

St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's November 25, 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: *Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed one [Messiah]; he would be the "one like a human being" [Son of Man] given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king.*

His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of 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 8:30 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 Jennifer Wills in memory of Allan Hoesser.

Library Books have been given to the church library by:

Diann Lebow in honor of her granddaughter Greta's birthday; and by The Shaffer Family in honor of Madeleine's baptism last week.

Christ the King - Today is Christ the King Sunday. This is a recent festival of the church year coming about in 1925, to celebrate the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. This festival is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Year, which is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. This festival celebrates the kingly rule of Christ, who was enthroned upon the cross and will return as humankind's ultimate sovereign and judge.

The Prayer Chain continues to faithfully pray for the needs of the congregation and community. If you would like the Prayer Chain to be praying for your needs, please use the blue cards in the pews or contact the church office at 414-774-0441. You may also e-mail the church at stmattswi@sbcglobal.net or sonjamohr@me.com with a prayer request or if you wish to join the prayer chain.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. We look forward to a meaningful Advent season as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - November 25, 2018



Help us decorate the Commons/Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas!

Advent/Christmas Decorating Night on Friday, November 30th

Join us on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 pm as we decorate our church indoors and out for the upcoming season. This event requires MANY helpers - family and friends are welcome! A light supper will be provided. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. Questions, please contact Lynne Thomas (262-957-6490/lynne0675@yahoo.com).

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.

Thank you for your Thanksgiving Eve food pantry donations.

The need is real throughout the Milwaukee metro area. Your donations will help families through Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and the Tosa Cares Food Pantry in Wauwatosa. Food pantry donations are always welcome at St. Matthew's, non-perishables as well as cash gifts, because hunger is a real problem for some families/singles/seniors in our area.

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.

Third World Christmas Items for Sale

The remaining inventory from the Third World Store at Capitol Drive Lutheran includes a large variety of nativity sets, Christmas ornaments, and other seasonal decorations. These items will be available to purchase Wednesday evening after the Thanksgiving Eve service. Items will be on display in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday and in the Commons beginning Sunday, November 25th. All **proceeds will support our El Salvador and Tanzanian partnerships.**

Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 1

Monday:

6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Fallen Angels Rehearsal
1:00, Caregivers Support Group
6:30, Social Ministry meeting

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

9:00, A CaBELLa Ringers
10:00, Bible Study
10:00, Cross Lunch
6:00, Godsbells
6:00, New Generation Choir
7:00, Christmas Pageant Angels
7:00, New Creation Choir

Thursday:

4:00, Praise Kids!
6:15, Bells Angels
7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

6:00, Christmas Church Decorating
7:00, Middle School Capture/Flag

Saturday:

9:00, Quilt Ministry Gathering

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

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.

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.**

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, Dec. 9 after 11:00 service

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

Did you miss out on Doris Kloth's mittens for sale at St. Matthew's?

There will be another opportunity to purchase them at Washington Elementary School in Wauwatosa on Saturday, December 1 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Did You Miss Out on City Tins? You can still order online!

If you missed the City Tins fundraiser it's not too late to get some of the seven varieties of tins this year. Just go online to place your order, and select St. Matthew's in the dropdown box so that we receive the fundraising credit. Instructions for ordering are below. Thanks for supporting St. Matthew's Mission Trip! City Tins Online Ordering Instructions:

1. Visit the Fundraiser Login Portal by visiting <https://citytins.com/pages/fundraiser-portal>
2. Log in using this password: **!fundraiser18**
3. Select St. Matthew's from the dropdown.
4. Checkout as normal.

Christmas Musicians invited

We are looking for instrumentalists to enhance our Christmas Celebration this year at the 7:00 and 10:00 services. We would like to invite you to play your instrument with us this year. You may or may not have played for Christmas in the past, if you have you know what an uplifting service it is and how it greatly enhances the congregation's celebration of the Christmas. The group accompanies the congregation in the singing of Christmas Hymns.

Due to the many School Christmas Concerts during the week the **one and only Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 22 at 9:30 am.**

Please let me know if you are able to play for Christmas. We would love to have you join in the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Music can be picked up from John Paradowski in December.

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.

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)

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.

Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is:

- A trained lay volunteer
- A good listener
- Trained in confidentiality
- Supervised for quality care
- Ready to offer God's love through a caring relationship

What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

- Listens
- Encourages
- Keeps confidence
- Prays
- Supports
- Walks beside a hurting person

How to learn more?

- Talk with a Pastor
- Visit the Stephen Ministry Center in the commons
- Write your interest on a blue prayer card and place it in the offering basket

We don't know your need unless you let us know!

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



Christ Caring • For People • Through People

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. November 26

Annual SAINTS Christmas Potluck

(Our Older Adult Ministries Group)

“Down Home Christmas”

Wednesday December 19

Back in the day, how did your family celebrate the holidays?

For many of us, making our own entertainment was part of the formula. This year's SAINTS

Christmas gathering will make use of this formula as we find our own fun right at St. Matthew's. We will

enjoy a card game – (not hard, I promise), a seasonal story from our resident story teller (thanks

Annette!), and a fun sing along with Pr. Matt and John Paradowski who will be leading us in classic holiday

songs that we do NOT sing in church. “Silver Bells” anyone? How

about “Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...”? This event will surely put us all in the holiday spirit!

Lunch will feature lasagna from Bunzels along with potluck salads and dessert. Please sign up to

bring salad (fruit, vege, jello) OR dessert. All are welcome to attend, with or without a dish for potluck.

Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons.

The SAINTS, short for Seniors Active In New Testament Service, is open to all adults. The group typically meets on the third

Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Contact Julia Murphy through the church office or email julia@stmattslutheran.org if you have any questions or concerns.

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!

Help Needed to Cover Costs of Emergency Food Shipment to El Salvador A shipment of emergency food is on its way to El Salvador for distribution to communities served by the Salvadoran Lutheran Church – communities where hunger is a constant concern. In addition to the day-to-day struggles of poverty, residents of those communities are disproportionately affected by natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, droughts, and volcanic eruptions. The shipments of emergency food that St. Matthew’s sends up to twice a year offer support in those times. **The cost of shipping and distributing the food is \$8000.00, and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks to St. Matthew’s with “El Salvador Food” in the memo line.** Thank you for your support of this meal ministry that is so appreciated by the Salvadoran Lutheran Church!

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.

St. Matthew's Invited to Reformation Potlucks in December!

Each month, Reformation Lutheran Church hosts a potluck to include partner congregations in their worship and fellowship on Sunday and Wednesday, and St. Matthew's is invited to participate in December. Our friends at Reformation welcome us to worship with them on Sunday, December 2nd at 10:00 and join them for a meal at 11:00. (Our St. Matthew's Youth Mission Trip meeting will follow at 12:15). We are also invited to share dinner with our Reformation family on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00. If you are interested in attending or helping with food on either day, please talk with Gretchen Haugse.

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

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 Haugse.

Remaining dates are

December 5 & 12, January 2 & 23

Next Monthly Meeting for Youth Mission Trip is December 2nd at Reformation

The next monthly meeting for the 2019 Youth Mission Trip to Houston will be Sunday, December 2nd at 12:15 at Reformation Lutheran Church. The meeting is planned in conjunction with the monthly Reformation potluck at 11:00 AM, which follows the 10:00 AM worship service. All youth who are going on the trip should plan to attend the meeting and are welcome to come earlier. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

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. 28	Service Night
Dec. 5	Big Group (10 Comm. 8/9/10)
Dec. 12	Big Group (Lord's Prayer)
Dec. 19	Fellowship Night

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.

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

Repairers of the Breach is always in need of:

Men's and Women's Gloves & Scarves

Hand warmers

Disposable razors, lip balm, mini-Kleenex packs

Tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste

Travel size deodorant, lotion and Vaseline

Canned soups

Instant Oatmeal (Plain)

Coffee, hot chocolate, powdered coffee cream, Splenda

Paper Towels/napkins

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	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.

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.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand
 stood
 attending him.

The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
 I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
 and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and
 who was and who is to come, and from the
 seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
 firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
 kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our
 sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a king-
 dom, priests serving his God and Father, to
 him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
 Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the
 earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
 Lord God, who is and who was and who is to
 come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, sum-
 moned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the
 King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you
 ask this on your own, or did others tell you
 about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew,
 am I? Your own nation and the chief priests
 have handed you over to me. What have you
 done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not
 from this world. If my kingdom were from
 this world, my followers would be fighting to
 keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
 But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus
 answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I
 was born, and for this I came into the world,
 to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs
 to the truth listens to my voice."



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel November 25, 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 will attend the **Sunday potluck at Reformation** on December 2.
- I will attend the **Wednesday potluck at Reformation** on December 5.
- I can help with **food for the Reformation potlucks**.
- I/We plan to come to **help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas** on Friday, November 30 at 6 p.m. Number of helpers _____
- I am in the 7th grade or above or an adult and would like to join the **Christmas Orchestra by playing my instrument for Christmas Eve** at the following services. 7:00 and/or 10:00 p.m. [Circle choices] The rehearsal is Saturday, 12/22 at 9:30 p.m.
- 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.
- 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)*

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen Haugse
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education	Sue Swing
Director of Older Adult Ministries	Julia Murphy
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Sunday School Support	Jennifer Dugan
Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
Library Coordinator (Volunteer)	Linda Wunderlich
Senior Choir Director	David Mohr
Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
Financial Bookkeeper & Administrator	Al Van Lith
Office Assistant	Jill Due
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodian	Marsha Olson
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson