

THE VOICE of St. Matthew's

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Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- Matthew 5:16



In the Spirit of St. Valentine

It is just a week or so until we celebrate Valentine's Day. As a kid, I looked forward to choosing a box of little paper valentines with my favorite cartoon character printed on them. I might even get a lollipop or some "conversation hearts" at school. In our culture, Valentine's Day has become a celebration of romantic love complete with red and pink decorations, roses, chocolates and teddy bears. It is almost impossible to get a dinner reservation and there's quite a bit of pressure to find the right present or card for the special people in your life. However, the roots of Valentine's Day are much different.



There is some debate about who the real Saint Valentine was. What we know for certain is that he was a leader in the early Christian church in Italy and was killed on February 14th in the year 269 C.E. Legend says that he secretly officiated the marriages of Christian couples during a time when Christians were being persecuted— thus February 14th came to be associated with love. I like to think that any old day of the year is a good time to celebrate love in every form—but I also think that setting aside a particular day to celebrate love is a good idea too.

So, with Valentine's Day approaching, I would like to tell you how much I love you. I have never been in a call for as long as I have been at St. Matt's. With each passing year my love for you and my trust in you and this community grows. I learn more about you— your strengths and weaknesses, foibles and passions— every day. It is a beautiful thing to do ministry among people I have come to love. Somehow seeing your faces in the glow of Christmas candles, or hearing your questions in Bible study, or serving each of you communion on Sunday mornings has become more holy over time. I know I can say something sarcastic and not offend (I hope)! And when I fail (and I do this a lot) I know I can find forgiveness and grace in your midst. You have always been, and continue to be, the face of Christ to me. You have strengthened my faith. I am grateful for you. So in the spirit of Saint Valentine, know that you are loved— on February 14th and the rest of the year too.

Pastor Ann

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.

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Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Upcoming Events

Your Help Needed to Deliver Valentine Gift Bags

With Valentine's Day coming up, we will be delivering gift bags to our members who are not able to make it to church regularly. The bags contain various Valentine treats, including decorations made by our 6th - 8th graders.



If you are able to make a short visit and deliver this gift to one of our members, please pick up one (or more) of the bags from the table by the church office on February 12th. Bags are sorted by zip code. Thanks for your help!

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.



Please come when you can. All are always welcome!

Save the Dates:
STEPPING ON Workshop
 at St. Matt's In the Upper Room **Stepping ON**
 Learn how to reduce your risk of falling
 Tuesdays March 7 - April 18, 2023
 Program Time: 9am-11am



B'Gosh 'n Begorrah, It's Back! Youth Dinner Auction Planned for March 17th!

It's your lucky night! For the first time in three years, we're planning a Dinner Auction for the Youth Mission Trip on Friday, March 17th.



There will be items to bid on for a silent auction as well as Kentucky-themed heavy hors d'oeuvres served in various locations in the building. Auction winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

All proceeds from this fun event will go to the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky, where we will be working to rebuild homes damaged by historic flooding last summer. So, wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us to benefit a good cause! Watch the Voice and announcements for more details.

Auction Items are Welcome

We are always looking for interesting items to offer at our dinner auction fundraiser. Do you work for a business that would consider donating a product or a gift certificate? Do you have a skill or service you could contribute? Vacation rentals are also a welcome item. All donations in good condition are appreciated. Please talk to Gretchen Hauge if you can help.

Eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero & Support the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky!

Certificates Available in Church Office

Planning to eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero in the village? Then stop in the office to buy some gift certificates to pay for your meal. The certificates cost \$5 a piece and are worth \$5 toward the food that you purchase. St. Matthew's earns \$1 for every certificate, which supports the youth mission trips. It's a win-win situation.



Certificates are available in the office all week and on Sunday mornings when there's someone in the office, during the Education Hour. Thanks for your support!



Marian Benz and Karla Baierl prepare communion for the 8:30 service on January 15th.

We couldn't offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion each Sunday without our communion preparers. Want to help? Contact Al Van Lith in the church office.

Our Church Council

Church Council Year-end Update

St Matthew's closed out 2022 with continued increases in member participation and engagement and in contributions. Thank you to all of those who have reengaged in the ministries of the church- we look forward to continuing this momentum into the New Year.

Council approved the updates to the Ministry Site Profile that members of the Call Committee worked on the last months. We thank them for their work as we prayerfully wait for the right Lead Pastor for our Congregation.

Congratulations to the following Council members who completed their terms: Anne DeWitt, Don Heinz, Tara Laatsch, Al Land, and Beth Schulz. We are thankful for their hard work and dedication during their terms.

- Carly Crave, Secretary



Our church council meets monthly in a hybrid format, with some attendees appearing through Zoom. At the January meeting were (seated, left to right) Carl Johnson, Carly Crave, Tara Laatsch, Pam Stokke-Ceci, Laura Hyland, Diane DuBois, Fred Heim (standing, left to right) Anne DeWitt, Pastor Karen, Allan Land, Pastor Ann and Beth Schulz.

Appearing by Zoom was Don Heinz, and Michael Wolaver was unable to attend this meeting.

Thanks to our Council Members for their work during this time of transition and renewal!

Special thanks to outgoing Council President Tara Laatsch for her leadership and extra work during 2022. The new council president is Diane DuBois, and vice president is Carl Johnson.



Rob Wedel, Treasurer and Laura Hyland, Finance Committee Chairperson.

Thanks to our Finance Committee's dedication in leading us during a challenging, but Spirit-filled, year. Members of the Committee are Dan Byrne, Council President Tara Laatsch, Council Vice President Diane DuBois, and Laura Hyland.

Thanks to Anne DeWitt for these photos.

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 29th, after this issue was finalized.

Watch for a summary of the business of the Annual Meeting in the next issue.

Want to see this past year's Annual Report? You can pick one up at church OR you can read it online at this link:

<https://bit.ly/3wkTBVU-AR2022>

Or go to our website and scroll down the home page for a link to the online Annual Report.



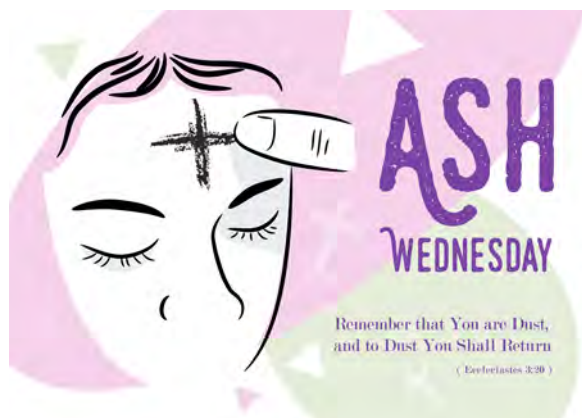
Ash Wednesday is February 22

Lenten Wednesdays are March 1 - 29, 2023

Join us for Worship on Ash Wednesday

February 22 -- Two Worship Services
10:00 am and 7:15 pm

**Services include Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion
Followed by Healing Services**



Ash Wednesday & Ashes

The name of the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, comes from the old custom of blessing ashes and marking the foreheads of the penitent faithful with ashes on this day. The ashes are prepared by burning palms from the preceding Palm Sunday. This marking is done as a symbol of the penitential character of the Lenten season. The idea comes from Old Testament times when mourners or penitents clothed themselves in sackcloth and sprinkled their heads and faces with dust or ashes. Job said, "Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." Words of Jesus that apply may be found in Matthew 11:21, "Woe to you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." But Jesus condemned the hypocrites of his day who made such a display of their piety rather than serving God with the spiritual purpose that should accompany any outward sign of penitence. This is referred to in the following portion of the Ash Wednesday gospel:

"When you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen of men. . . But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret" (Matthew 6:16-18).

LENT 2023 "The Water Holds You"

In this season of Lent we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. With ashes, we retrace the sign of the cross on our foreheads and remember we are joined to this journey through our baptism - a journey through death to new life. Each week during Lent, we'll reclaim the promises given when the baptismal



waters washed over you. A theme will be presented in Sunday worship and echoed on Wednesday night at a 6:15pm Family Lenten Time or 7:15pm contemplative worship (30 minutes long). Water will be our image. God's promise to hold us, like we are floating in water, will be our guide.

Waters of baptism give us:

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| Lent 1: Identity | Lent 2: New birth |
| Lent 3: Satisfaction | Lent 4: Forgiveness |
| Lent 5: Eternal Life | |

Join us for the FIVE Wednesdays in Lent March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Morning:

10:00-11:00 am Bible Study w/ Pr Ann

Evening:

5:30-6:20 pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall

to benefit the Youth Mission Trip

6:15-7:00 pm Family Lenten Time for parents and children up through 3rd grade with Donna Gardner Manke

5:45-6:30 pm New Creation Choir

6:30-7:00 pm New Generation Choir

7:15 pm Midweek Lenten Service (approx. 30 min.)



Have Dinner with Us in Lent!

We hope you'll observe Lent with us on Wednesday evenings from March 1st through March 29th, starting with a healthy dinner each week. Dinner will be served continuously from 5:30 - 6:20. Suggested donation for the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children aged 3-10. It's a great way to spend time with your St. Matthew's family before Lenten Family Time and Choirs!

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education - All are Welcome! *Come when you can!*

Our Adult Education program continues to support the faith growth of our church and online community. This is a weekly opportunity to engage your mind in faith related topics, meet others with similar interests and connect with your church community. We gather on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am September-May. The goals of our adult education program are to:

- Increase Biblical Literacy
- Educate on religious matters
- Provide practical advice on daily Christian life
- Offer outreach information and opportunity to serve

Coming up in February & March

February 5 - 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 February 5th!



February 12

Favorite Hymns with John Paradowski

We all know that John, St. Matthew's Director of Music Ministry, is a gifted musician and teacher. He has been busy collecting the titles of your favorite songs and hymns to share on February 12th. Join in this fun class as we sing and learn a little bit more about the music and one another!

February 19 - Hope Street

Join us for Adult Education on February 19th at 9:45 as the Social Ministry team presents Ashley Thomas, the Executive Director and Founder of Hope Street, often referred to the Greenhouse for People. Located on 26th and Capitol, it is a place where broken men, women and children have a safe place to grow and develop a sense of hope and community. Hope Street provides housing and healing to men, women, and children whose lives have been profoundly affected by the toxic environment they grew up in, their own choices, or drug and alcohol abuse. You are invited to come and hear Hope Street's story, its important outreach to the community, and how you can become involved as a volunteer to make a difference in the lives of those they serve.



February 26

Emotional Intelligence & Our Kids - Pt. 2

There is a lot behind children's emotions/behaviors that they don't have the language/words/maturity for sharing in the way that adults can. During this adult education hour we continue the conversation that we began during an adult forum class in the fall. Bring your questions! We hope to help adult caregivers learn how to address children's emotions besides simply talking. Presented by St. Matt's members, Kayla Celata, Laura Crave and Patti Foley.



Kayla Celata has worked with children and families her entire career. She has a bachelor's and master's degree in social work with an emphasis on child welfare. She has been with Wellpoint Care Network (formerly SaintA) for 10 years working with children and families involved in the foster care system. Through a trauma informed certification, her agency has shifted the question/focus from "what's wrong with you?" to "what happened to you?"

Patti Foley earned her master's degree in social work from Loyola University Chicago. She has spent the past 20 years of her career working as a licensed child & family therapist in intensive outpatient programs at Rogers Behavioral Health. Most recently Patti specialized in crisis intervention and safety planning with the early adolescent population. In May she transitioned to Children's Wisconsin where she provides school-based mental health services within the elementary schools in Shorewood.

Laura Crave is passionate about strengthening families and enhancing child well-being. She has worked for Children's Wisconsin for 6.5 years in roles spanning child welfare, child abuse prevention, and trauma informed care. Currently, she serves as the program manager of Awareness to Action, a statewide program for the primary prevention of child sexual abuse. Laura has a master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee.

Adult Education - continued



Older Adults Ministry

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.



Rochelle Pennington spoke at the January Saints gathering, sharing the story of the Endurance group of sailors who survived a serious of life-threatening situations in the Antarctic in the early 20th century.

March 5

My Pronouns are What and Who Now?: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Being a Welcoming People



The last few decades have seen a rapid shift in acceptance and welcome of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, marital statuses, and family structures. For those longing to be included and celebrated, it may feel like there is a long way to go, and things aren’t changing quickly enough. For those who want things to stay the same, it may feel very frustrating and even infuriating to see emerging generations welcoming and celebrating identities and lifestyles that were once widely considered taboo and wrong. And even for those who want to be welcoming and affirming, it can be disorienting to navigate the changing landscape of pronouns, relationships, identities, and the like. Join Jay McDivitt (he/him/his), a former ELCA pastor of two Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations, as he welcomes your questions and wades into the sometimes murky waters of “All Are Welcome.” He is not an expert in all things LGBTQIA+* (yes, we can talk about all that, too). He is a church leader who has worked to help congregations sing and live the promise that “All Are Welcome,” while fumbling and failing countless times along the way as new challenges emerge. We’ll talk about pronouns, the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity, and pretty much anything else you want to discuss (time permitting). This will be a safe place to bring all your hard, silly, confusing, even accidentally offensive questions, starting with the assumption that we are a people of Grace who are committed to growing in compassion, curiosity, and courage together.

March 12

The Water Will Hold You: water stories and themes in Lent

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus - and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. In this session, Pastors will review additional baptismal promises such as an identity, forgiveness, and gifts to sustain us. These promises are meant to hold us, like floating in water.

March 19

Caregiver Sunday - More information to come in the next issue of the VOICE

Social Ministry

Guest House of Milwaukee monthly Meal Ministry *Your participation is invited!*

Since we last reported on this Meal Ministry in the August 2022 issue of The Voice, volunteers from St Matthew's have prepared and served meals each month at the Guest House, a Milwaukee homeless shelter for men. We resumed serving dinners inside the shelter in September 2022. That was after the Milwaukee County Health Department lifted pandemic restrictions on entry to the facility, during which time we prepared and dropped-off cooked meals from April 2020 to August 2022.

The residents of the Guest House homeless shelter are so thankful for these meals, which are made possible by the talents and generosity of so many volunteers. Most recently the Guest House organized the TV coverage on January 8, and they wrote: "Thank you again for your faithfulness to Guest House in providing your time, talents, and resources with us!"

We want to take this opportunity to thanks to these food preparers and donors from St Matthew's and our local community from January 2022 to January 2023:

- Jenny Acompanado**
- Don Birschel**
- Jim Daul**
- Heather Deaton**
- Anne DeWitt**
- Gretchen Haugse and Youth Dessert Chefs**
- Dale and Dollie Kirchner**
- Kristie Kroening**
- Kelly Mathwick**
- Ruth and Steve Mielke**
- Don and Jill Schaeffer**
- Sobelman's Grill**
- Chris Weber-Sponnick**
- Conor Williams**
- Linda Wunderlich**



Carl Johnson will coordinate efforts for volunteers who wish to prepare food at their homes, or at St Matthew's kitchen. Three weeks ahead of each meal, Carl will develop a general dinner plan and send an email to invite volunteers to prepared specific dishes and roles in preparing the meal. He will provide aluminum foil pans and covers to volunteers and pick-up the prepared food from your home or at St Matthews. Help is also needed from 1 or 2 volunteers to serve the dinner each month.

We provide food for 80 men on the second Sunday of each month. Our dates meals in 2023 are shown below:

2023 Guest House meals sponsored by St. Matthew's:

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| February 12 | August 13 |
| March 12 | September 10 |
| April 9 | October 8 |
| May 14 | November 12 |
| June 11 | December 10 |
| July 9 | |



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Matthew 25:35

Join this well-organized and meaningful ministry!

Please contact Carl at carljohnson1023@outlook.com, or by phone or text message at 414-771-1023 to sign-up for food preparation or serving an upcoming meal.

Youth and Children's Ministry

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.

Baptismal Anniversaries Highlighted

Several times each month, babies, children and adults are baptized during our worship services. During the service of baptism, after the person is baptized, the congregation welcomes them and promises to pray for them during their faith development.



“We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.”

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| Gifford John Collins | February 27, 2022 |
| Lawrence McCarthy | February 9, 2020 |
| Maverick David Frantz | February 24, 2019 |
| Ruby Aster Steinberg | February 24, 2019 |
| James Peter Daul, III | February 19, 2017 |
| Stella Louise Reuter | February 19, 2017 |
| Samuel Thomas Williams | February 26, 2017 |
| Hadley Ellaura Frantz | February 21, 2016 |

Next Youth Mission Trip Meeting is Sunday 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.



Congratulations to Eli Schaar for his Affirmation of Baptism on January 22, 2023. Eli is the son of Jonathan and Rachel Schaar. The family includes Eli's brother, Owen (on left).



St. Matthew's Healing Prayer Ministry meets monthly on Sunday mornings. Left to right: Arline Koeller, Connie Malloy, Deb Endean, Matt Frets, Lisa Williams, Karen Gastrau, Pastor Ann, Anne DeWitt, Allan Land, Rita Reinke and Larry Jurss. If you are interested in being part of the group, speak with Pastor Ann.

Partnership and Thank yous

New Collection

Support Reformation's SONShine Pantry by helping to supply these items

We continue with the important work in the church's neighborhood and call on partners to help us in several important ways during (and after!) this transition. We need congregations and individuals to gather household cleaning and hygiene supplies for the SONShine Pantry. Those items include:

- Bar Soap
- Bleach (qt. size bottles/boxes)
- Deodorant
- Dish detergent
- Facial tissue
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Pine-Sol cleaner (qt. size)
- Shampoo
- Toilet tissue, single wrapped roll or 4-pack
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes (individual brushes needed)



Workers at foster care group homes pose with Allison Byrne as they pick up the gifts for their teens and co-workers. Allies for Teens in Foster Care prepared gifts for a record number of homes through the generosity of its supporters.

Thank you to Cherie Swenson for her informative presentation on Sojourner Family Peace Center on Jan. 15's adult education. For women and children suffering from abuse, there is hope and a place to go. It is important to get the word out to people in these circumstances that help is available. If you are a business owner and would be willing to put up information, or make it available to your employees or the general public, Cherie can be contacted at cpjswenson@icloud.com.



A Thank you from Reformation for our Giving Tree gifts:

"Reformation keeps dreams alive for so many people! For a struggling mom to receive help with her children. For teenagers who want to work. For an isolated adult who needs a listening ear. For those addicted, to walk into sobriety. For those who doubt, to embrace the gift of faith. You have been a blessing with your collection and delivery of toys for children this Christmas. We saw the gratitude (and relief) of neighborhood parents who could provide lovely gifts for their families. The people of our community do not take these things for granted and are overjoyed to find them at our church. Thank you from our faith community for helping us give kindness to kids and their parents this Christmas!

Marge Johnson, Ministry Coordinator

Responses from Recipients of Allies for Teens in Foster Care Gifts

The youth were so appreciative of your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness as well as your donors. It is because of you and those that give freely that our residents can feel loved and cared for during some difficult times in their lives. Some have family connections and others have no one to make them feel special and loved. Our agency so appreciates you and those that help support your mission.

A Thank you from Tosa Cares Food Pantry:

Thank you for your recent generous donation, which will make our mission more achievable. Cash donations are used to purchase produce and protein products for our clients. Since the pandemic, we have all had to exist in different ways. Be assured that Tosa Cares continues to feed people. Fifty-three new families have been registered, and all families receive food and personal care products, including clothing when possible. Just over 325 families received food in December. The need for basic food supply is even greater at this time, but with your assistance we are empowered to attempt to meet those needs.



Bulletin Board

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
2nd Friday
- 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 me 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!



Kurt and Tari Emerson (left and right) and Tammy Bokern (center) cleaned the apples used in Jan. 22's lunches.

Our Church Family

Helen Bessert died on December 30, 2022. She was a member of St. Matthew's since the 1960s, and she and her husband Fred raised their two daughters, Barbara and Lynn, at St. Matthew's. A service celebrating Helen's life was held on Monday, January 23 at Krause Funeral Home.

Thank you to Kevin Ede for creating and sewing a new cushion for the bench at the main entrance, in a beautiful rust-colored fabric. It is such an improvement over the old and faded cushion it replaced.

Upcoming Healing Services

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

After morning and evening services

Sunday, March 19 During 8:30 & 11:00 services

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

During morning and evening services

Sunday, May 7 After 8:30 service

Sunday, June 11 In Worship 9:30 am

New St. Matthew's Website Revealed

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has a new website, our online identity for people looking for a church and also a place for members to find

information they need. With the services of BK Consulting, Breanna Kuehn moved the information on our old website to a new platform, Squarespace, with a new design. Squarespace is an easier web-hosted software to use for making changes to the website. We can add new sections on a temporary basis if we are promoting an upcoming event or have important timely information to share.

What's new:

- "I'm New" section for those wanting to learn more about our congregation
- Worship Information on home page, easily updated for special events
- Links for Calendar, Worship Bulletin, Announcements, Newsletter and prayer requests toward bottom of home page

Check it out, and use the contact form if you have feedback about it. We hope the website will be a welcoming presence to anyone searching for a church in our area, as well as a source of information about our church for those desiring to know more.





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The Voice of St. Matthew's

We are called to welcome, nurture, equip and send

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Women's Wellness

About fifty women attended the Women's Wellness event on January 22 and heard a practical, entertaining and inspiring presentation about physical, emotional and mental wellness. An important part of Katie Nickel's talk dealt with women finding what works well and feels right to them, and not being influenced by what others are doing. A healthy breakfast



was provided by volunteers who donated their efforts in following the healthy recipes provided.



Kait McCullough and Julie Zersen



Youa Reinicker & Katie Nickel



Sarah Zello and Rachel Schaar

