

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
November 18, 2018



Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that's always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

Introduction to the Day: *The readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one*

who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Communion: All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at the 11:00 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

Altar Flowers are given by Donna & Jim Koeble in memory of their parents: (mothers) Yvonne Connelly and Signy Koeble; (fathers) Robert Connelly and Charles Koeble.

Altar Flowers are given by Susan & Al Van Lith in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Al & Debbie Land and Al & Susan Van Lith.

Children for Baptism today (8:30) **Madeleine Elizabeth Shaffer**, child of Laura & Blake Shaffer, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, was born January 25, 2018. Sponsors are Alison Sauter and Reid Wilson. Paternal grandparents are Lori & Doug Sauter of our congregation.

Ethan Edward Freund, child of Erin & Jeff Freund, Elm Grove, was born May 25, 2018. Sponsors are John Preloger, Matt Preloger, and Kevin & Johanna Freund.

Why are some people wearing nametags? We wear nametags on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in order for us to know more people on Sunday mornings.

Hunger Baskets to be passed today: When the offering plates are passed later in the service, it is followed by a basket for a special collection. This second collection will be directed toward local and world hunger. Thank you for your faith-filled response to this opportunity.

U.S. Wildfires - WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?!?

The Situation:

Wildfires are raging across California, destroying thousands of homes and wiping out the town of Paradise, located north of Sacramento. Many deaths have been confirmed and large-scale, mandatory evacuations are in place for multiple communities across the state's impacted areas as first responders work to gain control of the fires.



Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and the California synods to respond to this fire. As the fires are still raging, we continue to assess the ever-changing situation to determine the best ways to respond. Your gifts will help us deliver a robust response to address needs in the devastated communities.

What you can do:

1) Pray:

Please pray for the communities who are in the path of wildfires in California. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

2) Give:

100% of donations to St. Matthew's for the California wild fires will be passed on to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund to assist those affected by the wildfires until the response is complete.

3) Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- A) Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.
- B) Check the Lutheran Disaster Response at <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>.
- C) Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCAL-DR on Twitter.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - November 18, 2018



Apple Pies in time for Thanksgiving! Pick up your Apple Pie Today in the Commons! Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or Karen Crook; karenjcrook@gmail.com for more info. If you didn't order one, you can see if there are extras still available. The pies are \$12.00.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship next Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Pie Social. Plan to join us! Please bring canned items to share with our city food pantries.

Have you accessed your Portal in Servant Keeper? We are asking all members of St. Matthew's to sign into our new church membership software, Servant Keeper, using a link emailed to you. If you haven't yet created a log in and password, and would like some help with that, Stop in to the HELP DESK in the Upper Commons and a volunteer will assist you in this step. All members have been invited to make a pledge and give us your indication for areas of service where you wish to participate in 2019. *If you inserted or removed yourself from a ministry or activity, we will follow up with you on it early in 2019. Thank you for your patience.* Some members have received paper Stewardship forms through the mail. If you wish to complete your Stewardship pledge and Time & Talent on paper forms, you can pick up a packet in the church office. **We're asking all members to give us your Stewardship Response at this time.**

Divine Chocolate Advent Calendars are now available on Sundays or by contacting Rosie Haas at 414-259-1747. Cost remains at \$8.00. Advent begins December 2. 5% of the calendar proceeds go to a fund of reusable microloans for farmers.

The Giving Tree is up!

Now is the time to grab an ornament and purchase a gift or a gift card for our partners at Cross and Reformation, senior citizens served by Greater Tosa Interfaith, and clients of The Benedict Center. Thanks to all who so generously support our Giving Tree each year! Please bring items back to St. Matthew's (unwrapped) by Sunday, December 9 and place them under the tree. Gift cards can be brought to the church office.

Week of Nov. 19 - 24

Monday:

6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Fallen Angels Rehearsal
6:00, Property Comm. Mtg.
7:00, Synod El Salv. Committee

Tuesday:

9:30, The EmBELLishments
6:30, Confirmation 2.0
7:00, LAC Rehearsal
7:00, Righteous Ringers

Wednesday:

9:00, A CaBELLa Ringers
10:00, Bible Study
7:00, Thanksgiving Eve Worship
8:00, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday:

Thanksgiving Friday - Office Closed

Saturday:

9:00, Quilt Ministry Gathering

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

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Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services-Child and Family Well-Being Team

The CHW, Community Services-Child and Family Well-Being team is committed to being a statewide leader in addressing the complex needs of children, youth, and families who are challenged by or at risk for poverty, abuse, and neglect. Our services include traditional and school based counseling, child advocacy centers, prevention, parent education programs, volunteer respite care, foster care and adoption, child welfare case management, and supervised visitation. In 2017 we positively impacted the lives of nearly 14,000 children and families across the state. Our Child and Family Well-Being programs have improved the lives of children and families through effective and nurturing programming with a goal to build, sustain and enhance a nurturing environment for Wisconsin's children and youth.

December 2

Your Family and Faith at Advent

Do your kids (or grandkids) ask questions about faith and God? Do you want to pray with your family but feel uncomfortable about when or how? Do you wish that your faith played a bigger role in your day to day life? Come to Adult Forum on December 2nd to learn about faith practices for Advent and throughout the year.

Confirmation 2.0 has resumed meeting.

You are still welcome to join us as we discuss the story of Abraham, Sarah and their family. We'll explore what makes us "righteous" in God's eyes and try to make sense of the funnier and more unusual parts of the story. We will meet on Tuesdays, November 20, December 4th and 11th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**All are welcome
at monthly healing services**

Healing services are offered monthly at St. Matthew's at a variety of times to give all the opportunity to come forward for healing prayer for themselves or others. You can share your concern with the pastor/leader at the altar, and then he/she along with the healing ministries will lay on hands and give a special prayer for your concern.

Sunday, November 18

after the 11:00 service

Sunday, December 9

after the 11:00 service

**Sun. Jan. 6, during Education Hour
at 9:45 a.m.**

A note about your valuable items:

A reminder to our members and guests that each week as you come to church, any valuable items should be kept with you and not left in coat pockets or in an unlocked space.

"The Nativity" Christmas Pageant:

Can you help? St. Matthew's will be presenting "The Nativity," our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16 for the 8:30 and 11:00 services. As the cast is being assembled and rehearsals begin, we are looking for some people who would like to volunteer their time and talents to help make this story come to life. We need help in the areas of costumes, make-up, props, crowd control and backstage people. **Also, if you would want to be on stage with no lines and no stress as a member of the "crowd," we would love to have you join in.** If you would like to help in the special presentation, please contact John Paradowski. Thank you.

Prayer Walk Group meets on Monday mornings and we are enjoying walking outside. Find out where we start by contacting Anne DeWitt for details: 414-840-8222.

**Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00 on Wednesday Nov. 21st**

While this holiday witnesses many households gathering for a festive meal, 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 a food item to share with the hungry.

We hope to collect a good amount of canned and boxed food items to share with Cross Lutheran and Tosa Cares food pantries.

The service will include special music from some of St. Matthew's choirs. Stay after the service for Pie! There will be a Pie Social in Fellowship Hall following the service, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.



Invisible Lines: A 4-Part Thursday Evening Conversation with Dinner at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, 2366 N. 80th St., November 29, December 6, 13 and 20. All are welcome.

We will show episodes of the “Invisible Lines” series produced by 88.9 Radio Milwaukee earlier this year. Each episode presents conversations between people of color in Milwaukee as a means of exploring (and overcoming) the divisions among us. Each episode is about 20 minutes in length and will be followed by discussion. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. (suggested donation \$7/person) and at 6:30, the video presentation & discussion, ending by 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! Meet in Fellowship Hall on the lower level.

Used medications being collected for Cross Clinic

St. Matthew’s member Tom Wilke is willing to collect medications you no longer need and take them to Cross’s Bread of Healing Clinic and use them for patients who need them. To donate used medications, cross out the name of the patient in black marker, but leave the medicines in the pharmacy bottle they were dispensed with. Are you cleaning out a parent’s or other relative’s home and have a large number of old prescriptions to discard? Bring them to the church office and we will collect them for Cross Bread of Healing Clinic. Medications not usable will be responsibly discarded.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

St. Matthew’s uses Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) an on-line scheduling program to schedule our Sunday morning volunteers.

Volunteers choose the area they would like to serve in, service time preference and frequency of service. Most volunteers find MSP very easy to use and appreciate these great features of the scheduling program:

- **Update away dates quickly on-line so you don’t get scheduled when you cannot be here**
- **Receive automatic email or text message reminders**
- **Schedules updated with changes in real time**
- **Ability to check your schedule from anywhere and easily request a substitute when you can’t make one of your scheduled dates**
- **Guidelines and procedures for ALL Sunday morning ministry positions are available on-line**

We always need new volunteers on Sunday morning! This is a great way to be involved at church and if you are already here on a Sunday there is no need to try to plan for extra time in your schedule.

The current schedule runs through the end of December. If you need the log in information, have questions or would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or 414-774-0441.

Dinner on Wednesdays for Confirmation Kids - See Dates Below

Did you know that your 7th – 9th grader can get dinner on Big Group Wednesdays before confirmation? Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:20 in the youth room and includes pizza, make-your-own subs, or tacos, on a rotating basis. All meals include fruit and vegetable sides and desserts for a cost of \$5. It's a great way to avoid the meal-time rush on Wednesday nights, and it's a good chance for your child to get to know other St. Matthew's youth. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

Remaining dates are December 5 & 12, January 2 & 23

Stitches of Love Meeting:

The Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry will gather on Saturday, November 24 from 9:00 - 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Beginners are welcome with the desire to contribute to the ministry. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Soup will be provided. Contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 if you'd like more information about the workshop.



Men's Monday Morning Bible Study: *Come Join us early on Monday mornings!* We will meet on Monday mornings from 6.30 - 7.30 am in the upper room. All are welcome and we are diligent with ending on time. The Lord invites you to get to know him better by studying his Word in community. *Proverbs 27:17 (NASB) "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another."*

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a challenging life situation or going through a tough time. The care you will receive is confidential, free and very helpful.

To learn how you -- or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative -- can receive care, talk to a pastor or Stephen Leader. Or, stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the commons to speak with a Stephen Minister.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34:b

St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club: The St. Matthew's book group usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Here are the next few books for the year:

Dec. 7: [When the English Fall](#); David Williams (256 pgs)

Jan. 4: [The Girl with Seven Names](#) by Hyeonseo Lee and David John (320 pgs)

Feb. 1: [Jewelweed: A Novel](#) by David Rhodes (449 pages)

**Lutheran A Cappella Choir
to Present Concert:**

“Out of Darkness...Light!”

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will be presenting its annual Christmas concert, “Out of Darkness...Light!” on Friday, Dec. 7th at 7:30pm and again on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 3:00pm. Featured on the concert will be Vaughan Williams’ “Fantasia on Christmas Carols,” featuring soloist Lee Henning, a set of lessons and carols, “On Christmas Night,” featuring a 15-voice treble choir, and other music of the Advent and Christmas seasons, including two recent works by John Rutter. Friday’s concert will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, W196 N9525 Cross View Way, Menomonee Falls, while Sunday’s concert will be held at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for general admission and \$12.00 for seniors and students. More information about the concert and tickets are available from the choir’s website at www.lutheranacappella.org, or at the door.

Come and enjoy an afternoon or evening of the finest in music of the season by the Lutheran A Cappella Choir, celebrating the birth of the Savior!

Gratitude: A Celebration of our Common Humanity. An exhibition of photographic banners, free and open to the public, at Milwaukee City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, November 19-30, 2018. A collaborative project of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee’s Committee for Interfaith Understanding and the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Join us for the Exhibit opening and Reception on November 19th in the Rotunda. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and Interfaith program begins at 6 p.m. The exhibition is generously sponsored by ELM II Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Please bring food to donate to the Hunger Task Force. They are especially in need of low sodium canned vegetables, low or no sugar cereal, canned chicken or tuna (water packed).

DREAM CRAZY BIG! *Our Own Conor Williams to be honored at City Luncheon*

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee 48th Annual Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Italian Community Center. We join in celebrating with St. Matthew’s member Conor Williams, part of the Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative, who will receive the Rev. Herbert Huebschmann Urban Ministry Award for providing pathways to self-reliance and dignity for thousands of people in Milwaukee and across Wisconsin who face impediments to employment, including many with prison records by advocating for publicly subsidized transitional jobs that lead to non-subsidized employment. Keynote Speaker is Pastor Hurmon Hamilton, who helped found the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization in 1998 and served as its president for almost a decade, overseeing its rise as a significant political and moral change agent in Massachusetts. Tickets for the luncheon are \$48, and can be ordered through Pastor Matt. Deadline for purchasing tickets is November 28th. Sign up on the sign-up panel if you wish to attend this luncheon.

Caregivers Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons - *Sharing joys and challenges* The caregivers group will meet on the following dates at 1 p.m. in the Upper Room. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next Date: Nov. 26

Flower/Book Sign-Ups Needed
Your Sign-Ups are needed for the altar flower/library book/DVD sign-up notebook! Want to honor a loved one or show someone you care? Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center. Occasions are listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero & Support the Youth Mission Trip to Houston! 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. Certificates are available in the office all week and on Sunday mornings during the education hour. Thanks for your support!

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Just One More: Volunteers assemble packaged meals to be picked up by area churches and programs **each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Food packing takes place at 6442 River Parkway, Wauwatosa. Call the JOMM office at 414-292-5112; OR go online to the JOMM website: jomministry.org and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

Guest House: Special thanks to Kristen and Kate Charlson, and friend Emily, who did a super job with serving dinner on November 11. Two to three volunteers are needed each month to prepare and serve a dinner for 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up. *Thanks to everyone who has volunteered recently, the next opening for volunteers are on April 14 and May 12, 2019.*

Repairers of the Breach: We supply 100 bag lunches for the homeless twice a month. We pack the lunches at church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to provide beverages, fruit, chips and sweets and/or pack the lunches. Contact Tom Geib (414-321-3391).

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8 residents the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15 returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter; rcvvetter1986@gmail.com.

Cross Lutheran Lunch Program We serve 300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's at 10:15 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, November 28, 2018.**

Chocolate and Coffee for Sale:

LWR Fair Trade Chocolate available at St. Matthew's: "Divine Chocolate"
- Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase **every Sunday** at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project cart, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

Mount Meru Coffee wants you to have a PEABERRY CHRISTMAS!

A special treat for you, your family and your friends. Only 5% of coffee beans picked are peaberry. These are single beans that have grown within the coffee "cherry" where two beans normally grow. These single coffee beans offer a richer coffee taste while being less acidic than standard coffee. It has the wonderful flavor of Mt. Meru Premium Coffee but in a richer form!

The coffee is \$15 for a 12oz bag and will be available at the coffee cart in the Upper Commons this Sunday! Only available in regular, drip or bean (but not decaf).

Mt. Meru Coffee - Mmmmm...

Delicious Mt. Meru coffee is available for sale from the cart in the Upper Commons. This product which is purchased at a fair price from the local farmers who live in the area of Tanzania where we have a partnership relationship. Stop by the display in the Commons and see! K-cups for single cup coffee brewing (like Keurigs) are also available.

Part-time Sales Associate needed for new shop at Mayfair Mall. 16-34 hours per week, flexible schedule with willingness to work nights and weekends as needed. Join an emerging jewelry and home goods brand - Alicia Mohr - and have a chance to grow into the role of Assistant Store Manager as we open our first brick and mortar store at Mayfair.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Be engaging and upbeat
- Demonstrate expert knowledge of the brand and products
- Provide excellent customer service
- Keep store clean and organized
- Assist with marketing tasks such as social media photography and posts, visual merchandising and event planning and execution
- Ensure proper floor coverage and help deter theft by engaging with customers.

This link will give you all the information you need as well as a portal to apply for the position. <https://www.mayfairmall.com/en/jobs/part-time-sales-associatw-8673.html>

Retail experience is preferred, but not required. You can also call this number if you are interested in applying: Alicia Mohr at 1-917-573-1228.

Upper Two-Bedroom Flat for Rent: 7102 W. Wisconsin Avenue

Ideal location less than 5 minutes from Froedtert and the Medical College. One mile from I-94 and 41. Walk to Colectivo and Balistreri's Pizza. Spacious 1400 sq. ft. upper flat with unique charm. Large living room with beamed ceiling. Dining room with umbrella ceiling and built-in cabinets. Oak hardwood floors. Two carpeted bedrooms. One bath. Ample storage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer included with apartment. One garage stall and one space behind it available for parking. No smokers or dogs. Rent \$1,150/month. Heat included. Available now.

Christy – 414-303-8380 Craig – 414-364-2663
Email: 7102WWisconsin@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Late-night Retreat for Mission Trip Participants is Friday Nov. 16th

A late-night retreat for those going on next summer's mission trip to Houston will be held from 6:00 – 11:00 PM Friday night, November 16th. This get-to-know you event is an important part of the group building that occurs in the months leading up to the trip next June. If you're going on the trip, please plan on attending!

Middle School Capture the Flag Event on November 30th

This capture the flag night will be extra sweet as we combine it with cookie baking for the Reformation Potluck December 2nd. This fun event will take place on Friday, November 30th from 7:00 – 9:00 and is open to 6th – 8th graders and friends. Cost of the event is \$5 to cover snacks, and a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

Looking for some youth to help you with babysitting, yard work, etc.? Look for our Youth Services Directory, where youth tell us which jobs they'd like to take on, and you contact them by phone or email and determine the rate of payment. You can find the updated Youth Services Directory, now in Spreadsheet form, at the Welcome Center and across from the church office.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

continues each week Class meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The upcoming schedule looks like this:
Nov. 21 - No Class, Thanksgiving Eve
Nov. 28 - Service Night

Children's Ministry Groups are BACK!

Come be a part of KFC/DOC for fun at church with your friends! All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to be a part of Kids for Christ (grades 1-3) and Disciples of Christ (grades 4-5), along with friends. At these meetings, we usually eat pizza (bring \$5), play games and talk, and have a devotional time.

Nov. 18th: 12:15-2pm DOC

These groups are led by Donna Gardner Manke. Come and join us! It is helpful to sign up by calling the church office, 414-774-0441, or emailing <office@stmattslutheran.org>, so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

Repairers of the Breach is always in need of:

- Instant Oatmeal packets with no sugar or fruit
- Boxes of Low-sugar cereal such as Wheaties, Cheerios, Special K, Kix
- Splenda low-calorie sweetener
- COFFEE - regular ground, for drip makers
- Large cans of beef or chicken noodle soup
- Kleenex and other brand tissues, mini-packs; travel size

These items are being collected in a box outside the church office. The need continues, as ROTB ministers to the homeless all year round.

Ongoing Collection for Guest House:

We have updated the list of ongoing needs for the Guest House. Please consider picking up one or two of these items when you're shopping and drop them off in the box outside the church office. Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

Spray deodorant Shampoo
Body Wash Foot Powder
Cologne or aftershave Laundry
Bags
Men's watches Men's wallets

Undergarment Collection Continues: November 11 to December 9th! *We need your donations. Thank you!*

We are now collecting underwear and socks for the homeless shelter run by Guest House and women's underwear for the Benedict Center's Sisters Project. Guest House offers alcohol and drug abuse counseling, employment training, education, and other programs to homeless men. The Benedict Center's Sisters Project provides mental health care, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, education, employment, food, parenting skills, and anger management programs to women trapped in prostitution on the near north side and south sides of Milwaukee.

Both of these programs are in critical need for the basics of life—including new socks and underwear. We are collecting the following:

**Mens' Briefs or Boxer Briefs
(Sizes S, M, L, 2X, and 3X)**

Mens' Socks, size 6-12

Women's Panties, sizes 4–24

Women's Bras—sizes 34A-42C

Women's Socks

**Women's Pajamas and long
underwear, sizes up to 2X**

The Undie Sunday Drive ends on December 9th. Let's put our faith into action and overflow the collection bins once again to show our support of these important ministries.

November 18: Beyond the Sermon: Some Deeper Thoughts on “Apocalypse” from Pastor Matt

In both today’s readings and in the coming weeks, our readings each Sunday contain stories and sayings of Jesus that fit into the biblical genre most biblical teachers call “apocalypse.” These texts are not just about the “end” of the world, but are used in many parts of the Bible (Daniel, Amos, the gospels, Revelation) to literally “unveil” a message that was both urgent and necessary for hearers to notice. The reason these texts exist is to both warn and invoke immediate response in their original contexts, as well as to provide a sense of hope amidst persecution, violence, and oppression.

How do we read these parts of the Bible?

There’s no one “right” way to read apocalyptic texts. However, there are often three main strands of interpretations that we as present-day readers and hearers use to interpret apocalyptic texts.

A) Historically-- looking at the messages written/shared with faithful people, disciples, or churches experiencing persecution under a political power (Babylon, Rome, etc.).

B) Futuristically -- Reading literally, looking for signs of times, read as prediction and seeking allegorical connections that confirm the message.

C) Idealistically -- applying the themes and ideas of the message and its immediacy in every time and place.

While there is no right way to interpret this genre of stories in the bible, it is preferred to bring a bit of each perspective to these texts. What can be problematic and lead us to miss the point of these messages is to only read them one way. Many faithful readers have spent hours trying to find contemporary realities that match these “signs.” However, in reading only looking to connect it to the future, we miss the message that might have originally been conveyed and lose the richness of reading the text both in the past, present, and looking toward God’s future for us.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday evening, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

Come, you thankful people, come

We give thanks as we are abundantly blessed

Thanksgiving has always been a special time for the people of St. Matthew's to gather and to give thanks for blessings received and for us as a faith community to give thanks for the work God has called us to do. Join the community of St. Matthew's for a festive Thanksgiving Eve service with choirs and other special music.

Bring canned food items as a response to all our blessings. We will bring the food up to the altar during the time of the offering. Your Thanksgiving offering will be directed toward special benevolences including World Hunger.

Stay for the Pie Social after Thanksgiving Service

Following the Service on November 21, the Fellowship Committee will host a Pie Social downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We ask those who wish to bring a pie to share and the Fellowship Committee will provide the rest, coffee, juice, whipped cream and ice cream. You are invited to stay even if you don't bring a pie. Let the office staff know if you plan to bring a pie - or sign up on the sign-up panel in today's bulletin.



FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Psalms 16

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Next Sunday's Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

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St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel November 18, 2018

If you are interested in any of the following activities/events, please check the appropriate box and place this sheet in the offering plate, or turn it in to the church office. This is your opportunity to be involved in some of St. Matthew's ministries.

I plan to **bring a pie for Thanksgiving Eve's Pie Social**. (*Pre-sliced appreciated*)

I would like to **help with the Pie Social** on Thanksgiving Eve, November 21.
_____ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. _____ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. _____ Clean-Up

Yes, I'd like to attend the "**Dream Crazy Big**" luncheon sponsored by Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee on Thursday, December 6, honoring Conor Williams for his work with transitional jobs. I will bring in/send a check for \$48.00.

I would like to help with the **Christmas Pageant**, to be held on Sunday, December 16. Please circle area of interest. **For more information contact John Paradowski**
Costumes, Make-up, Props, Snacks, Crowd control, Backstage, CROWD MEMBER

Yes, I'm interested in helping to **clean and polish the brass candelabras** on the altar.

Please add my email address to the list of people receiving the **Friday "Bulletin Update,"** a preview of the announcements in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office,
414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org.



St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

Vision Statement: Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(What we want to become)*

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. *(What we are going to do)*

Values: We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. *(Who we want to be)*

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