

St. Matthew's  
**Weekly** *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's**  
**September 16, 2018**



**In the name of our creating, redeeming and empowering God,** a warm welcome to members and guests who gather today for worship and Christian fellowship. May we be blessed as we bless God and one another.

**Introduction to the Day:** *Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark, too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own*

*coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so too are we anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

*Today's opening hymn is based on the writings of the mystic and saint of the church, Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, who died and is commemorated on September 17, 1179.*

*Hildegard, who was widely influential within the church, advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.*

**Nametag Sunday:** Please find a nametag at the table near the entrance to worship and help us to learn more people's names today.

**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.

**A Library book** has been given to the church library by Larry & Chris Herte and Jodi & Joe Vitello in memory of Valinteen Jasniecki.

**Note from John Paradowski:** I wish to take a moment to gratefully thank the congregation for your generous gift of time to renew and refresh during my Sabbatical time of September and October.

**Please welcome our musicians** who will lead worship while I'm away. I am happy to report that your weekly Sunday worship will be led by highly qualified musicians. Julia Murphy will assist at the 7:30 service as needed. Then on the organ and piano bench will be Rob McWilliam and Larry Wheelock who will share their talents on Sunday mornings. I know you will make them feel very welcome.

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - September 16, 2018



# September

### Sunday School Today!

**Education Hour runs 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.**

Sunday School for 3-Year-Olds through 8th grade began last Sunday. Please look for the insert panel giving Sunday School room locations.

If you have any questions about Sunday School, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Jennifer Dugan.

**Fall Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:** We now worship at 7:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., with the Education Hour from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**These bulletin announcements can be seen beginning each Friday on our website: [www.stmatthslutheran.org](http://www.stmatthslutheran.org).** If you wish to be added to the Friday bulletin email list, please sign up on the bottom of the Events Sign-Up panel in today's bulletin (or contact Sonja Mohr at [sonjamohr@me.com](mailto:sonjamohr@me.com)).

### 2nd Graders Invited to Receive Bibles at the 8:30 service:

Kaden Bitar	Preston McCullough
Nate Buckbee	Emery Neideen
Evelyn Burmeister	William Nencka
Allison DiCastrì	Nilus Oyen
Jacob Foley	Lydia Ramstad
Anne Freeborn	Nicholas Ring
Avery Herrell	Avery Ryan
Elise Huth	Madelyn Slager
Jonathan Katch	Katherine Storm
Eliot Kendall	Lucas Swalheim
Alice Kreeger	Layla Tanel
Bryce MacIntosh	Samuel Wooster
Jane Malten	Mark Zello

Pastor Chris Manke will offer a Bible Class for second graders and their parents in Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**We are looking for people willing to participate in a short-term committee** to develop policies and procedures for St. Matthew's in regard to medical and other serious emergencies. We estimate the committee will meet for about 6 months to gather information and discuss how various scenarios might be handled best in our religious non-profit setting. If you have experience or expertise about these types of policies, we'd appreciate your input. Sign up through the bulletin panel in today's bulletin or speak to someone in the church office. Pastor Chris will be convening the group.

# Sunday School continues today, September 16:

Sunday School Classes run from 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Sunday School classes continue today for 3-year-olds through 8th graders. All children should report to the locations listed below at 9:45 a.m. **First graders and 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will meet Upstairs on the Third floor.** They should look for their guides to know which room. Sunday School ends at 10:45 a.m. **Second graders meet in Fellowship Hall for a Bible class with Pastor Chris.**

## Traditional Sunday School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
Three-year-olds	Cindy Weiland-Wehrley & Ben Wehrley	Room 101
	Kristin Mainville and Katie Asmus	Room 103
Four-year-olds	Brie MacIntosh and Lilly Manke	Room 104
	Michele Wolaver and Emma Gifford	Room 105
Senior Kindergarten	Nancy Artus and Anjeni Kirchner	Room 107
	Megan Reuter	Room 106
Sixth Grade	John Stolte and Joel Freeborn	Rm. 207 (across from Choir Rm.)
Seventh Grade	Al Van Lith & Lisa Winters	Choir Room
Eighth Grade	Chris Lange	Room 100 (near kitchen)

## Rotational Sunday School, grades 1-5

**Location: 3rd floor of Education Bldg. (except 2nd grade, Fellowship Hall)**

### 1st-5th Grade Shepherds:

- 1st Grade Joy Meier and Jamie Jensen
- 2nd Grade Sarah Zello and Jen Neideen
- 3rd Grade Erin & Rob Weileder; Annie DeArmond
- 4th Grade Nichole Herrell and Anne-Marie Nickel
- 5th Grade Patti Foley and Teresa Wooster

### Rotation Teachers:

- Art: Carrie Jo Cherney
- Games: Heather Deaton
- Drama: Donna Gardner Manke
- Music: Julia Murphy
- Reflection:

**Questions about Sunday School? Contact Gretchen Haugse, 414-774-0441, ext. 2900.**

## **Week of September 17 - 22**

### **Monday:**

6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.  
10:15, Staff Meeting  
11:00, Program Staff Meeting  
6:00, Property Committee  
7:00, Synod El Salvador Mtg

### **Tuesday:**

7:00, LAC Rehearsal

### **Wednesday:**

9:00, Saints Day Trip  
7:00, 7th & 8th Grade  
Confirmation  
7:00, 9th Grade Confirmation

### **Thursday:**

9:00, Retired Pastors in  
Ministry  
11:30, Women of Faith  
6:15, Bells Angels  
7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday:**

9:00 - 1:30, Quilting Blitz

### **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: September 24

## **Adult Education Today, in the Upper Room**

**September 16 - 9:45-10:45**

### **Writing Our Faith Story**

**with Connie Malloy and Katrina Ubell**

Our faith stories, and our stories of faith, shape our lives and inform our behaviors. Sharing these stories can be powerful for both the giver and the receiver. Writing these stories, through journaling or storytelling, can bring us to an even deeper understanding of our faith journey. Katrina Ubell and Connie Malloy will share their stories, and discuss both the benefits and the process of bringing such stories to life through writing. Connie is a professional dancer, teacher and writer. Her first book has just been published! Katrina is a physician who inspires and assists others with her business, "Weight Loss for Busy Physicians."

### **September 30 - Connections Sunday in Sanctuary**

On Sunday, September 30th, join Pastor Chris and others, to learn about the many new ways to connect to St. Matt's. Over the past year or so, we've added a new church website layout, live online worship viewing, Adult Education class videos on Youtube, online volunteer schedule coordination through Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP), Online electronic giving through VANCO supported services (Simply Giving, online giving, smart phone app giving, text-to-give options, etc)..

Also important in this class, we will be revealing our new Membership Information Database, called Servant Keeper. This new program is how the church will be keeping all of our member records in the future. Along with previewing this program, we will send out a link to every household, so that you can have a direct "Member Portal" to your own data, which will allow you to update, edit, and improve how we communicate with you in the future. We will give a live presentation on this Member Portal, to explain this new system.

Through this new Member Portal, we will also utilize this handy new tool to gather people's Stewardship Time and Talent information.

I hope everyone will make this class on Sunday, September 30th a priority, so that you will understand the many new ways you will be able to connect to St. Matthew's ministry!  
Pr. Chris Manke

**Singing the Psalms!** This fall, our worship life will include more singing of the psalms in regular worship. The psalms are intended for singing, as their use in worship throughout the ages testifies. The psalms, a form of ancient poetry, are inherently musical, and the text you will see in your bulletin is “pointed,” or marked for singing by a cantor, choir, or the congregation. Each psalm verse is divided into two parts; the second half of the verse is indented. Each part has a point (|) within it. The point indicates when we move in signing from the first note to the other notes of the melody. For Example:

1 | I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication;

When using a psalm tone, the verse would be sung as follows:



1 | I love the Lord, who has| heard my voice, and listened to my | sup- pli- cation,

2 | for the Lord has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.

### **Wednesday Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday mornings!**

Each Wednesday at 10 a.m., we'll be reading through a few more books of the “Apocrypha,” the books between the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. New readers are welcome--please join us in the Upper Room.

We'll begin the fall reading excerpts from the Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach. There will be extra copies of the text if your bible does not have the apocrypha.

We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. Coffee and snacks are shared.

**\*\*Special Note--Because of the SAINTS Field Trip on the 19th, there will be NO Wednesday Bible Study.**

### **Meditation Moment**

#### **“Ten Minutes Matter”**

#### **An Invitation for silence & reflection**

If you are interested in learning more about the practice of mindfulness meditation and Christian contemplation please join us. We are learning and growing together. Questions are encouraged and all are welcome.

**September 23** in the Upper Rm.

8:00 AM Greeting

8:10 Silence Begins

8:20 Reflection

*“May the memory of Jesus be united to your breathing, and then shall you know the usefulness of silence.”* St. John Climacus; 7th century Christian monk

### **Fall Quilt Blitz comes up on Sat., Sept. 22**

St. Matthew's Quilting Ministry "Stitches of Love" will hold a Quilt Blitz on Saturday, September 22 beginning at 9 a.m. All women who are interested in quilting, even if you aren't experienced, are welcome to attend. There will be projects you could work on, or you could bring your own project and spend some time working on it among other quilters. Questions can be directed to Bev Etzelmueller through the church office. Bring your lunch if you wish. There are often some shared snacks.

### **New Member Classes Start Sept. 23!**

God has given us the gift of Christian community. It provides for two of our most basic needs. The church can be a place to belong and a place to become. If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's please consider attending our membership classes in September and October. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Dates are September 23, 30 and October 7. New Members will be received on Sunday, October 14th at the 8:30 service. Childcare is available in the Nursery on all class dates. If you have any questions, please contact [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net), the pastors or the church office. A mailing has been sent to those known to be interested in joining St. Matthew's.

### **The 2018 Outreach for Hope Family**

**Bike Ride** is over, but the need continues. Donations received by September 30 help us reach our goal of \$120,000 to assist 22 ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Check out our website for information ([ofhbikeride.com](http://ofhbikeride.com)) and directions for donating online. A generous donor is giving \$10 for every online donation received by September 30. Your support is impacting the lives of so many - please prayerfully consider a donation.

### **Confirmation 2.0: Tuesdays this Fall Let's start at the very beginning—A Very Good Place to Start!**

This fall, in response to a desire to have deeper refreshers on understandings of Lutheran teaching and bible interpretation, join Pastor Matt for a deeper look at the beginning of the Bible, Genesis.

We will look at different interpretations of the stories, how we as Lutherans look to understand scripture, and explore these foundational stories. As we do, we'll look at how they reveal what it means for us to live as Lutherans and how we might use these stories in our understanding of God and one another. We'll look at how Luther also interprets Genesis.

We'll meet 6:30—8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning October 2nd;

We will use the book, Genesis: Translation and Commentary, by Robert Alter. It is available both new and used from Amazon. If you'd like a copy from St. Matthew's, they will be \$13.00.

Classes will be held on: October 2nd, 9th, 16th; November 13th and 20th; and December 4th and 11th

## **Men's Breakfast scheduled for last Saturday in September, the 29th**

Men of St. Matthew's, mark this date on your calendar to come to church at 7:30 a.m. for a full breakfast and great fellowship with other men. We welcome Chris Capper, the founder and CEO of JOMM food ministry. Chris will tell us how JOMM started, and where it is now. We finish the event by 9 a.m. Friends are welcome!

## **Healing Service Schedule: 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. Your concern can be general if you don't wish to share specifically.

**Sunday, September 30 after the 8:30 service**

## **St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club**

**reveals Reading List for year** The St. Matthew's book group, which usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning in October, has shared their 2018-19 reading list. It is available at church at the Welcome Center. Here are the first three books for the year:

Oct. 5: All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel by Anthony Doerr (531 pages)

Nov. 2: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi (228 pages)

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

## *Fellowship event*

## **Come have a tour of Apt. 4 at John Michael Kohler Arts Center Sunday, October 14**

Sarah Carter, Curator and Director of Research for the Chipstone Foundation in Fox Point, is giving a tour of Apartment 4: Iris Häussler and The Chipstone Foundation at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan. The exhibit is a collaborative representation of how fictitious artist Florence Hasard turned her modest Milwaukee apartment into her home and studio. "The space is informed by Florence's dark, introspective art practice that allowed her to work through the personal trauma she experienced as a nurse during the First World War. In addition, Apartment 4 gives hints to what her life in Milwaukee may have been like in the 1940s." We will meet at church at 12:30 and carpool to the museum. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to attend.*** Call or email Jennifer Wills at (262) 483-1848 or jenniferwills1@me.com for more information.

## **El Salvador Visit Planned for January- Sign-up Deadline is October 31st**

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for January 8th- 17th and is open to adults and college-aged youth. The trip will include experiences with our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten. We will also participate in various ministries of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, and visit cultural sites.

If you would like to be part of this eye-opening, heart-opening, and perspective-expanding experience, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Pastor Chris.

# Music Ministry

## **Praise Kids! New Season starts October 4 at 4:00 to 5:00**

We wish to offer you an invitation for your little one(s) to join in the music making here at St. Matthew's—Praise Kids! Our youngest members of our church can join in singing praises to our Lord. Praise Kids! offers all children who are age 4 [Jr. Kindergarten] through 2nd grade a chance in being part of the children's ministry of the church. This group helps to teach our youngest about God, the Church and Family through musical games, activities, learning time and singing.

Praise Kids is held on Thursday afternoons, starting October 4, from 4:00 to 5:00. This opens the door for non-Wauwatosa school children to join us after they get out of school. Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt lead our singers in age appropriate music education activities and singing. The Schedule:

**4:00-4:15: Gathering Time and snacks**

**4:15-5:00: Age appropriate music activities and singing**

## **WHY PRAISE KIDS?**

**Praise Kids nurtures**

- ♪ **musical growth**
- ♪ **spiritual growth**
- ♪ **understanding of self and others**
- ♪ **a relationship with God**
- ♪ **...and Praise Kids is just plain fun!**

The group will sing for worship once a month through Christmas, and then break until Mid-January. For more information please contact Jeff Reeves at, [JDReeveswk@yahoo.com](mailto:JDReeveswk@yahoo.com)

## **When do Choirs Start?**

All are welcome to join in singing or ringing. Take a look at the choir schedule and join in praising our Lord.

## **Senior Choir**

Each Thursday at 7:30-9:00

## **New Generation Choir (7-12 grades)**

Wednesdays starting 11/7 at 6:00

## **New Creation Choir (3-6 grades)**

Wednesdays starting 10/3 at 7:00

## **Praise Kids! (4/5 year olds/1-2 grades)**

Thursdays starting 10/4 at 4:00

## **Bells Angels (Adults)**

Thursdays starting 9/20 at 6:15

## **The EmBELLishments**

Tuesdays starting 11/6 at 9:30

## **Righteous Ringers (7-12 grades)**

Tuesdays starting 9/25 at 7:00

## **Godsbells (4-6 grades)**

Wednesdays starting 10/3 at 6:00

## **Senior Choir meets on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

The Senior Choir has begun rehearsing for this season. You are still invited to join them. All vocal parts are welcome! The adult choir sings just about every Sunday and is a great opportunity to share your talents with the congregation. Come to also be part of the festive Christmas Pageant in December. For more information contact Dave Mohr. [davemohr@me.com](mailto:davemohr@me.com) or by phone, 414-477-6430.

## Needed:

### St. Matthew's Sunday Morning

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

The current schedule runs from September 9 - December 30 and is available on-line.

### ***Sunday morning volunteers needed!***

Volunteers are needed in these 3 areas. You can be scheduled to serve when it is convenient for you!

**Communion Preparers** - Work in teams of 3 to prepare communion and clean up after.

**Coffee Hosts** - Prepare coffee and set out treats in between 8:30 & 11:00 services.

**Ushers (11:00)** - Greet worshipers and help with collecting the offering.

If you would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) 414-774-0441.

**The St. Olaf Band is coming to Milwaukee!** Their 2018 Fall Tour brings them to Pius XI Catholic High School in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 14 for a 2 p.m. concert. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.stolaf.edu/tickets](http://www.stolaf.edu/tickets) at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Pius High School is located at 135 N. 76th St., Milwaukee.

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

## 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](http://jomministry.org) and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

**Guest House:** Three to four 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](mailto:johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com) to sign-up. *Now Seeking volunteers for **October 14 and November 11.***

**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; [rcvetter1986@gmail.com](mailto:rcvetter1986@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 10:45 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:30 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: *Wednesday, September 26, 2018.*** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

# Women's Ministry

**Women's Wednesday Evening Book Discussion 7:00-8:00pm October 3 - November 7...Come when you can!**

(If there is interest we may also select some Sunday mornings or daytime meetings for discussion).

"An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith" by Barbara Brown Taylor

"A field guide to spiritual practices which can lend meaning and richness to our lives."

Here are some of the "Practices" from the book that we will discuss.

- The Practice of Waking Up to God (Vision)
- The Practice of Paying Attention (Reverence)
- The Practice of Saying No (Sabbath)

Sign up at the Welcome Center today or contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net)

**Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization Fall Gathering to take place Saturday Oct. 13**

This is always a wonderful event to come together with other women from our Synod, the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Renew old relationships and establish new ones.

The gathering will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI. The theme is "Women Create Change." Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

**Stephen Ministry** - We all need a concerned, caring person at difficult times in our lives but during those times it seems that everyone has advice. Most often, it isn't advice we need -- it's just someone who will listen and help us sort things out. Our congregation has 15 trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at St. Matthew's. They are prepared to provide care simply by listening instead of telling you what to do. The conversations are completely confidential. Being heard can bring a great sense of relief and clarity to a situation or relationship. To ask a few questions and learn more talk with a Stephen Leader, Pastor Ann or visit the Stephen Ministry Center and talk with a Stephen Minister from 9:45-10:45 any Sunday. Or, write your question and contact info on a blue prayer card or on the Stephen Ministry card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

## **Faith in the Medical Community:**

As members of St. Matthew's, one of our neighbors is the community (really the small city) of physicians, residents, students, professors, nurses, care assistants and other caregivers at Froedtert and the Medical College. As a part of exploring our congregation and evangelism, I am excited to explore how we might best serve a) our own members and friends working in the medical field as care providers and b) what spiritual and faith needs are most important to those who work in the medical-care industry. If you are a nurse, physician, therapist, care assistant, and work in the medical field, I'd love your input as to where you see your faith and spirituality connect with the work of healing and caring. I'd love to hear your stories. - Pastor Matt

# Youth Ministry

## 2019 Youth Mission Trip

**“So, where are we going next year?”** Come to the information meeting on Sunday, September 30th at 12:15 to learn the answer to this frequently asked question. The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth. Plan on attending this meeting to learn all the details!

This annual service trip is a great faith and community building experience as we work together to use our hands to do God’s work, our minds to learn more about God’s creation, and our hearts to reach out in compassion. Come to the info meeting to find out about next summer’s experience!

## Youth, want to be part of our Youth Services Directory?

St. Matthew’s produces a Youth Services Directory almost every year, and it’s time to produce a new one! This is an opportunity for youth in grades 6 and up to advertise their services and willingness to work as a pet sitter, lawn mower, yard work helper and/or babysitter. Many families in our congregation make good use of this directory to find young people to help out with these jobs. There is a form to fill out for the youth workers, and turn in to the church office. We will make this form available at church, of course, but will also email it out on request, and include it in the weekly bulletin email which is sent out at the end of each week. The deadline for inclusion is Friday, September 28th.

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation continues each week** Class meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The upcoming schedule looks like this:

Sept. 19	Big Group (Apostles’ Creed 3)
Sept. 26	Fellowship Night
October 3	Big Group (10 Commandments 1-3)

## 9th Grade Confirmation continues each week

Confirmation for 9th graders began this past week, and will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30, ending on Tuesday, October 30th. In these nine short sessions, led by Gretchen Hauge and Pastor Matt - we will explore what it means to live out your faith. The 9th graders will be confirmed at a special worship service on **Sunday, November 4th at 1:30 in the afternoon**. If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Hauge.

## Breakfast Prep for Tosa Cares: Sunday, September 23rd, 12:00

Your help is needed to prepare breakfast for clients of the Tosa Cares Food Pantry. We will make breakfast sandwiches that will be frozen for the following week’s pantry. Watch for an email with sign-up link.

We will help at the Tosa Cares Food Pantry distribution day on Saturday, September 29th, 8:00-11:00 a.m. Volunteer to serve breakfast or work in the food pantry. Watch your email for sign-up link.

## Middle School Corn Maze Adventure: Sunday, October 7th, 12:00 - 4:00

What could be more fun on a brisk autumn day than to get lost in a corn maze - and hopefully find your way out of it! Middle school youth and friends are invited to take that challenge on Sunday, October 7th as we head to Basse’s Corn Maze after lunch at St. Matthew’s. Cost is \$15 (scholarships available).

# Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

**Let the Guatemalan Children Walk a Mile in YOUR Shoes:** Time and Talents for Children is collecting gently used (or new) children's shoes to take to Guatemala for the impoverished children. Please bring shoes to St. Matthew's by September 23. Contact Anne Papke if you have questions. (414-477-4765 or 414-477-4198) Sport shoes, dress shoes, crocs, sandals, cowboy boots, gel shoes are acceptable. Please no adult shoes. Cash donations for shipping expenses will be appreciated. *Look for the blue barrel outside the church office for collecting the shoes. Please tie them together in pairs.*

**Walk to Defeat ALS at Greenfield Park in honor of the late James Moore**  
Sunday October 7th. Registration opens at 8 AM and 2k walk starts at 10.  
10:30-1:00 - Party with food and live music.  
Team name is Team Fuzzy (James Moore)  
Sue Bisswurm-Team Captain  
Check out Susan Bisswurm's fundraising page for The ALS Association Wisconsin Chapter - <https://donate.alsawi.org/fundraiser/1551648>

**Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee - Join the dialogue. Change your life. Transform the world. WE NEED YOU...** to host an Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogue. We are scheduling dinners for September - December 2018. If you have participated in an Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue, you are invited to "pay it forward" and host one of your own! Amazing Faiths is possible because of the generosity of our volunteer hosts and moderators. Hosts provide a space and light vegetarian meal for 8-12 people. Dinners generally take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. or on Sunday afternoons/early evenings. Pick up a flyer for further info from the Welcome Center.

**South Central Wisconsin Synod addresses the flooding disaster:**

Widespread flooding has affected the southern and eastern counties of the synod, and more rain is on the way. Please pray for all the affected communities. Here are some resources for prayers and worship:

Prayers, Hymns & Scriptures (ELCA Worship Resources)  
Worship Resources in Times of Natural Disasters (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship)

We are trying to keep up with the latest events around the synod so that we can connect people who need help to appropriate assistance. Contact us with additional info or updates:

608-788-5000

[deb@lacrosseareasynd.org](mailto:deb@lacrosseareasynd.org)  
[office@lacrosseareasynd.org](mailto:office@lacrosseareasynd.org)

Make a DONATION to the synod fund for flood relief efforts or send checks to the synod office with "flood relief" memo: La Crosse Area Synod, ELCA, 2301 South Ave, La Crosse WI 54601

# Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

**Cross Tutoring is starting again on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on September 18**  
***New Director Alicia Barr shares this invitation:***

Each year our partners have blessed our students with wonderful tutors and mentors. Tutors help not only with academics but also provide a stable mentoring experience for our children. All of the students will undergo assessments and will have a plan to help them improve their skills. This will help ensure that what we are doing with our students is helpful but also ensures that students will have something to work on even if they have no homework. As before tutoring will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. The program is flexible about the days each tutor can meet. It's possible to volunteer only one day a week or both days. The program begins on Tuesday, September 18th with a meeting between the new tutor coordinator and all of the tutors so everyone can get to know each other and to discuss the goals for the upcoming school year. The sessions with the tutors and students will begin on Thursday, September 20th.

***If you are interested in tutoring one or two days a week, contact Pastor Matt or the church office.***

**AIDS Walk Wisconsin is Saturday, October 6!**

Consider walking in this great event, the state's largest HIV fundraising event to support ARCW (The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin).

AIDS Walk Wisconsin has been raising crucial funds to support the ARCW, which serves the entire state. ARCW provides life-saving medical, dental and mental health care, as well as social service programs like food pantries and housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. People with HIV in Wisconsin live longer than in any other state in the nation because of organizations like ARCW. More than 91% of our patients live below the poverty level and the cost of providing HIV health care and services at ARCW will reach \$3 million. One hundred percent of funds raised stays in Wisconsin, and 93 cents of every dollar benefits clients directly.

You can register online at [aidswalkwis.org](http://aidswalkwis.org) or call 800-348-WALK. It will be a fun day! If you are busy on October 6, and can't participate in the walk, you can sponsor Mary Thomae, a member of St. Matthew's. Look for her on the [aidswalkwis.org](http://aidswalkwis.org) website and consider pledging toward her fundraising goal.

**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 the **2nd & 4th Sundays of each month** at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project table, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

**Mt. Meru Coffee - Mmmmm...**

Delicious Mt. Meru coffee is available for sale each 2nd & 4th Sunday. 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.

# ELCA Votes!

We are now only a few weeks away from the November Election! If you need to register to vote (a new name or address, for example), registration forms are available at the Social Ministry Table (near the Upper Room)!

Also, Take note of some upcoming programs if you can help register or assist people as the election comes near!



## **Voter Registration Training Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10am-12pm at UWM's Alumni Memorial Union—1442 West Wisconsin Avenue**

Join the NAACP—Milwaukee Branch, Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals, Milwaukee Urban League, Milwaukee Urban League Guild, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Jack & Jill America, Inc., and Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. for a Voter Registration Training conducted by The League of Women Voters across all of their membership. This is an effort to work collaboratively to Educate, Register, and Mobilize our community to be civically engaged. It's FREE, but you still need to register via the following link: <https://fallvoterregistrationtraining.eventbrite.com>

## **Voter ID Town Hall September 20, from 6-8 p.m.**

You are invited to join Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Anita Johnson of VoteRiders and Arkesia Jackson of Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC) for a Voter ID Town Hall on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 6-8pm (doors open at 5:30pm) at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center, 3020 West Vliet Street.

Topics include:

- Voter Registration—what you need to know
- Photo ID—how to obtain an ID
- Changes in the law and how they affect you
- How to advocate for People at the DMV



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# Youth Services Directory Sign-Up

*Sign Up for Services you are willing to offer.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Do you drive? \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to:

**Babysit**

*(For babysitting, please add the following information)*

Previous Babysitting Experience:

Newborn to 6 months

From 6-12 months

I can take care of two or more children at a time

I have taken a babysitting course.

I am CPR certified

**Take care of pets**

**Rake leaves**

**Mow lawns**

**Shovel Snow**

**Take on general yard work**

Additional Information you wish to add about yourself:

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**Youth for Hire**

**This Form is Due to the St. Matthew's Office by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of a teacher,  
 that I may know how to sustain  
 the weary with a word.  
 Morning by morning he awakens—  
 awakens my ear  
 to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
 I did not hide my face  
 from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
 therefore I have not been disgraced;  
 therefore I have set my face like flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
 Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand up together.  
 Who are my adversaries?  
 Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
 who will declare me guilty?

**Psalms 116:1-9**

**SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.  
 How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole

body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 11:18-20 or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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## St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel September 16, 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 attend the **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, September 29, 7:30 a.m.  
Number attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I'd like to help on **Sunday mornings** in these areas where **volunteers are needed:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Communion Preparers** (*work in teams of three*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Coffee Hosts** (*prepare coffee and set out treats between 8:30 & 11:00 services*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Ushers at 11:00 service**
- I am/We are interested in **joining St. Matthew's** in the next class. Please send information on the new member classes. (Provide name(s) & address below.)
- I am willing to **take part in a short-term committee** to create policy and procedures for handling emergencies at St. Matthew's.
- I'm interested in the **Partnership Trip to El Salvador** on January 2019.
- Yes! I'm interested in participating in an **Adult Confirmation Class - Faith and Theology Basics** with Pastor Matt on Tuesday evenings this fall.
- I am a youth (in grades 6-12) interested in signing up to be in the **Youth Services Directory**. Please send me a form to fill out. (Please provide email address below)
- 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](mailto: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
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Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
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