

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

September 17, 2023



We welcome everyone to St. Matthew's, where all may share in worshipping God and growing in faith. Members and guests, we're so glad you're here, for your presence expands and enlivens our worship. Let us praise God together! Guests, please fill out a yellow welcome card and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers as well as juice are available for those with specific dietary needs. Juice is available as an alternative to wine, in the center of each communion tray. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

A large-print bulletin is available from an usher. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshipping with, please take one.

Altar flowers are given by The Locher Family in honor of Madelyn's birthday.

Sunday School continues today from 9:45 – 10:45 am. If you missed the first week last week, check the bulletin for room locations or ask at the Welcome Center.

Today's Adult Forum: This time will focus on the Pray Ground-- the new space in our sanctuary just for kids. This class is for everyone (whether or not you have small children at your house) because the Pray Ground is really about welcoming everyone to Saint Matthew's. You'll learn how the Pray Ground is designed according to the way small brains develop, hear from families who have used Pray Grounds in other congregations, and help support parents who struggle to bring their kids to worship on Sundays. There will be time for discussion and questions.



Healing Service Today: (After the 8:30 service in the sanctuary) Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward, along with their support persons or family members.

2nd Graders to Receive Bibles this morning This year's 2nd graders will receive Bibles at the 8:30 worship service. Following the service, 2nd graders and their parents will attend a class on using their new bibles, downstairs in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 – 10:45 am. *If you didn't receive a Bible in a previous year, you are welcome to receive one this year!*

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Men: You're Invited to the MEN'S BREAKFAST on September 23, 7:30 to 9:00am

Meet fellow men of St. Matthew's and feel free to invite your friends! Free will offering accepted Speaker: Allen Ruppel, who is the founder of Unity in Motion, which grew from a karate class to a non-profit corporation that works with Milwaukee central city youth. Allen is also Co-Founder and President of the Unity in Hope School System Inc. operating in the poorest area of Islamabad, Pakistan. Join us on Sept. 23 for a great breakfast and an interesting speaker.

Adult Education Each Sunday: *Join us, and let's learn together!* We'll gather at 9:45 am in the Upper Room each week.

Sept. 17: St. Matthew's New PRAY GROUND – sanctuary space for kids

Sept. 24: Meeting Paul Anew, with Dan Bice

New This Fall: One Story in Worship--Narrative Lectionary

The readings follow the biblical story, from Genesis through the patriarchs, kings and prophets in the Old Testament, to Christmas and Easter, and finish with readings from the early Church in the New Testament. Our hope as Pastors is to help you to better know the whole story of the Bible. There are now Bibles in the pew for you to use for the scripture reading. We invite you to bring your own Bible to worship this fall. Learn more about the Narrative Lectionary at today's Adult Education Session (Sept. 17 at 9:45 am).

SAINTS Gathering – Please note – New Topic! – Wed. Sept. 20

Historic Milwaukee Inc. presents an Early History of Milwaukee.

This exploration of Milwaukee history, covering the Prehistoric, Village and Commercial periods of Milwaukee's early development, is

intended to build upon a basic understanding of Milwaukee's development. Begins at 11:30 am. Our presenter will be Frank Matusinec, a long-time HMI tour guide and volunteer.

We're changing up our lunch menu for September. Choose from City Market's *Roast Turkey* or *Black Forest Ham*. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Lunch suggested donation is \$11.00.



Children in Worship: Come Visit the PRAY GROUND!

It is a place for young kids to engage in drawing, writing, blocks and other activities during the worship service, and close enough to the altar so they can see what is happening during worship. We are going to try it out this fall, and adjust as the weeks go on.

Q: "But... don't we have a nursery?" A: Yes we do! Parents are welcome to use the nursery at any time. But one of the ways children learn how to be in church is by being in church. Children experience worship with all of their senses (the rest of us do too, by the way!) Even when it looks like they are not paying perfect attention, they are picking up the sights, smells and sounds of the sanctuary. This new space means that kids can be cared for AND absorb as much of the worship service as possible.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Ann is back each Wednesday and runs from 10:00-11:00 am in the Upper Room. Everyone is welcome.

Children's and Youth Choirs are beginning soon – *This is a great opportunity and join in the music-making.* Adults, youth and children are all welcome in one or more of our choirs, both singing and handbell choirs. All the information about our choirs is on our website:

StMattsLutheran.org/music-ministry

Find out which choir is for you or your children, and when they will begin. Questions? Ask John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, or call the church office.

Adult Bell Ringers: EmBELLishments bell choir begins on September 26 at 9:30!

OFH Run Ride Walk is September 30

Help us to raise \$10,000 from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Together, we hope to raise \$160K for grants to our Ministry Partners serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA! St. Matthew's raised about \$7,000 last year; this year our goal is \$10,000! Can you help us reach it? Pay-what-you-can registration includes a free event t-shirt, picnic lunch, and access to our online fundraising platform.

Want to walk at Washington Park? You can carpool/caravan to the walking site with Beth Schulz if you meet in the St. Matthew's parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday Sept. 30.

Visit Beth Schulz in the Upper Commons near the worship entrance to learn more.



Attention Parents! (and parents-to-be) There is a baptism Class coming up, Sept. 24

These classes will be offered about four times per year and taught by one of the pastors.

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

Sept. 24th 2023

January 14th 2024

April 14, 2024

Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ – Attention Parents of 1st thru 5th graders

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

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

KFC: 1st -3rd graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ!

Sunday, Oct 8th 12-2pm

Sunday, Nov 5th 12-2pm

DOC: 4th – 5th graders are invited to join us for Disciples of Christ!

Sunday, Oct 1st 12-2pm

Sunday, Nov 12th 12-2pm

Help Wanted: Can you help with Coffee Hour two or three times a year? Work with fun people and support one of our most important fellowship ministries! If you are willing to serve a few times per year please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or sign up at the Coffee Table today!

Thank you to our Assistants for worship services today!

(It's possible some of these people have switched dates since the bulletin was printed on Thursday morning. "Open" means this spot was not filled when bulletin was printed.)

Volunteer Host: Ruth Kallio-Mielke.

Acolytes: (8:30) Levi Kirchner, Grant Nickel. (11:00), Abigail Hunter, Lily Wiemer.

Coffee Hosts: Joe & Lisa Chiesa.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Karla Baierl, Noah Weileder. (11:00) Hannah Malloy, Siena Petersen, *one spot open*.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Marian Benz, Marion Heinz, Jan Johnson. (11:00) Lois Marks, Joanne Ziarek.

Greeters: (8:30) Diann Lebow, Mike & Donna Gifford, Dylan Mann. (11:00) Sarah & Matt Frets, Judith Holmes, Laura Murray.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Joe Ceci, Dara Greene, Robbie Locher, Bill Richter, Robert Sholl. (11:00) Tressa Bruggink, Heide Hughes, Carl Johnson, Stephanie Jurss, Connie Malloy.

Ushers: (8:30) Flash Gordon, Jennifer Kramer, Daniel Zello, Paul Kramer. (11:00) Claire Foley, Rob Wedel.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Annette Olson.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) *Open*.

Library Assistant: *open*.

Stephen Minister: Carl Johnson.

Worship Technology: (8:30) David Locher, Brian Smith.
(11:00) Stephen Skaife, Conor Williams.

YTD Financial Results as of: 09/10/23	
General Fund Receipts	\$636,730
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$661,385
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$24,655)
Benevolence Disbursements	\$103,855
Building Fund Balance	\$192,629

Are you on the list of assistants?? If not, please consider helping on a Sunday morning with one of these tasks. It's a great way to get involved, meet people, and contribute to the Sunday morning worship experience for our church. Scheduling can be worked into your own schedule, and switching dates can always be arranged if you end up with a personal schedule change. Contact Al Van Lith at al@stmattslutheran.org.

Premium Peaberry Coffee – OUR PREMIUM OPTION

This is a reminder that Mt. Meru coffee is available in a Premium Peaberry blend in regular only, grind or bean, for \$15. Only 5% of coffee beans are Peaberry. These are single beans that have grown within the coffee "cherry" where two beans normally grow. These single beans offer a richer taste while being less acidic than standard coffee. These beans are sorted by hand and lightly roasted for the special flavor you can enjoy.



The Mt. Meru Coffee Project is improving the standard of living for the farmers and their families by paying a price higher than Fair Trade standards. Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, Lynne Thomas
Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.
Music Minister: John Paradowski.
Interim Senior Choir Director: Alexa Doebele.
Music Staff: Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes
Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.
Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.
Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.
Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.
Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's



Sunday School Locations 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School continues today for 3-year-olds through 8th graders. All children should report to the locations listed below at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School ends at 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Sunday School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
Three-year-olds	Doreen Steinbock	Room 103
4K	Victoria Vorpagel, Molly Leto	Room 105
5K	Sarah Collins	Room 107

Middle School

6 th Grade	Patti Foley	Room 207
7 th & 8 th Grade	Chris Lange	Room next to lower kitchen

All Rooms will be labeled with grade and teacher.

Rotational Sunday School, Grades 1-5

Grade:	Shepherds:	Room Number:
1 st Grade	Katie Daul, Corianna Cavazos	Room 305
2 nd Grade	Nancy Wilke	Fellowship Hall
3 rd Grade	Renee Szafer & Lindsey Skaife	Room 303
4 th Grade	Rachel Downey	Room 301
5 th Grade	Anne-Marie Nickel	Room 306

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Questions about Sunday School? Contact Gretchen Hauge, 414-774-0441