

# THE VOICE of St. Matthew's

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## Holiday Food Collection at St. Matthew's

November 12 - 26

to benefit Tosa Cares Food Pantry and  
Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry

*It's a tradition at St. Matthew's to make a food collection for Cross and Tosa Cares Food Pantry part of our Thanksgiving observance. This year's collection will include the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23rd. Food donations can be dropped off anytime during these two weeks, and food will be distributed at the end of November, at a time when food pantries are generally running low on supply. All non-perishable food is welcome, but especially appreciated are:*

- Canned soup
- Canned or dried beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit or applesauce
- Cereal
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Canned meat
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Tomato/spaghetti sauce
- Applesauce
- Macaroni and cheese

*The food pantry at Cross is also specifically requesting these household items:*

**Hygiene products • Paper products • Cleaning items**

## Pastor's VOICE

### Worship

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into the Lord's presence with singing. - Psalm 100:2*

Consider this, worship is the one thing we can give directly to God that God doesn't already have. Each Sunday, we join in praising our Creator and Savior; giving thanks for God's goodness and mercy. Together, we worship the Lord.

Worship is also a good habit. Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for humankind." - Mark 2:27 And, like most good habits, some Sundays getting to worship is easy and we're looking forward to it. And then other Sundays it's a rush out the door, or you're just tired, unmotivated. At least it is for me, and I'm the pastor!

On weeks when it's more of a challenge to attend worship, remember it is also God's gift to you. Often when Jesus took his disciples off by themselves, it was for a time of rest & prayer. Jesus knows that we need to refresh our bodies, our minds, and our spirits as well. Worship is a way to surrender, to ask God to take the steering wheel, because if we're honest we just aren't in control of everything.



As pastors, staff & worship volunteers, we plan and prepare to lead worship every week. But I will tell you, "We plan for worship...and then worship happens." Sometimes this means things don't go as planned or we make mistakes. But mostly I mean God is here working on us, in us, through us. God is pouring out upon us comfort, grace, forgiveness. We are hearing God's truth, receiving guidance and exhortation. We are being inspired and empowered.

And in our worship, God is connecting us to something bigger than ourselves. We are sharing a common need for a Savior. When we share scripture, songs, creeds, prayer, the meal, we share a common understanding of what God has done through Jesus Christ. We share a common purpose of what God is doing NOW through Christ's Church and for the world Christ loves by giving his life.

But there's more to worship. God comes to us, and then we respond. Not only with our thanks and praise but also by offering to God all that we are and all that we have. We renew our sense of being sent to serve.

That's why participating in Sunday worship is always my first priority for you. Only God can heal you, help you, show you what is best for your life, and lead you to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Come and worship. Go and serve the Lord.  
On the journey with you,  
Pastor Karen

#### 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.

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

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**Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5. Turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring on Saturday evening so that you arrive on time for church on Sunday morning.**



Remember to move your clocks back one hour.



# “I Love Our Church!” -- Stewardship 2024



For the past few weeks we’ve been asking you, “Why do you love our church?” So what is it you appreciate about St. Matt’s? You may be saying, I love our church because...it connects my faith to my life, teaches me more about the Bible, I see Jesus here, helps me raise my children, is where I have built lasting friendships, will always be there for me, where I can serve others.

It’s when we consider how much we love our church, the people in it, Christ with us, or the work we do together, that we will want to give back. Why do you give financially to St. Matthew’s? Or, why are you starting to give? Perhaps the answer is in the reasons you love this Church.

It is important for you to realize your reason for giving as you decide your gift for 2024. What is your “Why”? Prayerfully consider how you can support St. Matthew’s and its ministries that serve you, those in the pew next to you, and those who are still looking for a church to love.

Now is the time to pledge and give generously. Look for your pledge card coming soon through USPS or the online forms linked through the weekly email announcements.

You are a beloved community of Christ. I am grateful for you St. Matthew’s!

-- Pastor Karen

## I Love Our Church



Every time I think of you,  
I give thanks to my God. Phil. 1:3



### Fill it all out ONLINE:

<https://tinyurl.com/Act-Min>

<https://tinyurl.com/StewUpdate2024>

<https://tinyurl.com/Pledge2024>

OR

Fill out the forms you receive in the mail  
and return to church

*Please complete these by*

*Consecration Sunday,*

*November 12*

*Thanks!*



### Think you see the same assistants on Sunday Mornings? Here’s your chance to join them! **Sunday Morning Assistants needed**

Do you want to help with our church services? We are always looking for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings. Every Sunday morning it takes over 40 volunteers to make the services work. The more people we have the more we can spread out the work. There are many different tasks that need to be done from ushering, to reading, to communion assistants to coffee hosts. There is a display at the Welcome Center that explains each position and what is requested of each volunteer. Take a look and see where you can help the church.

In our annual Stewardship Drive packet there will be an Activities and Ministries sheet. Please prayerfully review this document and sign up to help.

We use Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) as our tool to schedule people to each ministry. This program automatically sends out emails the Wednesday before each Sunday to remind people that they are scheduled for an upcoming Sunday.

Every position that is scheduled is vital to a smooth running service. If you cannot make it, please go into MSP and request a sub. When someone does not show up, the work still needs to be done, so we have to find someone to fill that position. Also, parents, please stress to your high school children that if they are scheduled, we are counting on them to come.

Our volunteers are what makes St. Matthew’s the congregation we are. Your service is valuable and very much appreciated.

**How to Sign up:** Fill out the Activities and Ministries Google form at

this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Act-Min>

Or contact Al Van Lith at [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org)



# Upcoming Events

*For All the Saints*

## All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2023

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race that is marked out for us. -Hebr.12:1*

Someone has described a 'saint' as any Christian who makes it easier for others to believe in God. One of the liturgical days in many Protestant churches is All Saints Sunday, which occurs on the first Sunday in November.

How do we best honor the memory of loved ones and friends who have contributed to our lives? By rededicating our own life to God and reaching out to the needs of others.

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; and Thou, in darkness drear, their one true light; Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from oceans farthest coast, thru gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Recall the various individuals who have especially influenced your life for God. Breathe a prayer of thanks for their memory. Come to worship Sunday, November 5 and be surrounded and comforted by all the saints in your life.



*For All The Saints*

Those who have died since last All Saints Sunday:

<b>David Anderson</b>	<b>January 28, 2023</b>
<b>Helen Bessert</b>	<b>December 30, 2022</b>
<b>Evelyn Bollinger</b>	<b>October 17, 2023</b>
<b>Mae Brielmaier</b>	<b>September 7, 2023</b>
<b>Arnold Fuerstenberg</b>	<b>June 15, 2023</b>
<b>Deann Gjenvick</b>	<b>March 10, 2023</b>
<b>David Johnson</b>	<b>December 15, 2022</b>
<b>Shirley Kaisler</b>	<b>April 30, 2023</b>
<b>Carol Keller</b>	<b>November 27, 2022</b>
<b>Kent Krueger</b>	<b>April 21, 2023</b>
<b>Honora Kumm</b>	<b>March 16, 2023</b>
<b>Jerry Laughery</b>	<b>May 17, 2023</b>
<b>Lowell Timm</b>	<b>May 5, 2023</b>
<b>Edward Weiskotten</b>	<b>November 29, 2022</b>

**Join us for 7:00pm  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Wednesday Nov. 23  
Giving Thanks to God**



At Thanksgiving, Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who provides us with all that we need and more. As we share these gifts, we are knit together into a community whose mission is among those who are poor and in need. We offer thanks to God for the bounty of the land and seek to share these riches with all in need. Please bring food items to share with the hungry. The service will include special music from the Senior Choir.

## Pie Social follows Thanksgiving Worship!

Thanksgiving Eve is a festive time where we give thanks, offer our offerings of food and money, and a time when we take time and celebrate with PIE!

Volunteers are needed to host and serve the delicious pies that are paired with with your choice of cream (ice or whipped), coffee and milk. Please sign up if you can help with this fun event or share a pie with us. We need a number of pies to supplement our supply of apple, pumpkin, and cherry. Pies can be dropped off in the main kitchen (downstairs) before Wednesday night worship.



## Holiday Food Collection for Cross & Tosa Cares -- *Please bring food - details on page 1*

It's a tradition at St. Matthew's to make a food collection for Cross and Tosa Cares Food Pantry part of our Thanksgiving observance. This year's collection will be from Sunday, November 12th through Sunday, November 26th, including the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23rd.

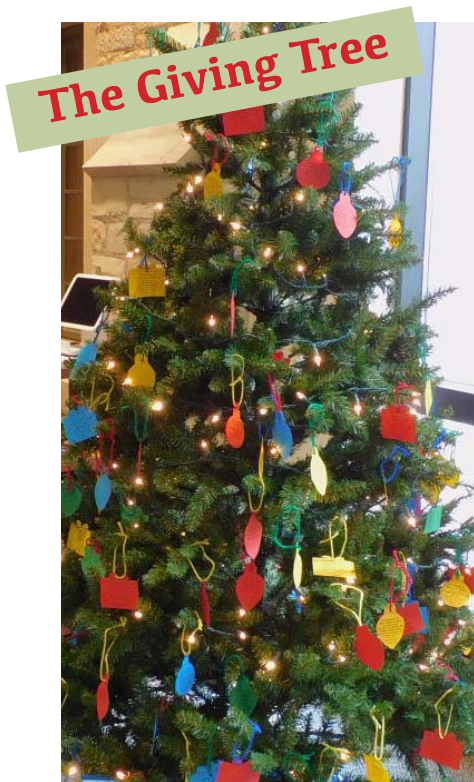
All non-perishable food is welcome. See list on page 1.

All donations can be brought to the food collection area under the coat rack in the elevator hallway across from the office.

Thank you for your generosity!



# Upcoming Events



## Choose gifts to purchase from the Giving Tree, beginning November 12

The Giving Tree is back online and in church. Many of us have been blessed enough to be able and willing to share with others during the Christmas season. We have opportunities to share these blessings with families and young children, teens or seniors in our community.

A little about our community partners:

**NEW:  
Earlier Deadline  
Sunday,  
December 3rd**

### Cross Lutheran Church Milwaukee

Cross is a congregation in Milwaukee's inner city. They are a congregation based heavily in the goals of strong community and social justice. They reach out to the community and the people who live in it, with special emphasis on those who have been pushed aside by society at large.

### Reformation Lutheran Church

Reformation has a commitment to the Milwaukee community. Outreach for Hope describes Reformation as having "a commitment to people that society does not want to deal with. It is what Reformation is called to do." The effects of the pandemic caused cancellation of field trips, loss of potluck dinners, and closure of the Neighborhood store. However, the spirit of optimism lives on and they continue to recover and move forward to provide services.

### Allies for Teens

Allies supplements the educational and social needs for teens living in group foster homes in the Milwaukee area. Feedback from the group homes included, "No one has ever thought of us like this before."

### Eras Senior Network

Eras is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Seniors and adults with disabilities are supported by volunteers of all ages to help them maintain their in-dependence

Giving opportunities will be available online at:

<https://signup.com/go/UGQhboD>

and tags will be on the tree located outside the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 12th.

All gifts are needed no later than Sunday, December 3rd to reach our partners in time for their giving events. Please keep in mind possible shipping and delivery delays and item shortages this year.

Gift cards and stamps should be delivered to the office. Other gifts may be placed by the tree outside the sanctuary.

Thank you for your love and generosity to others.

## We celebrate the End of the Church Year Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023



The long season of Pentecost ends on Sunday, November 19th, when we celebrate the Festival of Christ the King. We know of the king who rules the earth and will come again to sit in judgment and glory. But don't be fooled about what kind of king this is. Remember this is a King who will hear, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself,' this King will be given sour wine on a sponge, this King will be heckled by the crowd, this King will be executed wearing not a jeweled crown, but a crown of piercing thorns. Christ has not merely told us of crosses and crowns, he has shown us.

This Sunday is a celebration as it turns us to the great season of preparation and waiting; Advent, when the stories of the prophets and the coming birth can be made fresh in our lives and hearts once again.

*For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. -Psalm 95:3*

# Advent and Christmas - December

## Advent begins November 26th ADVENT - Worth Waiting For

Waiting is a fact of life. Waiting does not mean that you lie down and do nothing. Waiting is not an encouragement to inaction or to indifference and indecision. It takes a lot of work with diligent and regular practice, and persistent hope that refuses to be deterred by having to wait. Waiting for a wedding is a time of eager excitement. A lot has to be done to get ready, and the whole family is wrapped up in the process. You don't learn to play a musical instrument overnight. It takes a lot of hard work, and a lot of waiting.

*Christ  
IS Coming!*

Some things cannot be hurried. The greatest things in life cannot be rushed. Often, they are preceded with discipline, study, and work. Physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual growth does not take place overnight. We can hinder the process, but we cannot hasten it beyond human capacities or divine design. Relationships between people grow and blossom. Friendships and romances are rarely instantaneous.

Waiting patiently on the Lord is a learning process. It becomes a fruitful one when people actually wait on the Lord, hearing and wrestling with the Word, feeling the Spirit, and remembering his forgiveness, and his never-failing love. The patient love of God, remembered with faith and prayers enables us to be waiting patiently.

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear*



## *The Nativity*

### St. Matthew's Christmas Pageant to be Presented on December 10th

Come to see and hear the story of Christ's birth as it was experienced by shepherds and kings, angel messengers, and Mary and Joseph. Scenes dramatizing the story will be presented throughout the worship services accompanied by music from the Senior Choir, New Generation Choir, New Creation Choir, and Praise Kids.

The Nativity will be presented at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on December 10th. We

hope you can be there to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas - the gift of love that God shared with the world through the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.



### Looking Ahead to Christmas Worship! *Earlier, more convenient services!*

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|                | <b>Christmas Eve</b>  |
| <b>2:00pm</b>  | <b>Children's and Family Service</b><br>The Birth of Jesus told in story<br>Familiar Christmas carols<br>Safe candlelighting  |
| <b>4:30pm</b>  | <b>Traditional Christmas Eve service</b><br>with youth choirs' participation<br>A small St. Matt's orchestra<br>Candlelighting with 'Silent Night'<br>Sermon and Holy Communion |
| <b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>Traditional Christmas Eve service</b><br>with adult choir participation<br>Candlelighting with 'Silent Night'<br>Sermon and Holy Communion                                   |
|                | <b>Christmas Day</b>  |
| <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Traditional Christmas Day service</b><br>with Holy Communion, sermon,<br>and familiar carols   |



# Adult Education

## Adult Faith Formation-Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45

**All are Welcome! Come when you can!**

Our Adult Faith Formation hour supports the faith growth of our church and on line 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 9:45-10:45 A.M.

### November 5 All Saints Reflection

Join us for a reflective presentation on grief shared by Candy Romano. Candy is a certified grief educator who offers grief support groups here weekly. She does it to honor her sister, who died on All Saints Day 5 years ago. The Healing Prayer Ministry will also be present to offer care and healing.



### November 12 What is a Prophet Pastor Karen and Pastor Ann

With 15 books of the Bible named after prophets, and the prophets quoted 77 times in the Gospels and 98 times in the rest of the New Testament, you might be curious about their role among God's people. Not only will we talk about the prophetic voices in the Bible, but also what it means to offer a prophetic word today. Because in Acts 2, Peter declares that all God's people will become prophets—or interpreters—of the word and the world.

### November 19 Adult Mission Trip

Our Adult Mission Trip group spent 5 days working in New Orleans in October. They worked with Common Ground, working with plants that will be transplanted into the Bayou to stop erosion and helped with some home exterior work. Come to see the photos and hear the stories from the team!

### Sunday, Nov 26th - NO CLASS

### December 3 Meeting Paul Anew--Part 2 with Dan Bice



**Women's Group meets on Sunday, November 5th from 9:45-10:45. Check the bulletin that day for room location. All are welcome!**



### Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry helps to deliver Christmas blessings – next workshop day Saturday, November 18th!

The Giving Tree displayed at St. Matthew's will be up before we know it! One organization supported on this tree are wishes from the organization Allies for Teens. How do all of those gifts then get delivered?? They are placed in large, beautiful fabric gift bags with a seasonal design, made by the volunteers of the Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry! We committed to supplying ten large sacks to be delivered to the local foster homes. What a lovely sight to see a full Christmas bag of gifts on Christmas morning. Please join us on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm in Fellowship Hall as we finish these Christmas sacks, so they can be filled with blessings. Simple instructions are provided. Other tasks to work on are easy pinning, tying and organizing of quilts and receiving blankets. Fun and simple tasks for all skill levels. Bring a lunch and beverage of your own and come to work with friends on November 18th! Any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net



**Dr. Timothy Wengert, a nationally known ELCA pastor, professor, author and speaker, was our guest on October 8, speaking about the ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality. This presentation can be seen on Youtube upon request to the church office.**



# Call Committee Update

## October Call Committee Update

*The Call Committee released an update last month which was distributed by email and in the Sunday bulletin. We print it here for anyone who has not yet seen it.*

*Learn why this process has been a slow one. Much of the process depends on receiving names of qualified candidates, and there simply aren't as many candidates available as there once was, for many reasons. More details on this are included below.*

The Call Committee was formed and trained by the Synod in the fall of 2021.

In December 2021, the Call Committee received its first pool of candidates, and to date, it has received and interviewed 19 vetted candidates from the Synod. Of those, two of the candidates withdrew their names from consideration.

We also had two candidates with whom we conducted multiple interviews, and each time, we thought we had found our candidate of choice. However, this process is a two-way discernment, and in each case, the candidates prayerfully discerned that, after going through the process, they still felt that God was calling them to continue in their current ministries. While disappointed, we firmly believed in each case that God's hand was guiding this process, that He had another plan for us, and that we needed to continue interviewing.

Another factor that has prolonged the process not only for us but for churches across America is the shortage of ordained pastors not only in the ELCA but also in all denominations. Bishop Paul Erickson has informed us that approximately 500 ELCA pastors are retiring each year while only 200 men and women are graduating from seminary each year. Despite this, the Call Committee is committed to finding the right pastor for St. Matt's, not just fill the spot. We continue to believe that God is working through us and continue to pray for His guidance in our search. We will continue to be tenacious and hopeful in our efforts to call a candidate who has the blend of experience, vision and passion for ministry we seek and who will walk alongside us in our faith journey.

**Approximately 500 ELCA pastors are retiring each year while only 200 men and women are graduating from seminary each year.**

This has been a lengthy journey in search of our new lead pastor – one that has not occurred at St. Matt's for fifty years. More recently, the search for a full-time associate pastor in the early 2000's took nearly two years. There is a synodical process which we must follow in obtaining candidates. In recent conversations with Bishop Erickson and Pr. Kristin Nielsen, the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregations in Mission, we have been assured that they will also continue to be diligent in their vetting of candidates for us and will support us in any way they can. As Pastor Gary Erickson said in his sermon for our 100th anniversary, it's in God's own hands...in Kairos time.

It is with regret that, due to family obligations and increased job responsibilities that often take him out-of-town, Andy Cherney has resigned from the Call Committee. He has been a valuable member of the team, bringing his perspective and insight to our search for St. Matt's new lead pastor. The committee will miss him and the positive leadership and energy he brought to the team. We, as a Church

Council and congregation, appreciate all his time, effort, and dedication to his commitment in finding the right candidate for our congregation and offer prayers of thanksgiving for his faithful service.

I am happy to announce the David Celata has graciously agreed to join the Call Committee in its continued search for a new lead pastor. The Call Committee looks forward to working together as we interview and evaluate potential candidates as they become available. We invite the congregation to

continue to join us in prayer as we move forward in our search for a lead pastor.

Diane DuBois  
Council President

Brian Due  
Call Committee Chair



**Call Committee:** (back row, L-R) Kristen Charlson, Brian Due (Chair), Robert Mochel. (front row, L-R) Nancy Bowen, David Celata, Diane DuBois



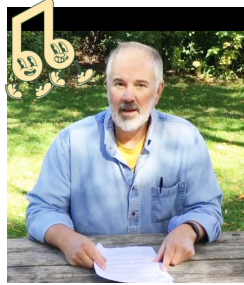
# SAINTS

*Saints is St. Matthew's Older Adults Ministry which meets monthly for fellowship, devotion, entertainment and a box lunch. Sign up in advance is appreciated. All older adults are welcome, as well as friends from outside our congregation.*

## **Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 am** **"Music That Makes Us Smile" with Greg Jenks**

We all know that music has the power to affect our emotional experiences and during these divisive times that we find ourselves, what better way to forget about all of that than to listen to music that makes us feel good. This presentation will sample a number of different songs via video guaranteed to put a smile on your face. We'll discuss the bands and artists that recorded the uplifting tunes while also spending a little time discussing the chemical processes in the brain that produce those positive responses.

Greg Jenks is a retired school psychologist, homebrewer, amateur actor and singer. The opportunity to research and present on historical topics, especially those concerning music, has become one of Greg's most enjoyable hobbies in retirement. He is a frequent presenter at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Hales Corners Historical Society and many other organizations.



## **Wednesday, December 13, 11:30 am**

*(one week earlier than usual)*

### **Elm Grove Women's Club Choir** **Directed by Patricia Engelhardt**



The choir sings beautiful arrangements of traditional carols and some fun new carols.

**Sign Up for Saints Gatherings at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Box lunches are ordered from City Market; suggested donation is \$11 each.**

## **Stephen Ministry:**

### ***When you need someone to talk to***

Is something bothering you? Do you need someone to talk to? Is a life difficulty more than you can handle? Talking about our problems and verbalizing our feelings has been a proven source of relief for centuries. Health studies tell us that simply talking about our problems and sharing our negative emotions with someone we trust can be profoundly healing—reducing stress, strengthening our immune system, and reducing physical and emotional distress. Our faith gives us the same message, as in Galatians 6: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Everyone goes through difficult times. Talking about our struggles with someone who has a listening, empathetic ear can give us new perspectives. Sometimes we just need to let out how we're feeling with no real plan for a solution. "I had the worst day at work!" can be the start of a conversation that helps us process the stress of a hard day. Being open about our feelings is also important. Trying to resist painful emotions can increase our emotional suffering. When we open-up to what is happening to us, we can cultivate the positive aspects of our lives.



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

St Matthew's Stephen Ministry has trained and experienced care givers ready to help you. This is a confidential care program that you can set up to work with your needs and your schedule.

Since 1975, thousands of congregations have found Stephen Ministry to be an effective way to provide caring ministry and help carry out the mission of the church. St Matthew's program has been in place for five years, and it functions with trained lay ministers who act as an extension of our pastoral care.

We would love to help you with talking through your concerns! Please contact Sue Swing or Pastor Ann who can share more information about the value of Stephen Ministry.

We will be offering a Stephen Minister training class in Winter 2024! If you are interested and feel called to explore this ministry further please contact a Stephen Leader; Pastor Ann, Ginny Cleppe, Carl Johnson or Sue Swing. Or leave a note for us in the box at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons and we will follow up with you.

# Children - Sunday School - Youth

## City Tins are for Sale! Proceeds Support Youth Mission Trip

It's City Tins time again! Youth at St. Matthew's will be selling the tins raise money for the youth mission trip.

City Tins are filled with 20 or more coaster gift cards, each worth \$10 off a \$30 tab at different venues in a variety of Wisconsin cities, as well as the Twin Cities in Minnesota. The cost of the tins, which make perfect birthday or Christmas gifts, is \$30.

You can pre-order City Tins at the display in the Commons or by ordering online (see the bulletin and weekly emails for the link).



## 9th Graders to be Confirmed on Nov. 12th

This year's 9th grade class will be confirmed at a special service of confirmation on November 12th at 1:30. Confirmation is also known as affirmation of baptism, so 9th graders have spent the fall looking at the promises that were made for them by their parents at baptism and that they will make for themselves at confirmation – the promises that essentially speak to how we live as followers of Jesus:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

We rejoice with these teens as they take this important step in their faith journeys. Please include these young people in your prayers.

## Have some work that needs doing?

The Youth Services Directory is now available for members of St. Matthew's to find young people willing to help with babysitting, yard work, snow removal and other tasks, at a mutually agree-upon fee. The list of young people is laid out on a spreadsheet, and **can be picked up in the church office, or emailed to you on request.** Please remember that this is meant to be used by members of St. Matthew's, and if you wish to pass along a young person's name to someone else, the parents of the young person should be asked for permission. Thanks!

## Attention, Families of First - Fifth Graders! Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ

*It's time for us to gather for Food, Games, Prayer, and Fun!*

Join Donna Gardner Manke in the youth room for pizza. We will then play Capture the Flag in the education wing. Please join us for this time of fellowship and fun. Call the church office to sign up 414-774-0441 (It is helpful to know numbers, so we have enough food) Friends are welcome! Cost is \$5.00.

### KFC

1st -3rd graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ!  
**Sunday, Nov 5th 12-2pm**

### DOC

4th – 5th graders -- join us for Disciples of Christ!  
**Sunday, Nov 19th 12-2pm**



## Baptism 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 him or her and promises to pray for him or her during his/her faith development. We reprint these baptism names and dates from the previous few years as a reminder of those baptized, so we can remember them in our prayers.

Lana Joan Ordonez	November 6, 2022
Zoe Kathleen Radcliffe	November 13, 2022
Charlotte June Baumann	November 27, 2022
Gianna Nickel	November 14, 2021
Aksel Vincent Georgeson	November 21, 2021
Shay Violet Mauerman	November 28, 2021
Stella L. Brown	November 1, 2020
Jackson Everett Meyer	November 1, 2020
Hudson Hayes Bankert	November 24, 2019

## Sunday School Schedule in November and December

When does Sunday School meet: November 5, 12, 19 and 26

December 3, 10 and 17

No Sunday School on December 24 and 31

Resume Sunday School in 2024 on Sunday January 7





# Bulletin Board

## St. Matt's Gardens pay off big-time for habitat restoration projects!

Monarch Trail folks process the milkweed and send most of the seeds to Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas for propagation and planting in the Midwest (they save some of the seed for their own projects here in Wauwatosa). This year, the Monarch Trail folks are collecting other types of seed too, and the St. Matt's Gardens were able to contribute coneflower and Black-Eyed Sunflower seed! Our little gardens have a big impact!



## Upcoming Healing Prayer Opportunities:

**Sunday, November 12** after the 11:00 worship service  
**Sunday, December 10** after the 8:30 worship service

All those desiring private healing prayers for themselves or others are welcome to attend.

## 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! You can find the whole list at church (look for the blue paper at the Welcome Center or across from the church office), or on our website.

- November 3** *That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour*, by Sunita Puri, 301 pages
- December 1** *American Dirt: A Novel*, by Jeanine Cummins, 386 pages
- January 5** *The Housekeeper and the Professor*, by Yoko Ogawa, 180 pgs.

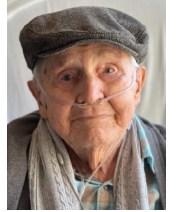
**Remember Bible Study meeting each Wednesday morning with Pastor Ann, from 10:00-11:00 am. It's a lively group, with lots of good discussion. You are welcome!**



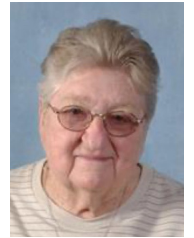
# Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Ali & Kevin Wegner**, new parents of **Walter Martin Wegner**, who was born September 27, 2023. Proud maternal grandparents are **John & Mary Yentz** of our congregation.

**Arnold Fuerstenberg** died on June 15, 2023. Arnold was 102 years old, and had been a member of St. Matthew's since 1953, or 70 years. In these last years, he lived at Avalon Square in Waukesha. He was married to his wife, Madelyn for 65 years until her passing in 2015. Our sympathy to his family, including four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



**Evelyn Bollinger** died on October 17 at the age of 96 years. She was a dear friend of **Al & Susan Van Lith** and their daughters **Caitlin and Alia**. Evelyn was their former neighbor, jokester, and beloved and feisty babysitter extraordinaire. She now resides with the family of saints and her Lord and Savior in heaven, leaving a legacy of love and laughter.



## Adult Mission Trip: Donations accepted for this year's cost overrun of expenses

On October 21, a group of St. Matthew's members returned from New Orleans, LA where they worked on mission trip activities for the benefit of the people of New Orleans. This is a self-funded trip with each participant paying their own way. There were some cost overruns of about \$2,000 for additional transportation and fees for work being performed.

If you are interested in helping out this trip, please go to [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org) and go to the GIVE button. You can use the Other category and put Adult MT in the comments section or you can put a check in the basket and put Adult MT in the memo line.



In following best practices for churches, we'd like to inform our members and guests that worship services and all ministry events and meetings may be photographed or video recorded for future viewing and/or promotional materials.







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