

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

November 20, 2022



Welcome! "Today is Christ the King Sunday. This is a recent festival of the church year coming about in 1925, to celebrate the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. This festival is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Year, which is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. This festival celebrates the kingly rule of Christ, who was enthroned upon the cross and will return as humankind's ultimate sovereign and judge.

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.

Flowers at the altar are given by Chris Weber Spornick & Jim Spornick in thanksgiving for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Vero Beach, Florida.

Flowers at the altar are given by Donna & Jim Koeble in memory of their parents, Yvonne & Robert Connelly and Signy & Charles Koeble.

We welcome our newest members today at the 8:30 service. Please join us for a reception in the Upper Commons after the 8:30 service for cake and greeting our new members.

Join us for 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday Nov. 23

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, and place them near the entrance under the coatrack. The service will include special music from the Senior Choir and the Grace Note Men's Quartet. Stay after the service for Pie!

Pie Social follows Thanksgiving Eve 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 at the Welcome Center if you can help*** with this fun event. We need a number of pies to supplement our supply of apple, pumpkin, and cherry. Pies can be dropped off in the kitchen before Wednesday night worship.

Advent Begins Next Sunday, November 27: We'll enter with anticipation this beautiful season of light and dark, of hope, peace, joy and love, leading up to the birth of Christ. Look for devotional items at the Advent table in the Upper Commons, including *new this year*, reverse Advent calendars, one for adults, and one just for kids, to help you mark the days until Christmas.

Bulletin Announcement Insert – November 20, 2022

Adult Education Time today, 9:45-10:45am: Our guest is Allison Byrne, the founder of “Allies for Teens in Foster Care.” (*Upper Room*) Allies strives to supplement the educational and social needs for teens living in a group home situation. We are a bridge for community members, businesses and private organizations who are willing to aid teens in need. Allison is passionate and compassionate in her advocacy for the youth and young adults living area group homes. *There will also be a display set up around the church of artwork done by the teens from the group homes.*

Our Giving tree contains ornaments detailing gifts for Allies for Teens in Foster Care.

No Bible Study this week. Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, November 30th.

The Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week, November 24 & 25.

The Giving Tree is Now Up in the Upper Commons. It's time to think about Christmas gifts for those in need. Our Giving Tree recipients are the same as last year:

Cross Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

They reach out to the community and the people who live in it.

Reformation Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Toys will go to youth in Reformation's neighborhood

Allies for Teens in Foster Care

Allies supplements the educational and social needs for teens living in group foster homes in the Milwaukee area. Items such as hats, gloves, socks, and art supplies.

Eras Senior Network

Seniors and adults with disabilities are supported by volunteers of all ages to help them maintain their independence. \$10 gift cards from stores like Walmart, Walgreens, Pick 'n Save, etc., as well as books of forever stamps.

All gifts are needed no later than Sunday, December 4th to reach our partners in time for their giving events. Gift cards and stamps should be delivered to the office. Other gifts may be placed by the tree outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your love and generosity to others. *Here's the Link for purchasing online. How convenient! Have the item sent to church, and you're all done! Deadline: December 4th* <https://signup.com/go/oJXLFaD>

Men's Breakfast Coming Soon! Gather with the guys on **Saturday, December 3rd from 8:00-9:30 am** for breakfast and a speaker. We welcome Community Warehouse-Partners in Hope to our table and hope you can join us! Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Commons or contact Conor Williams for more info: conorw1@me.com Volunteers needed for set up, food purchase & preparation and clean up. All are welcome!

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, December 2 *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot: A Novel* by Marianne Cronin, 352 pages. Full List on our website and also available at church.

Deck the Church with Boughs of Holly...

On Saturday, December 3rd, beautiful holiday décor will transform St. Matt's for the waiting of Advent and the joy of Christmas. Volunteers are needed to help with this project, including men to put up the big trees and wreaths. Come join the fun in preparing for this joyous season at 9:00 a.m. on December 3rd. With many hands making a large task a smaller one, we should be finished in about two hours. Thank you in advance for your participation and time! Contact Diane DuBois (414-988-9901) with any questions.

Thanks: We appreciate **Pat & Jim Engelhardt** and **Diane DuBois** for adding the beautiful Thanksgiving décor to many areas of our building. It's great to highlight this special season of thanksgiving and God's abundance.

Thanks to **Sarah Lerand** and **Mia Stein-Kodzik** for putting up the Giving Tree in the Upper Commons and adding all the tags.

Thanks to the **7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes** for cutting out and tying strings on all the gift tags for the Giving Tree. We appreciate the group effort in getting this done!

Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ are Back!!

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, Nov 20th 12-2pm

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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

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Thanksgiving Food Collection for Cross & Tosa Cares -- *Please bring food*

It's a tradition at St. Matthew's to make a food collection for Cross and Tosa Cares Food Pantry part of our Thanksgiving observance. This year's collection will be from ***Sunday, November 13th through Sunday, November 27th***, including the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23rd. Cross and Tosa Cares are both experiencing an increase in use, and they appreciate the ongoing support that St. Matthew's provides through frequent food collections. All healthy non-perishable food is welcome, as well as hygiene products, paper products, and cleaning items. Donations can be brought to the food collection area under the coat rack in the elevator hallway across from the office. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Stewardship Appeal – it's not too late for your response

Thank you to all those who have returned their Stewardship packets and make commitments for 2023. Extra packets are available at the display in the Upper Commons; it is not too late to turn in yours. We are looking forward to our future in ministry together in 2023.



Guest House Hygiene Drive, sponsored by Michael Baumler, student at Wisconsin Lutheran College and member of St. Matthew's. Help the clients of Guest House with necessary hygiene items. See the list below for most-needed items. Collection continues through November.

Waterproof Toiletry Bags	Shaving Cream
Men's & Women's Body Wash, shampoo, conditioner (full-size)	
Hair products for men and women of color	
(Cantu, Shea Moisture, Palmers, cocoa & shea butter)	
Disposable Razors	Lotion
Q-tips & Cotton Balls	Deodorant
Sunscreen	
Oral hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash	
General \$10 gifts cards to Walmart, Pick n' Save, Walgreens, CVS	
Restaurant gifts (Subway's, McDonalds)	Bus tickets (M-card Lite)

Please place items in the collection bins outside the church office. Thank you!!

Looking Ahead to Adult Education in December:

Sunday, December 4: Stewardship – a presentation led by the pastors

Sunday, December 11: Exclusive Visions: The Unique Churches to Which America Gave Birth-- Why "Only in America" is a good description for four American church bodies, with Pastor David Zersen

Sunday, December 18: Forgotten, Misrepresented and Marginalized Figures of Early Christianity, Part 4 with Dan Bice

YTD Financial Results as of:	11/13/22
General Fund Receipts	\$754,362
General Fund Budget	\$892,761
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$138,399)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$124,156
 Building Fund Balance	 \$175,963

Welcome to Our New Members

~ November 20, 2022 ~



**William Kisamo and Maggie Bartlett,
Greenfield.**

Maggie is an associate professor at UW-Milwaukee, and William works at Bostik in Wauwatosa.

They are the parents of **Andrey**, who is ten, and **Sia**, who is eight years old.



**Sonja Sorenson Markland
and Brandon Markland,
West Allis.**

Brandon and Sonja both work for FedEx. They are the parents of **Hanna**, age 4, and **Soren**, age 2.



**Gary Christianson,
Wauwatosa.**

Gary is a retired social worker who lives at Luther Manor. He has been worshipping with us regularly.

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Mary Marino, Wauwatosa.

Mary is retired, and has been widowed for about a year. She has been worshipping with us regularly for several months.

Ken and Charlotte Kolby, Wauwatosa.

Charlotte is a retired choral director. Ken is an auto technician with Lexus of Milwaukee. Charlotte is the primary caregiver for her 101-year-old mother.



Chris and Linda Brown, Milwaukee.

Chris is a chess coach with Varsity Tutors, and Linda is retired. Linda has joined the Embellishments bell choir and also sings with the Senior Choir. They are both interested in Bible study. They are the parents of Emily Anthony, who is also joining our congregation today.



Michael and Emily Anthony, Milwaukee.

Michael works at Rockwell Automation and Emily is a teacher at Pius XI High School. Michael and Emily are the parents of **Josephine**, 5 years old, and **Charles**, 3 years old. Both children attend the Downtown Montessori School. Emily is the daughter of Chris & Linda Brown, who are also joining our congregation today.