

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023



Welcome to worship. 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 Al & Susan Van Lith in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

A Library Book has been purchased by Kait & Dave McCullough in honor of the baptismal anniversary for their three children, Preston, Danica and Zoe.

Name Tag Sundays today: Put on a name tag this morning to help to welcome our new members.

Today's Adult Forum: (9:45 am in the Upper Room) **November 12 -- What is a Prophet - Pastor Karen and Pastor Ann**

With 15 books of the Bible named after prophets, and the prophets quoted 77 times in the Gospels and 98 times in the rest of the New Testament, you might be curious about their role among God's people. Not only will we talk about the prophetic voices in the Bible, but also what it means to offer a prophetic word today. Because in Acts 2, Peter declares that all God's people will become prophets—or interpreters—of the word and the world.

9th Graders to be Confirmed Today at a special service of confirmation at 1:30. Confirmation is also known as affirmation of baptism, so 9th graders have spent the fall looking at the promises that were made for them by their parents at baptism and that they will make for themselves. We rejoice with these teens as they take this important step in their faith journeys. Please include them in your prayers.

Candidates for Baptism: **Tevin Jasper Johnson** and **Shayden Avery Johnson**, Wauwatosa, are twelve years old and their parents are Nicole and Eric Johnson. Pastor Karen Natterstad will officiate at the service of baptism at 9:30am, following the early service. Sponsors are Landin Hey, Bethany Price and Beth Doerrfeld. We welcome Tevin and Shayden into God's family!

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, November 12, 2023

Giving Tree is up! Take a tag and support our recipient organizations: Cross Lutheran Church, Reformation Lutheran Church, Allies for Teens in Foster Care, and Eras Senior Network. Please note that there is an ONLINE opportunity for participation, at this link: <https://signup.com/go/UGQhboD> Please note that all gifts are due back earlier this year, by Sunday, December 3 – the very first weekend in December, to meet distribution schedules for our recipients.

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Fall Stewardship Campaign – “I Love Our Church”
Sunday, November 12 – Consecration Sunday - Pledges blessed in worship services

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! You should have received a stewardship mailing through USPS; if not, pick up an envelope from the table in the Commons.

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

I Love Our Church



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

Saints Older Adults Gathering coming up Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 am

Topic is: “Music That Makes Us Smile” with Greg Jenks

We all know that music has the power to affect our emotional experiences and during these divisive times that we find ourselves, what better way to forget about all of that than to listen to music that makes us feel good. Greg Jenks is a retired school psychologist, homebrewer, amateur actor and singer. This presentation will sample a number of different songs via video guaranteed to put a smile on your face. **Sign Up for Saints Gatherings at the Welcome Center or in the church office.** Box lunches are ordered from City Market; suggested donation is \$11. Choose between a ham sandwich and a chicken salad sandwich.

Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry helps to deliver Christmas blessings – next workshop day is Saturday, November 18th and You are Welcome

We committed to supplying ten large sacks to be delivered to the local foster homes through Allies for Teens in Foster Care. What a lovely sight to see a full Christmas bag of gifts on Christmas morning. Please join us on **Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm** in Fellowship Hall as we finish these Christmas sacks, so they can be filled with blessings. Simple instructions are provided. Other tasks to work on are easy pinning, tying and organizing of quilts and receiving blankets. Bring a lunch and beverage of your own and come to work with friends on November 18th! Any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net

Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ – Attention Parents of 1st thru 5th graders

Let's 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. 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

DOC: 4th – 5th graders -- join us for Disciples of Christ! Sun., Nov 19th 12-2pm

Reformation Needs Your Help!

There are two ways that we can help Reformation serve their neighborhood:

- 1) Donate household products to be given out to neighbors at their monthly SONshine Pantry. Especially in need of Cleaning items.
- 2) Donate diapers for the Reformation Baby Fest on Nov. 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.



QR Code connects to a list.

City Tins for Sale Thru November 15th! - *Proceeds Support Youth Mission Trip*

It's City Tins time again – just in time for the holidays!

City Tins are filled with 20 or more coaster gift cards, each worth \$10 off a \$30 tab at different venues in a variety of Wisconsin cities. The cost of the tins, which make perfect birthday or Christmas gifts, is \$30. You can pre-order City Tins at the display in the Commons or by ordering online at this link: <https://citytins.com/discount/STMATTS>. Your order will be credited to St. Matthew's. If you order online, the tins will be shipped directly to you. If you order at the Commons display, we will notify you when your tins are here. **Order now through Nov. 15th!**

St. Matthew's Christmas Season Singers

Come and be a part of St. Matthew's Holiday Music tradition.

You are invited to Sing in the Season. Join the singers of the Senior Choir, short term, during this holiday season. Two opportunities are:

St. Matthew's Christmas Pageant - December 10, 2023 – 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:15 to about 8:00. We will work on Pageant music during the first part of the rehearsal. Dates: November 9, 16, 30, and December 7 at 7:15. Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 Dress Rehearsal.

St. Matthew's Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2023 at 7:30

Stay on with the Senior Choir and sing for Christmas Eve at the 7:30 service on Sunday, December 24. Rehearsals continue from December 7, 14, 21 at 7:15.

Sing in the Season! Questions? Contact: John Paradowski – JRPmuzik@yahoo.com or Alexa Doebele – treblemakr@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry We will be offering a Stephen Minister training class in Winter 2024! If you are interested and feel called to explore this ministry further please contact a Stephen Leader; Pastor Ann, Ginny Cleppe, Carl Johnson or Sue Swing. Or, leave a note at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons and we will follow up with you.

Upcoming Adult Education: *Join us, and let's learn together!* We'll gather at 9:45 am in the Upper Room each week. November 19: **Adult Mission Trip**

Our Adult Mission Trip group spent 5 days working in New Orleans in October. They worked with Common Ground, working with plants that will be transplanted into the Bayou to stop erosion and helped with some home exterior work. Come to see the photos and hear the stories from the team!

Mt. Meru Coffee Makes Great Christmas Gifts!

It is not too early to think about purchasing Christmas gifts. Mt. Meru will offer a complete selection of coffees in a variety of blends and sizes. To begin with, we will have a Christmas Traditions Blend for \$18.00 in drip or bean. There will also be holiday sampler packs in 4 and 6 pack sizes plus 4 varieties of flavored coffees. These and many others will be featured in the coming weeks. Stop by the coffee cart on Sunday morning to place an order for items not in stock or contact me at: dholfmes22@att.net. Orders are sent in Monday mornings each week and available for pickup by Wednesday.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Justice Never Tasted so Good!

Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 22: 7:00 pm

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

At Thanksgiving, Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who provides us with all that we need and more. We offer thanks to God for the bounty of the land and seek to share these riches with all in need. Please bring food items to share with the hungry. The service will include special music from the Senior Choir.

Pie Social follows Thanksgiving Worship!

Thanksgiving Eve is a festive time where we give thanks, offer our offerings of food and money, and a time when we take time and celebrate with PIE!

Volunteers are needed to host and serve the delicious pies that are paired with your choice of cream (ice or whipped), coffee and milk. Please sign up if you can help with this fun event or share a pie with us. We need a number of pies to supplement our supply of apple, pumpkin, and cherry. Pies can be dropped off in the main kitchen (downstairs) before Wednesday night worship.



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: Al Van Lith.

Acolytes: (8:30) Clare Kasdorf, Isabella Rizzo. (11:00) Claire Foley, Abigail Hunter.

Coffee Hosts: Lisa & Joe Chiesa.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Marian Benz, Chris Weber Spornick. (11:00) Margaret Crawford, Hannah Malloy.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Nancy Bowen, Tim Goetsch, Joanne Ziarek. (11:00) Lois Marks, Julie Schmidt.

Greeters: (8:30) Betty & Steve Williams, Grace Kasdorf. (11:00) Deb Endean, Laura Murray.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Joanne Ziarek, Carl Johnson. (11:00) Joy Buer, Lois Marks.

Ushers: (8:30) Jen & Paul Kramer, Daniel Zello. (11:00) Tom Templeman.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Jan Johnson.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) Conor Williams.

Library Assistant: Peggy Klemme.

Stephen Minister: Gloria Potter.

Worship Technology: (8:30) David Locher, Dave McCullough. (9:45) *Open*. (11:00) Ed Bross, Owen Schaar.

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.*

YTD Financial Results as of:	11/05/23
General Fund Receipts	\$771,870
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	<u>\$848,158</u>
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$76,288)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$127,217
 Building Fund Balance	 \$200,708

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.

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

Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.

Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



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