

# Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

October 15, 2023



We gather in the name of God who claims us as beloved children, Christ who feeds and nourishes us and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. May the Lord enrich our time 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.

**Name Tag Sundays are back!** Please put on a name tag this morning so that we may become better acquainted with each other.

**Altar flowers** are provided by The Locher Family in honor of Cassie's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Today's Adult Forum:** (9:45 am in the Upper Room)

## **MICAH: Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope**

MICAH is a multi-racial, interfaith organization committed to justice issues of greatest importance to Milwaukee residents. MICAH is 34 years old and is made up of 40 congregations, including St. Matthew's, committed to honoring Micah 6:8. We will welcome Lisa Jones, Executive Director of MICAH. We will be lifting up MICAH's "We All Belong" campaign which seeks to challenge Christian nationalism in our country. And we will share developments of Wauwatosa MICAH Task Force made up of four Tosa churches working for the common good in our municipality. *See the additional announcement on the insert on the MICAH Public meeting coming up right next door at the Methodist church on Thursday, October 26.*

## **St. Matthew's Saints Older Adult Ministry**

**Wednesday, October 18, 11:30 am** *Haven't come before? All are welcome*

It's a **Surprise Program** that you're sure to enjoy. Plan for fun at this Saints Gathering. One thing that won't be a surprise is the delicious box lunch available, along with an opening devotion and warm fellowship. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Box lunches are ordered from City Market; suggested donation is \$11 each. Please choose ham or turkey sandwich.



**Congregational Survey:** If you haven't yet taken the survey sent out by email this week, you can take it now by using your smartphone and this QR code. Our church council is taking the pulse of the congregation by gathering these responses. Thank you for your participation and input.



## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, October 15, 2023

**Adult Mission Trip:** *Donations accepted for this year's cost overrun of expenses*

***This morning, a group of St. Matthew's members headed to New Orleans, LA*** to participate in mission trip activities. We will be working with SBP USA, as well as Rebuilding Together New Orleans and Common Ground Relief. We will work in food pantries, outdoor ecological activities and houses, all affected by hurricanes and other weather. This is a self-funded trip with each participant paying their own way. Due to scheduling conflicts, we had some cost overruns of about \$2,000 for additional transportation and fees for work being performed. If you are interested in helping out this trip, please go to [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org) and go to the GIVE button. You can use the Other category and put Adult MT in the comments section or you can put a check in the basket and put Adult MT in the memo line.

### **New Member Classes begin October 22nd!**

God has given us the gift of Christian community. 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 October and November.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45.

#### **October 22nd, October 29th and November 5th**

New Members will be received on Sunday, November 12th at the 8:30 service. If you have any questions, please contact [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net), the pastors or the church office.

### **All Saints Sunday – November 5<sup>th</sup> Remembering with Thanksgiving**

During our **All Saints Sunday Remembrance** on November 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold up those whose lives have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith. There are Remembrance Cards available for you to fill out and drop off at the Welcome Center where you can list names of those who have touched your life. We will use those cards to be held up in prayer on that Sunday.

### **MICAH Public Meeting, Focusing on the *We All Belong* Campaign**

- Thursday, October 26
- 6 – 8pm
- Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church
- 1600 Underwood Avenue, Wauwatosa

Come to MICAH's annual meeting where representatives from the 30+ congregations in Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope gather to celebrate achievements on the path to justice in this past year and orient ourselves to the work ahead. We at Saint Matthew's have been part of MICAH for 20+ years. Contact Conor Williams [conorw1@me.com](mailto:conorw1@me.com) to sign up or add your name to the sign up list at the Welcome Center

**Did you miss last Sunday's Adult Education presentation** by The Rev. Dr. Tim Wengert? See the video of the entire lively talk. Call or email the church office and we'll send you the link to watch it on YouTube.

## **Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ – Attention Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Nov 5th 12-2pm

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

Sunday, Nov 19th 12-2pm

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

### **October 22 -- Tosa Cares Food Pantry**

Tosa Cares Food Pantry operates out of Mount Zion Lutheran Church and serves Tosa and surrounding communities serving over 300 families with food distributions every seven weeks. This number is almost double the number of families in 2019-2020. Our ongoing food collections at St. Matthew's support Tosa Cares and Cross Food Pantries, and with food expenses continuing to climb, our food donations are needed more than ever. St. Matthew's member Kristin Hanson is a Tosa Cares Board member who serves as Volunteer Coordinator for the pantry. Hear what she has to share about the ways Tosa Cares meets the needs of people, and find out how you can be part of this ministry.

### **October 29 -- Luther, We Hardly Knew You**

*(Special focus for REFORMATION SUNDAY!)*

Reformation Sunday has always been a time to celebrate those emphases in Luther's theology that we cherish today: Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone. However, the great man's voluminous writings (69 volumes in the American Edition), can surprise us with his crude language, antisemitic remarks and condescending critiques of regional minority groups. Dr. David Zersen will share information based on his research that he has published in a number of journals. Come and learn whether you really know Brother Martin.

### **Caregiver Discussion Group**

Tuesday Evenings - October 3, 17, 31 & November 14  
7:00-8:15 P.M.

If you are looking for a place to share and be supported please come to this newly created Caregiver Discussion Group. The purpose of this group is to listen and affirm one another in the joys and challenges of our unique caregiving journeys. Facilitated by Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) This is an open group for all to attend.





## **Middle School Capture the Flag – Halloween Edition**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Halloween games. The event is open to all kids in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

## **2024 Youth Mission Trip**

**“So, where are we going next year?”**

That’s a great question! To learn the answer, come to the **information meeting on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00**. The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth. 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!

## **Reformation Needs Your Help!**

There are two ways that we can help Reformation serve their neighborhood in the coming weeks:

- 1) Donate household products to be given out to neighbors at their monthly SONshine Pantry. They are especially in need of Cleaning items.
- 2) Donate diapers (all sizes) for the Reformation Baby Fest on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please check out the details of these needs at this link, or pick up a list at the Welcome Center.



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

**A Family Need in our Congregation:** A young mother in our congregation is in need of help with young children, a 3-year-old girl and a 20-month-old boy. While the mother is home, her medical condition does not allow her to lift her children and fully care for them. The family is seeking to hire help, in their home on the west side of Tosa, for as many hours as possible, between the hours of 7:30am & 6:30pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you could help out, please contact Andrea at 608.432.9441 or by email at [andreabwells@gmail.com](mailto:andreabwells@gmail.com). It would be a blessing for our congregation to be able to give this family support in their time of need.

## **Mt Meru Coffee:**

Our Mission -Living the gospel by building economic justice and respect together with Mt. Meru coffee farmers. For over 23 years the Mt. Meru Coffee Project has partnered with the coffee growers of Mt. Meru. Along with the Diocese of Meru and the Greater Milwaukee Synod we have maintained a keen and constant focus on staying true to our calling in Christ: walking with our partner farmers in Tanzania to build respect and economic justice. Your purchase is more important than ever. It will enable us to maintain and increase our purchase of coffee from Mt. Meru growers paying them more than they would get at market prices.



**Mt Meru  
Coffee**

## **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:** Pam Stokke-Ceci.

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Caroline Wanezek, *open*. (11:00) Abigail Hunter, *open*.

**Coffee Hosts:** Jim & Karie Clement.

**Communion Preparers:** (8:30) Marian Benz, Pat Gardner. (11:00) Ruth Kallio-Mielke, Lois Marks.

**Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Karla Baierl, Leslie Gardner, Rita Reinke. (11:00) Donna McAllister, Alice Rudebusch.

**Greeters:** (8:30) Mike Baierl, Susanne Forrest. (11:00) Judith Holmes, Megan Carroll, Paul Kramer.

**Lay Readers:** (8:30), Craig Siwy, Doreen Steinbock, Joanne Ziarek. (11:00), Joyce Biehn, Alice Rudebusch, Joanne Ziarek.

**Ushers:** (8:30) James Blomquist, Brad Forrest, Tim Goetsch, Mary Ann Gordon, Fred Reinke, Flash Gordon, *captain*. (11:00) Kassen Bartlett, Steve Mielke.

**Lay Assistant:** (8:30) Joanne Ziarek.

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

**Library Assistant:** Peggy Klemme.

**Stephen Minister:** Beth Brown.

**Worship Technology:** (8:30) Levi Kirchner, *open*. (9:45) Ed Bross. (11:00) Stephen Skaife, *open*.

***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](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org).*

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;

Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Hauge, 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.



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