

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

January 29, 2023



We gather in Jesus' name to answer God's call: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Welcome.

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.

Altar flowers are provided by John, Connie and Hannah Malloy celebrating the life of Connie's brother, Reece Eugene Amos, 1-31-59 to 6-9-22.

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 today:

The Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary 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. Tara Laatsch, congregational president, will lead the meeting. Rob Wedel, St. Matthew's long-time treasurer, will present the budget for 2023. There will also be a Call Committee update from Diane DuBois.

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Upcoming Class This Winter

We are planning a Part 2 to our "Children & Feelings" class on Feb. 26; 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!

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, January 29, 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 Women's Group Meets February 5th 9:45-10:45

Join us on the first Sunday of the month as we connect and converse on topics that are central to our well-being and faith growth. Katie Nickel leads our conversation. Please come when you can. All are always welcome!

Next Youth Mission Trip Meeting is Sunday Febr. 5th

The next monthly meeting for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky will be Sunday, February 5th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. All youth planning on going on the trip should plan to attend. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Upcoming Class February 12: Favorite Hymns with John Paradowski

Join John Paradowski, St. Matthew's Director of Music Ministry, as he entertains us with words AND music. He has been busy collecting the titles of your favorite songs and hymns to share on February 12th. Join in this fun class as we sing and learn a little bit more about the music and one another!

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

Middle School Game Day, February 19th from Noon – 2:00

If you are a middle school student who misses playing Capture the Flag, this event is for you! Come to the Youth Room for pizza and stay to play Capture the Flag and other fun games. The event is open to all kids in 6th – 8th grade. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

Your Help Needed to Deliver Valentine Gift Bags

With Valentine's Day coming up, we will be delivering gift bags to our members who are not able to make it to church regularly. The bags contain various Valentine treats, including decorations made by our 6th – 8th graders.

If you are able to make a short visit and deliver this gift to one of our members, please pick up one (or more) of the bags from the table by the church office on February 12th. Bags are sorted by zip code. Thanks for your help!

B'Gosh 'n Begorrah, It's Back!

Youth Dinner Auction Planned for March 17th!

It's your lucky night! For the first time in three years, we're planning a Dinner Auction for the Youth Mission Trip on Friday, March 17th.

Auction Items are Welcome

We are always looking for interesting items to offer at our dinner auction fundraiser. Do you work for a business that would consider donating a product or a gift certificate? Do you have a skill or service you could contribute? Vacation rentals are also a welcome item. All donations in good condition are appreciated. Please talk to Gretchen Hauge if you can help.

Meru Partnership Clothing Available for Limited Time

Ending tomorrow, you can purchase clothing items that commemorate our longstanding partnership with the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. Choose from t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, and fleece in a great variety of colors. **Clothing must be ordered by January 30th.** To see what's available, go to this link:

<https://bsg.chipply.com/GMS>.

To avoid bagging and delivery charges, you can order through St. Matthew's by entering your info here: <https://tinyurl.com/MERUClothes> **by January 30th.**

Any proceeds from the sale will go to the Synod Meru Committee to support Meru projects / needs.

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.

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!

Valentine SAINTS Older Adults Gathering: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 "Heart and Soul"

Award winning entertainer David HB Drake will join us to share songs about giving, sharing, old loves and new hopes especially for Valentine's Day. David performs songs, poems, and stories on many different instruments including banjo, dulcimer, concertina, Native American Flute, and guitar. His selection of songs will be familiar to many. Contact the church office with any questions or concerns. (office@stmattslutheran.org) or 414.774.0441. Lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance at the Welcome Center or in the church office. A suggested donation of \$11 is requested.

Upcoming Healing Services

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

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.

Music Staff: David Mohr, Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Older Adults Coordinator: Julia Murphy.

Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.

Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.

Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.

Office Staff: Al Van Lith, Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr



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