

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

January 15, 2023



Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are not yet available. We have learned they will arrive in about a week's time.

Sun. Morn. Adult Education Time, 9:45-10:45am

January 15 Sojourner Family Peace Center with Cherie Swenson

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 11,800 clients each year. Their primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Wear Purple to show your support for the work of Sojourner's mission.

Notice of Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 9:45 am. The Annual Report will be available one week prior to the meeting so that you have time to see it before the meeting. Please plan to attend and be updated on all that is happening with our congregation, as well as to vote on the budget for 2023.

Women's Wellness Event

Saturday January 21st, 2023 - 9:30-11:30am

Register online at <https://forms.gle/B7nhx7S2SXMZ1RZe9> FREE EVENT

With all the different wellness trends circling, fitness social media influencers posting, and ever changing superfood list how does someone keep track of it all these days? More importantly, where does God fit into all of it? Join Katie Nickel and the St. Matthew's Women's Group to learn about key wellness facts and tips to live a healthier lifestyle. You'll leave empowered with dozens of physical, mental, and faith-based wellness tools that you can begin applying immediately. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other women in a faith-based setting and learn more about the St. Matthew's Women's Group. Brunch will be served. Volunteers Needed! Sign up at the Welcome Center to help!

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, January 15, 2023

Saints January Gathering, January 18, features storyteller “The Endurance”

Professional storyteller and author, Rochelle Pennington, will share the story of the **Endurance**, the three-masted ship in which Sir Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the Antarctic in the early 1900's. Sit back and enjoy this fascinating tale.

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 11:30am.

Lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. A suggested donation of \$11 is requested. Sign up at the Welcome Center or through the church office.

A review of a previous talk by Rochelle Pennington: *This was one of the best and most well-attended lectures we've had. The way Rochelle wove together the actual photographs and writings of Shackleton and his crew with her own narrative of their miraculous survival story really made it come alive for the audience.*

Next Week's Adult Education, January 22:

New Ways to Evaluate Early Christian Values: How the Earliest Christian Art verifies Biblical Texts with David Zersen

Critics of Christianity often challenge that merely having biblical texts isn't sufficient to substantiate the historical reliability of Christian faith statements. However, a growing amount of art from the first centuries corroborates what can be learned from the Gospels.

Dr. Zersen shares a rich visual presentation of archaeological discoveries in the earliest Christian art forms.

Communion Class for 2nd to be Held on January 22nd

At St. Matthew's children of any age are welcome to receive communion; some receive it when they are toddlers, while others wait until they are older. Regardless of when children begin to take communion, each year we have a class for 2nd graders to help them understand the sacrament.

This year's communion class for 2nd graders and their parents will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 9:45. The class is also open to kids who missed it in previous years and would like to participate this year. As in past years, kids will be able to design and paint a special glass that will be used at a communion service. Kids who attend the class will celebrate communion with families during worship services throughout the spring, beginning on February 5th. A sign-up link will be available to those who participate.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Upcoming Class This Winter

We are planning a Part 2 to our "Children & Feelings" class; the first class was held on September 25th. We want to know what would be most helpful to you to learn. Please drop your questions in the labeled basket at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Quilt Ministry – First Blitz of the New Year! Please join us on Saturday, January 28th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-1:30pm. Bring a friend, help in simple tasks and have fun! The next ministry meeting consists of a few projects:

- Boxing up quilts, blankets, clothes to provide to the Pine Ridge Reservation in S.Dakota
- Lifting boxes into cars for shipment to UPS (some heavy lifters, please)
- Simply tying and pinning projects to put together tops and bottoms of quilts
- Organization of sewing supplies
- Taking inventory of quilts, receiving blankets, bed runners, etc.

Bring your own lunch and beverage and any handiwork to share with the group. We continue to be blessed with the hard-working hands of our volunteers. Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ are Back for the New Year

KFC:

1st -3rd graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ! We will gather in the youth room for pizza. We will then play big group games such as Capture the Flag in the education wing. Please join us for this time of Fellowship and fun. Call the church office to sign up. (It is helpful to know numbers, so we have enough food) Friends are welcome! Cost is \$5.00

Sunday, Jan 29th 12-2pm

Sunday, March 5 12-2pm

DOC:

4th – 5th graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ. We will gather in the youth room for pizza. We will then play big group games including Capture the Flag in the education wing. Please join us for this time of Fellowship and fun. Call the church office to sign up. (It is helpful to know numbers, so we have enough food) Friends are welcome! Cost is \$5.00

Sunday, Feb. 5th 12-2pm

Sunday March 12, 12-2pm

Youth Drama Workshop on January 22nd

Are you a middle or high school student who loves drama? Then come to the Youth Drama Workshop on Sunday, January 22nd at from noon to 2:00. We'll start with lunch and then move on to improvisation activities and drama games. We'll also look ahead to future meeting dates that will coincide with dramas that we present during the worship service. All middle and high school students are welcome. Please bring \$5 for lunch. If you have questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

Together In Mission offered by the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod, focusing on Authentic Diversity, with initial reflections from the authentic diversity surveys recently received. Go to the Synod website for more information on this event, which will take place Saturday, January 28 from 8:30-3:30 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls. www.milwaukeeelcasynod.org It's a great opportunity to learn and network with peers from other churches.

Remember to Support Mt. Meru Coffee Farmers by purchasing delicious Mt. Meru Coffee! Many of these farmers depend on the incomes earned by growing this premium coffee. Beside the standard coffee in regular and decaf, there are other choices in flavors, premium blends, and sizes. Stop by the coffee cart on Sunday mornings to see the selections.

Wednesday Bible Study continues this week! Join Pastor Ann and the great group of people who enjoy gathering each week for bible study and discussion, beginning at 10:00am and lasting one hour. It's a great way to deepen your faith in a positive way. Everyone is welcome. Meeting is in the Upper Room.

Upcoming Healing Services

Sunday, January 22 After 11:00 Service

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

After morning and evening services

Sunday, March 19 During 8:30 & 11:00 services

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

During morning and evening services

St. Matthew's First Fridays Book Group:

You decide which books you wish to read for the discussions you wish to participate in. Discussions begin at 7pm on the dates listed, held at St. Matthew's.

Friday, February 3 **The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II** by Denise Kiernan, 416 pages. Full List on our website.

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study: Come join us from 6:30-7:30 am on Monday mornings to study and discuss scripture. Matthew 4:4 – *Jesus answered: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* We meet in the Upper room at St. Matthew's. All men are welcome! Start your new year off right!

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.

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Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.

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