now available on website home page: The Israel-Hamas war: Understanding the ongoing crisis --Scroll down the home page of our website (www.stmattslutheran.org) and click on the links for each presentation.

And a Follow-Up: Discussing the Israel-Hamas War: A forum The church recently hosted leading Muslim and Jewish voices in Milwaukee as they passionately debated the history of Israel-Palestine, the situation in Gaza and 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 members of the congregation focus on the key issues in this Middle Eastern dispute.

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. A fifth-generation and lifelong Wisconsin resident, Dr. Hauser recently retired after 40 years as a history professor at Marquette University. *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.*

Beer Barons of St. Matthew's - April Fundraiser

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 benevolent cause! While drinking is not required, the Beer Barons extend a warm invitation to the men of St. Matthew's to join in, connecting with others over 'liquid bread' and supporting a noble endeavor.

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

St. Matthew's is sponsoring Reformation's monthly SONshine Pantry in April, which provides people in their neighborhood with a meal, a devotion, conversation, prayer, and a SONshine care bag filled with cleaning and hygiene supplies – necessities that are not covered by SNAP (Food Stamp Program). **We are collecting 70 of each of the products below:**

- ❖ 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.

We also need volunteers to serve the meal on Thursday, April 18th from Noon – 2:00.
Please contact Gretchen Haugse if you are able to help.

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 to feature famous Milwaukee Civil Rights Leader

Pastor Joseph Ellwanger *Breakfast begins at 7:30am*

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. The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger is a man who once fought on the frontlines of the Civil Rights movement in this country. In Milwaukee, Pastor Joe served as pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, our partner congregation, for 34 years, retiring in 2001. He has continued to be active in social justice ministries throughout the area ever since.

Join us on April 20 for this inspirational time together.

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: Flash Gordon.

Acolytes: (8:30) Chloe Eckdale-Dudley. (11:00) Jacob Dahlgren, Hannah Malloy.

Coffee Hosts: Joe & Lisa Chiesa.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Carrie Ralfs, Noah Weileder. (11:00) Julie Schmidt, *open*.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Marian Benz, Jan Johnson. (11:00) Allan Land, Kristin Hanson.

Greeters: (8:30) Bob & Theresa Zwaska, Dollie Kirchner, Jim Bowen. (11:00) Mark Young, Bridget & Brian Smith, Dan Brovarney & Deb Endean.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Laura Lange. (11:00) Stephanie Jurss.

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Hayes, Bill Richter, Brian Due (*Captain*). (11:00) Joy & Rob Wedel.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Marion Heinz.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) Erin & Rob Weileder.

Library Assistant: Peggy Klemme.

Stephen Minister: *open*.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Levi Kirchner, Owen Schaar. (9:45) Bill Anderson. (11:00) Lily Wiemer, Conor Williams.

YTD Financial Results as of:	03/31/24
General Fund Receipts	\$230,233
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$272,902
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$42,669)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$20,901
Building Fund Balance	\$182,495

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