

# THE VOICE of St. Matthew's

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



### *Pastor's Voice*

## **The Holy Spirit equips us to share the good news**

On May 28th the church celebrated the Day of Pentecost. We read from the Book of Acts that a violent wind entered the place where the disciples were staying. Tongues of flame rested on their heads and they began to speak in different languages. The details; wind, flame and an immediate ability to speak a language you've never studied—tend to overshadow the rest of the story. What's more, this year Pentecost happened over Memorial Day weekend. So I thought that this momentous church festival needed a little extra attention.

Yes, the disciples are able to speak in the languages of the crowd gathered in Jerusalem. But what kind of conversations are they having? They are given this surprising gift—the gift of communication—in order to share the good news of God's "deeds of power." Pentecost is about sharing the good news with others. And what is that good news? Jesus, the Son of God, has come to free us from sin and death. The world killed him but death did not win. The Spirit that was poured out onto all of us at Pentecost isn't just any old spirit—it is the Spirit of the risen, resurrected Christ. Which means... the hard work is done. Jesus has already been raised from the dead. Now as disciples of Jesus, we go tell the story. The Spirit of God is loose in the world. It lives in the community at Saint Matthew's and it lives in you.

This year at our staff and council retreat in February, we began to focus on the word "equipping." That word is part of Saint Matt's mission statement to "Welcome, Nurture, Equip and Send" but it is also a perfect word for the season of Pentecost. Through the miracle of Pentecost and the sacrament of baptism you have the authority to live as Jesus lived, love as Jesus loved and work to help make the Kingdom of God a reality. You are equipped. You have exactly what you need—the Holy Spirit.

Which means that you, Beloved, are the ministers of Saint Matthew's. The staff's job is to make sure your witness, passion, service, study, etc. go smoothly. Let us be a Pentecost People. Use the Spirit given to you. Tell the story.

- 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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# Upcoming Events



## Baptism Classes are Back!

Before the pandemic, Saint Matt's hosted classes for parents wanting to schedule their child's baptism. After a long break—baptism classes are back.

These classes will be offered about four times per year and taught by one of the pastors. The purpose of the class will be to:

- learn about the theology behind this sacrament
- be prepared for the commitment made during the baptism itself
- know how to make baptism part of your family life at home
- ask questions about god parents, scheduling the date and other details
- meet other parents who are raising children in the church

If you want to have your child baptized or if you are expecting a child, mark your calendar!

**June 11th 2023, 10:30 am**

**September 24th 2023, 9:45 am**

## All Together for Summer! Each Sunday this Summer One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

*Worship, Fellowship and fun  
on Sunday mornings*

We look forward to gathering as one faith community for worship at **9:30 am**. Our worship service will be energized by consolidated attendance, coming together each Sunday for Word, sacrament and message. Holy Communion will be celebrated each Sunday all summer.

Immediately following the worship service we will enjoy fellowship time outside (weather permitting) that will include coffee, a variety of treats, and good conversation. There will be limited outdoor seating for those wishing to stay awhile and chat. This will be a great time for all of us to enjoy summer weather together after church.



## Graduating Seniors to be Celebrated on June 4th!

On Sunday, June 4th at the 9:30 worship service, we will recognize and celebrate St. Matthew's Class of 2023, with a cake reception to follow. We have been blessed by the service and participation of this group of young people. They have sung and rung in our choirs, acted in pageants and dramas, assisted in Sunday School and VBS, and participated in mission trips and other service events. We will miss them as they begin a new chapter full of opportunities and discovery, and we wish them Godspeed on all that awaits them!

## Summer Office Hours 2023:

Monday thru Thursday,  
8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30

Fridays, 8:00-12 noon



## St. Matt's 1st Fridays Book Group

Join us for the last book of the 2022-23 discussion year. For the last discussion, we will enjoy some social time and snacks at 6:15pm with the discussion following. Bring something to share, or just come and enjoy.

**June 2**

**West With Giraffes: A Novel**, by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages

Watch for the 2023-2024 booklist to be released this summer!

## 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.

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 6:30-8:00**

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

To be held at St. Matthew's on these evenings. All are truly welcome!



# SAINTS St. Matthew's Older Adults Ministry

June 21

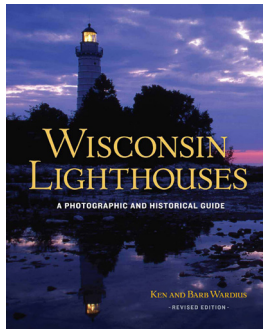
## Wisconsin Lighthouses with Ken & Barb Wardius

Ken and Barb Wardius, authors and photographers of the book "Wisconsin Lighthouses – A Photographic and Historical Guide," will be our speakers at the June 21 Saints gathering. Their presentation will cover a third of the lighthouses in Wisconsin and is perfect for anyone interested in lighthouses, maritime history or simply breathtaking photography.



The program is approximately 45 minutes in length and features many stunning images in a combination of lecture, storytelling and music. There will also be time for questions and answers.

As usual, a box lunch will be available at a suggested donation of \$11/person. Guests and friends are welcome always. Sign up at the Welcome Center or in the church office.



The Wardius' book: "Wisconsin Lighthouses; a Photographic and Historical Guide"

**No Saints meeting in July**

**Next Saints Gathering** will be on **Wednesday, August 16** "Wisconsin's Wild Weather" with TV Meteorologist Drew Burgoyne



Melinda Stuart, certified Senior move manager, spoke at the May Saints gathering of about 45 people, and gave information, stories and resources about how to downsize and declutter as seniors consider moving. The tips were helpful for both do-it-yourselfers and those considering hiring help with the process.

# St. Matthew's SUMMER MEET-UPS All Are Welcome

## May

Tuesday, May 23rd from 11:00-1:00  
**Ally's Powerhouse**; 10460 W. Innovation Dr.,  
Wauwatosa

## June

Wednesday, June 7th from 5:00-9:00 pm  
**The Landing at Hoyt Park**; 1800 N. Swan Blvd,  
Wauwatosa

Wednesday, June 14th from 9:00-11:00 am  
**Colectivo**; 6745 W. Wells St, Wauwatosa

## 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

## 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

Wednesday, September 6th from 11:00-1:00  
**Colectivo**; 6745 W. Wells St, Wauwatosa

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## Run to Rebuild Mission Trip Happens this Month

On June 18th, 31 teens and adults will board a bus early in the morning and head to Hazard, Kentucky to work in Appalachian communities to rebuild and repair homes that were damaged by record floods last summer. Here is an overview of our annual week of service:

### Why Kentucky?

- A “1,000 year” flood inundated much of East Kentucky on July 28, 2022, taking over 40 lives and damaging approximately 10,000 homes.
- Over 2,000 homes are estimated to have been completely destroyed or uninhabitable.
- Many homeowners struggle financially and are not able to replace their homes. The poverty rate for Appalachian Kentucky counties is 25.4% compared to 11.6% for the U.S. as a whole.
- Hundreds of survivors are still displaced, living in travel trailers, hotel rooms at state parks, staying with family, or even living in unheated, flood-damaged homes or in tents.
- Recovery from this disaster will take years, long after the media attention disappears.



### What Will We Do?

We will work with the Housing Development Alliance of Hazard, KY (see information below) to build new homes for flood survivors or repair homes damaged by the floods.



### What is the Housing Development Alliance?

It is a nonprofit affordable housing developer located in Eastern Kentucky. Our mission is to use the power of housing to transform lives and build a brighter future for our community.

For more info visit their website at: <https://hdahome.org>

## Bridge the Gap for the Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

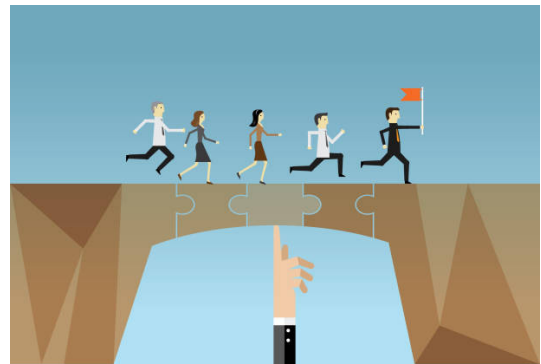
Thank you for helping us close the gap on our 2023 Mission Trip costs to help keep the trip affordable for our youth. Our overall cost for the trip (bus, food, vans, etc.) has increased about 30%.

Visit our “Wall of Hope” fundraising board in the Commons. Each envelope on the board represents a dollar amount that get us closer to our goal. And as envelopes are removed, the display on the board is revealed.

Here are the per person costs you will be supporting with your donation:

- **Seat on the bus:** \$400
- **Lodging, building supplies, coordination fee per person:** \$225
- **Food per person per day:** \$300
- **Vans for worksites per person:** \$85

Thank you for your support!



## 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 Trip.

Certificates are available in the office Thanks for your support!



**Thanks, Ed & Lois Bross, for 30 years of The Holy Spirit represented in Stained Glass**  
***Come Holy Spirit***

*Dove & Flames Pentecost Stained Glass art given 30 years ago; gift created by Lois & Ed Bross*

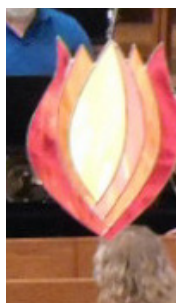
Unveiled in the sanctuary of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, May 30, 1993, as a part of the congregation's celebration of the festival of Pentecost and the Pentecost season, is a hanging in stained glass entitled: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

It was presented to the congregation by the Bross family, Lois, Edward, and Matthew. The Brosses are the designers and creators of this piece which is intended to represent the mystery as well as the beauty of the Holy Spirit as it moves in the life of our congregation. We celebrate 30 years of Pentecost celebrations (and seasons after Pentecost each summer) with this work of art gracing our worship space.



***Pentecostal Description: Acts 2:2-4***

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they [the disciples] were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the*



**One of the seven flames represented in stained glass**

[Lois writes] "This [scripture above] is the source of our flames as well as my conviction that the piece had to be 3-dimensional as well as free-hanging so that it could move as if blown about by a rushing, mighty wind.

May it [continue to] prove to be both inspirational and spirit-lifting as a part of the worship experience at St. Matthew's."

**MICAH Tosa Task Force One-on-One Discussions, Sunday June 4th – You're Invited**

MICAH: Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope is a collaboration of 35 congregations in the greater Milwaukee area working for justice and peace. Within the larger group, MICAH Tosa Task Force, which is made up of five Wauwatosa congregations, works for the common good in Wauwatosa. To this end we at St. Matthew's are holding a listening session to discern what issues are important to the community that we should work on. Please come to participate in one-on-one discussions being held on **Sunday, June 4, from 10:45am to 11:45am** in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Conor Williams, Carl Johnson or Carl Lund if you have any questions or would like more information.



**Adult Mission Trip 2023**

**Come to a planning meeting on Sunday morning June 11**

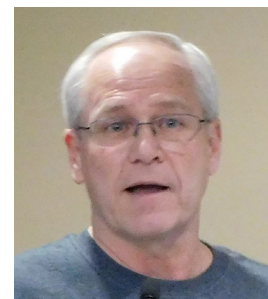
It is time to bring back the Adult Mission Trip!! At this point, we are planning on going to Sanibel Island Florida area where hurricane Ian made landfall. With all the recent issues they have had, SBP (St. Bernard Project) has opened an office there and are ready to accept volunteers.

We are planning a kickoff meeting for those who are interested in going on this trip. We will go over plans and schedules. We will have the meeting:

**Info Meeting: Sunday, June 11  
After the 9:30 service  
in the conference room**

This will be a self-funded trip that will not only bring together a group of adults with a common purpose but also give us time for fellowship with each other.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can contact Al Land at [mktval@wi.rr.com](mailto:mktval@wi.rr.com) or Al Van Lith at [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org)

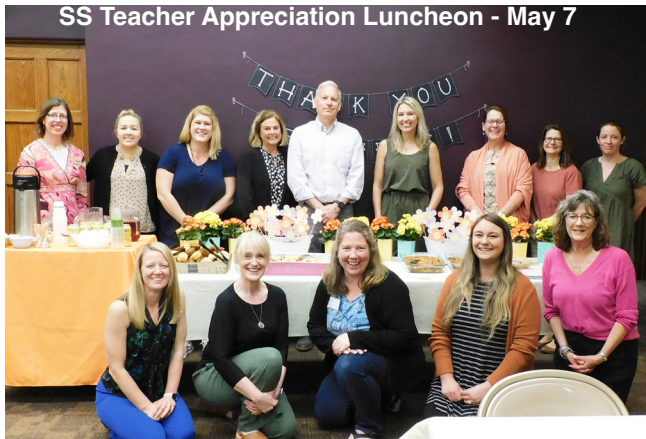


## Sunday School wraps up '22-'23

We had a great year of Sunday School from September to May thanks to the kids and our great staff of Sunday School teachers and shepherds, who brought brought patience, energy, kindness, and creativity to the sharing of the story of God's love for us. Thank you kids and teachers!

Doreen Steinbock, Marissa Kloth, Victoria Vorpapel, Katie Asmus, Brittani Clark, Corianna Cavazos, Sarah Frets, Nancy Wilke, Jen Richter, Renee Szafir, Anne-Marie Nickel, Joy Burkholder-Meier, Rachel Probst Downey, Laura Murray, Carrie Jo Cherney, Averie Manke, Sarah Zello, Donna Gardner-Manke, Stephanie Jurss, Kait McCullough, Shannon Kobinsky, Patti Foley, Mary Richter, Chris Lange

Sunday School staff are Gretchen Hauge & Lynne Thomas



SS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 7

We look forward to another fun year of Sunday School starting in September on Rally Day, September 10th. Until then, we hope you'll join us for VBS (July 31 – August 4th, 4K-5th Grades). We also encourage you to check out the following link for faith practices and short lessons you can do at home:

<https://tinyurl.com/StMattsSummer>



First through fifth grade kids show off the flowers they made to help them remember to be open to the presence of God around them. The theme was “Be Still, and know that I am God,” as part of the Rotation on the story of Mary and Martha.



We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School 2023! Please note that you will need to fill out an electronic registration for each child. Just click on the link to register. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIXQBQr3Mvxj30bXkdnodVy0sUkIOZW6Q4znqMsswRUr9ztg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIXQBQr3Mvxj30bXkdnodVy0sUkIOZW6Q4znqMsswRUr9ztg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

<https://bit.ly/3BKEKqp-VBS>

Any questions you may contact the church office at 414-774-0441 or email Donna Gardner Manke at [donnagm@me.com](mailto:donnagm@me.com) - You can also register on our website!!

We are also still in need of volunteers! Click here to sign up as volunteer: <https://forms.gle/nDioWbgNKNbxsea68>

<https://bit.ly/41NV3x3-helpVBS>

## Each time there is a new baptism: “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.

<b>Hattie Lou Elinor Bullis</b>	<b>June 12, 2022</b>
<b>Jack Arthur Weins</b>	<b>June 6, 2021</b>
<b>Charlie Hugh Jurss</b>	<b>June 27, 2021</b>
<b>Graciana Marie Grady</b>	<b>June 27, 2021</b>
<b>James Robert Green Mather</b>	<b>June 23, 2019</b>

## Fitting Faith into Everyday Life with Your Kids

With the multiple activities and responsibilities that constantly tug at the time of busy families, it's sometimes a challenge to find time to do faith formation at home. Augsburg Publishing has an easy and fun-to-use tool to help!



Spark Family is a quarterly publication for kids from preschool through 4th grade that is filled with activities designed to encourage conversations about faith and apply Bible stories to our lives. Each issue is based on seasons and Biblical themes.

Copies of Spark Family are available on the table across from the office.

## Erickson Scholarship Applicants

### Apply now for scholarship consideration

It is time to apply or renew your application for a scholarship from the Rev. Gary and Susan Erickson scholarship Fund for the 2023-2024 school year. Eligibility is based on:



THE REV. GARY & SUSAN ERICKSON  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- 1) Students studying at a theological seminary;
- 2) Students enrolled in a bachelor of arts music program with intent to work in church related music;
- 3) Students enrolled in ELCA college or any Lutheran college.

Applications can be found at the church office or online at [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org) (> About > Foundation) or request the document by email to [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org). Any questions regarding the scholarship or application may be addressed to Al Van Lith or Nancy Herrell. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2023**.

## Support the good work of the Mt. Meru coffee project by joining the board of directors

The Mt Meru Coffee Project started 25 years ago as a partnership between the Greater Milwaukee Synod and the coffee farmers of Mt Meru. Through ups and downs, different leaders here and in Tanzania and a global pandemic, the Coffee Project has continued to improve lives for the farmers, their families and communities.

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project Board of Directors is now in search of new volunteers committed to our mission: *Living the Gospel by building economic justice and respect together with Mt. Meru coffee farmers.*

We are seeking volunteers with various skills, from operations to board level positions. Of particular interest are volunteers with skills and experience in marketing, internet marketing e-commerce, and sales.

Please contact Patti Nelson (Secretary@mtmerucoffee.org) for further information by June 30, 2023 if you are interested in this opportunity.



Supporting Families • Growing Futures • Changing Lives..

## My Prayer Shawl

Pain. That's what scared me most about the surgery I was facing at the end of December. I'd never had an operation before and I had no idea what to expect. The doctor told me that some pain after a hysterectomy was normal and that it might take six weeks before I felt like myself again. He was trying to reassure me, but by the time I got home from the pre-op appointment, I was shaking. I headed straight for my bedroom, for the recliner where I prayed every morning. I sat down and, by reflex, reached behind me for my prayer shawl. It was one of a kind, handmade in a gorgeous range of pastel colors—mauve, pink, green, blue, gray, like the predawn sky. I needed to feel its softness around me, to feel the love and prayers that had been knit into it. That had always brought me comfort, even when my previous husband was dying. (*excerpt from Guideposts magazine*)

Did you know that St. Matthew's has a prayer shawl ministry? Those in our congregation may be in need of extra comfort, and a prayer shawl would provide such security. Because of this we are looking for assistance in helping to knit some prayer shawls to keep an ample inventory. Simple patterns can be found online (sample: <https://sarahmaker.com/crochet-shawl-patterns/>). Yarn is available as well under the display table – help yourself! Once complete, please place at the display by the library, and they will be labeled and available to those who need one or to pass along. If this ministry appeals to you or wish to take a shawl to friends or a loved one, pick up a brochure at the table and begin the journey. Questions and concerns may be shared with staff member, Sue Swing or the church office.

- Bev Etzelmueller





## The Call Committee continues its work to choose a new lead pastor

The call committee has been interviewing and evaluating a small group of candidates this spring. We continue to be tenacious and hopeful in our efforts to find the right candidate to lead St. Matthew's. Our committee is searching for that person who has a blend of experience, vision and passion for ministry that meets the personality of our congregation.

Please continue your prayers for our search.

Four of the six call committee members are pictured here: (l-r) Diane DuBois, Nancy Bowen, Michael Wolaver, and Brian Due (chairperson). Also part of the committee are Andrew Cherney and Natalie Ford Sajdak.



## There is still time to give to Equipping the Saints Synod Mission Appeal

We had a successful appeal during the May 14 worship services, in which people made pledges and gifts to this Synod Mission appeal. The giving and pledging is over halfway toward the goal of \$40,000 from St. Matthew's congregation.



As a leading congregation in our Synod, we hope every member of this congregation would respond so that together we might reach a hoped for goal to this appeal. Please prayerfully consider what your three-year commitment might be, or if unable to make a three-year commitment, consider a one-time gift.

If St. Matt's, through our financial support, can help our Synod be more effective and more vibrant in living and proclaiming the Gospel, then we too have been a faithful partner in the work of God's kingdom.

**How to Give:** You can make a pledge over three years, or a one-time gift. See your options here: <https://milwaukeeesynod.org/equipping-the-saints-intent-form/>

### What is it?

The ELCA (Ev. Lutheran Church of America) Greater Milwaukee Synod (of which we are one of 100+ congregations) is raising \$2.3 million for the Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal. The Appeal has two primary emphases:

- Innovation and Collaboration: \$1.2 million
- Leadership: \$1.1 million

More Information on their website:

<https://www.equippingthesaintsgms.org>

Thanks to St. Matthew's Co-chairs Chris Kent and Andrew Cherney for their faithful work in sharing information about this appeal and how it will help others, and us, in ministry.

And thank you, people of St. Matthew's, for continuing our tradition of supporting our synod initiatives and God's ministry through the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

## Church Council considers visioning goals, meets with staff

- >> The Council has started reading "Reclaiming the 'L' Word" and enjoyed discussion led by Pastor Ann about our identity as people of faith and what St. Matthew's identity is.
- >> The Church staff attended the May council meeting to continue the conversations started in our retreat this winter. We took time to review our 2021 visioning goals to see what we have accomplished and what steps are next in this process.
- >> Council took time to recognize all the wonderful ministry that is happening at St. Matthew's this spring including, but not limited to, Men's and Women's ministry groups, a growing Care Ministry, the offerings to purchase 5(!) wells through ELCA Good Gifts, the upcoming high school mission trip, the many joyful music groups, and the "Equipping the Saints" Synod Initiative. We are thankful for these ministries and are excited to see what the future brings!
- >> The Great Milwaukee Synod approved the Constitution and bylaw changes voted on by our congregation at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Many thanks to all those who worked to make these changes happen, especially Tara Laatsch, Diane DuBois, and Laura Hyland.

Members of the new streamlined 7-member church council are (back row L-R) Fred Heim, Michael Wolaver, Pam Stokke-Ceci, Carly Crave, Carl Johnson. (Front row L-R), Pastor Karen Natterstad, Laura Hyland, Diane DuBois, Pastor Ann Williams.





# Welcome to Our New Members

*May 7, 2023*



**MARK AND ANDREA BUELOW, WAUWATOSA.** Andrea and Mark are the parents of daughter **LEIGHTON**, who is three years old, and son **DAXTON**, who is one year old. Andrea is a physical therapist with Froedtert and Waukesha Memorial. Mark is in private equity finance with Hammes Partners.



**JAN JOHNSON, BROOKFIELD.** Jan transfers to our congregation from First Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois, where she was on the staff. Now retired, she lives in Brookfield not far from her sister. She has been active in our music ministry for quite some time as well as serving as a lay minister.



**TREVOR AND SARAH HINTZ.** Sarah and Trevor are the parents of **KANNON**, who is about eight months old. Sarah works in athletic communications at Cardinal Stritch University.

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7*

**GAIL HAMPEL, WAUWATOSA.** Gail is retired from work in special education. She has been attending Bible study with Anne DeWitt. She is married to Vladimir, and was previously at a Catholic church. They are the parents of three adult children Sasha (married to Tim), and twins Jordan and Christopher. There is one grandchild, Sammy, whom Gail cares for often.  
*(Photo not Available)*

# Bulletin Board

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## Living After Loss: Grief Education and Support

Mondays from 1:00-2:30 at St. Matthew's

*"I know the heartbreak of loss, and while I know we don't get over it, we can grow around our pain and experience peace again."*

After suffering a profound loss, Candy Romano became quite familiar with grief. She completed a comprehensive grief training program led by renowned Grief Expert David Kessler and now is offering an opportunity for anyone interested to participate in this ongoing support group. Please contact Candy Romano directly for more information: candacedromano@gmail.com - 414-687-2196

## Schedule of Healing Services for the summer

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

**Sunday, June 11 In Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday, July 23 In Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday, August 20 - In Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday, September 17 - After 8:30 worship service**

## Spring Flower Occasions

Thanks to these people for providing altar flowers:

### During the month of April

- In memory of Beverly Stokke from Pam Stokke-Ceci & Joe Ceci
- In honor of Joe's 59th bday from Lisa, Emily, Abby Chiesa (*library book*)
- In honor of Steve & Betty Williams' wedding anniversary
- In honor of Sarah & Chris Zello's 18th wedding anniversary
- In honor of Dale & Dollie Kirchner's 61st wedding anniversary;

### During the month of May

- In memory of mothers Bev & Shirley from Pam Stokke-Ceci and Joe Ceci
- In honor of David & Judy Holmes' 49th wedding anniversary;

### During the month of June

- In honor of Logan Bratz's 8th birthday by Dee & Don Birschel (*library book*)
- In honor of Lois & Ed Bross's 62nd wedding anniversary;
- In honor of Joe & Lisa Chiesa's 29th wedding anniversary from Emily & Abby (*library book*)

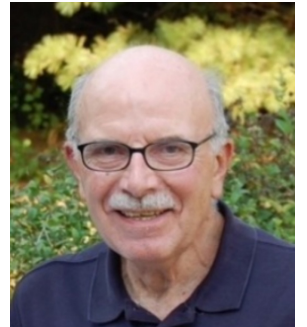
We thank **Patricia Heuler** for her donation toward altar flowers for all of the weeks when we don't have a special sign-up for flowers, so that our chancel (altar area) will be enhanced each week by fresh flowers.

# Our Church Family

**Shirley Kaisler** died April 30, 2023. She was a beloved longtime member of St. Matthew's, active in Deborah Circle and the women's ministry. She and her husband Jerry, who died in 2019, were married at St. Matthew's and worshiped regularly together. We remember her sons Scott (Karen) and the late Kevin, and grandson Christopher. Pastor Ann Williams led a funeral service on Tuesday, May 9 at Krause Funeral Home in Milwaukee.



**Kent Krueger** died April 21, 2023. Kent was a member of St. Matthew's for over 70 years of his life, having been confirmed at St. Matthew's in 1952. He sang in the adult choir for over 50 years. He was married for 29 years to Bonnie, who predeceased him in 1990. We remember his beloved children, Kurt and Linda (Karl), four grandchildren and one great grandchild; as well as step-children, Martha Palm, Sarah (Paul Frankfurth-Narvaez) and Emily (Darron May) and seven step-grandchildren. He was married to Mary Frankfurth Krueger for 28 years until her death in 2021.



Kent had a positive attitude toward life and was always ready to listen, support, smile and joke with anyone he met. He was a faithful fixture in the St. Matthew's adult choir and has been missed these past few years when his health didn't allow him to come to church. Pastor Karen led a memorial service for Kent's family and friends on Friday, May 12, with the choir singing a blessing at the end of the service.

*Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7* (Kent's confirmation verse)



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## PERIODICALS RATE

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**The Voice of St. Matthew's**

*We are called to welcome, nurture, equip and send*

Next issue of the VOICE is dated July 2, 2023.



ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson was our guest preacher on May 14.



Sunday School students gather round Shannon Kobinsky to discuss the science experiment they did and how it relates to a lesson from the Bible.



Ashlynn Hurley and Pastor Karen led an adult ed session for those desiring to learn more about welcoming all, especially those of the LGBTI+ community.



Lauren Krajcik was the mother with the youngest child at the 8:30 service on May 14, and was gifted with a hanging basket. Husband Matt holds Lincoln.



Donna Manke (center right, in black top) leads a Sunday School class in which students tried biblical foods.



Aubrey Reuter (center) received her First Communion on May 7. Surrounding her are sister Stella, brother Jackson and parents Megan & Steve.