

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

January 22, 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.

Child for Baptism: (11:00) **Heidi Ann Zanskas**, child of Haley & Dean Zanskas, Wauwatosa, was born August 15, 2022. Sponsors are Caitlin Mechtly and Kyle Thompson. Heidi's siblings are Fischer, age 4, and Elsie, age 2.

Candidate for Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation): **Eli Schaar**, son of Rachel and Jon Schaar, New Berlin. Eli is a ninth grader and participates in our music and youth ministries.

There will be a healing service after the 11:00 am service in the Small Chapel.

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

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 graders and parents to be held today at 9:45am

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.

Annual Reports are Available today at the Welcome Center and across from the church office. You can also read the report on our website.

Notice of Annual Meeting next Sunday, Jan. 29:

The Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 9:45 am. 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.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Next Adult Education, February 5, 9:45-10:45 am in the Upper Room L'Arche

Learn more about this intentional community which has started right here at St. Matthew's. Currently in the formation stage L'Arche is all about building community. L'Arche starts with community. Unlike other intentional communities, L'Arche does not merely make allowances for community later in the process. L'Arche is community from the start. "It takes a community to start a community." Julia Murphy of St. Matthew's is a passionate voice for L'Arche and will share more on Febr. 5th!

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.

Repairers of the Breach - ROTB - is in need of coordinators for Sunday morning bagged lunch preparation

As you may know ROTB lunches are bagged the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:45-10:30 (during the education hour). We are in need of Lunch Coordinators for this ministry. That involves getting the fruit in advance for the 100 lunches and being present for the bagging, just making sure things get done. Church staff take care of asking for volunteers and others bring the sandwich stuff, chips, cookies and beverage. If you would be willing to serve as a lunch coordinator 3 or 4 times a year please let Sue Swing know or contact the church office. They manage the lunch coordinator scheduling. If you have additional questions about the ministry please contact Trudy Zauner. She is the lead volunteer of ROTB and does an amazing job keeping this ministry flourishing at St. Matthew's!

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.milwaukeeesynod.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!

Thank you to Cherie Swenson for her informative presentation on Sojourner Family Peace Center at last Sunday's adult education. For women and children suffering from abuse, there is hope and a place to go. It is important to get the word out to people in these circumstances that help is available. If you are a business owner and would be willing to put up information, or make it available to your employees or the general public, Cherie and the victims of abuse would certainly be grateful. Cherie can be contacted at cpjswenson@icloud.com.

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