

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

October 22, 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.

Altar flowers are provided by Dave & Kait McCullough in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary.

Fall Stewardship Campaign – "I Love Our Church"

This fall, as we again prepare to make our 2024 financial pledges, please take a moment to consider God's blessings in your life. Then reflect on how St. Matthew's Church has most supported you or what it is you love about our church! Soon, you'll receive a pledge card through USPS. Everyone in this community matters. Every act of serving, each gift is valuable. Pledges will be blessed or consecrated during worship on November 12th to become our support for God's work through St. Matthew's in the coming year.

I Love Our Church



*Every time I think of you,
I give thanks to my God.
Philippians 1:3*

Stewardship Timeline:

Sunday, October 22 – Kickoff with Children's Message

Week of Oct. 30 – Stewardship Mailing to your home

Sunday, November 12 – Consecration Sunday

Pledges blessed in worship services

Three Items to Complete for your Stewardship Packet (online or hard copy)

Pledge card

<https://tinyurl.com/Pledge2024>

Activities and Ministries Form

<https://tinyurl.com/Act-Min>

Information Update

<https://tinyurl.com/StewUpdate2024>

Today's Adult Forum: (9:45 am in the Upper Room) Tosa Cares Food Pantry

Our presenter in Adult Education this week will be St. Matthew's member Kristin Hanson, who sits on the Tosa Cares Board and serves as Volunteer Coordinator for the pantry. Come and hear what she has to say about the important work Tosa Cares does in Wauwatosa and surrounding communities and ways that you can be involved in that work.

We'll be collecting food for Tosa Cares at the presentation. Specific items requested are:

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Canned Beans

Fruits & Veggies

You can also make online cash donations using the QR code:



Bulletin Insert for Sunday, October 22, 2023

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.



We Want Your Opinion



Middle School Capture the Flag – Halloween Edition **October 22nd, 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 6th – 8th grade. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

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

October 29 -- Luther, We Hardly Knew You (*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.



New Member Classes begin October 22nd – Choir Room, 2nd floor, Education wing

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, the pastors or the church office.

All Saints Sunday – November 5th Remembering with Thanksgiving

During our **All Saints Sunday Remembrance** on November 5th we will hold up those whose lives have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith. There are Remembrance Cards available on the table at the top of the Grand Central staircase 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 to sign up or add your name to the sign up list at the Welcome Center

Did you miss last the October 8 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 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, Nov 5th 12-2pm

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

Sunday, Nov 19th 12-2pm

The Youth Services Directory is now available for members of St. Matthew's to find young people willing to help with babysitting, yard work, snow removal and other tasks, at a rate of pay negotiated mutually. The list of young people is laid out on a spreadsheet, and can be picked up in the church office, or emailed to you on request. Please remember that this is meant to be used by members of St. Matthew's, and if you wish to pass along a young person's name to someone else, the parents of the young person should be asked for permission. Thanks!

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 18th.

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



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 29th 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!

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 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.



First Fridays Book Group Discussion

We meet on the first Friday of each month for a discussion, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room at church. You can come just for the books you choose to read with us! Or come to all of them. You're sure to enjoy the discussion. See the website, under 'Adult Ministry' for the complete list.

November 3: *That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour*, By Sunita Puri

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

Yesterday, a group of St. Matthew's members returned from New Orleans, LA where they worked on mission trip activities for the benefit of the people of New Orleans. 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 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.

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) Chloe Eckdale-Dudley, Daniel Zello. (11:00) *Open*.

Coffee Hosts: Jenny Acompanado, Dollie Kirchner.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Nancy Bowen, Anne-Marie Nickel. (11:00) Margaret Crawford.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Karie Clement, Chuck Crook, Jan Johnson. (11:00) Kristin Hanson, Ginger Wooster.

Greeters: (8:30) Tyler Goeckermann, Jim Bowen, Craig & Christy Siwy. (11:00) Dan Brovarney, Kristin Hanson.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Marion Heinz. (11:00), Annette Olson.

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Hayes, Annie Hyland, Grant Nickel, Don Birschel, Brian Due (*captain*). (11:00) Joseph Ceci, Hannah Malloy.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Marion Heinz.

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

Library Assistant: Linda Wunderlich.

Stephen Minister: Gloria Potter.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Brian Smith, *open*. (9:45) Dave McCullough. (11:00) Eli Schaar, *open*.

YTD Financial Results as of:	10/08/23
General Fund Receipts	\$710,245
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$758,709
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$48,464)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$127,217
 Building Fund Balance	 \$196,609

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.*

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.



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phone camera to give
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