

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

February 12, 2023



**Welcome to worship** as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

**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.

**Welcome to our Guest Preacher Pastor Brent Halverson** who joins us today. Pastor Brent served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedarburg for many years until 2021, when he began hospice chaplaincy for Brighton Hospice. He lives in the area and worships with us when his schedule allows.

**Altar flowers** are provided by The Malloy Family in memory of John's father, Andrew Thomas Malloy, Jr.

### **Thanks for delivering the Valentine Gift Bags**

Many people helped with 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. There are just a handful of bags left near the library.

**It's Undie Sunday!** We welcome Mia Stein-Kodzick this morning who will give an announcement before worship about this year's underwear collection, which benefits the clients of the Guest House (men) and The Benedict Center Sisters Program (for women). Here's a listing of what we collect:

**Men's briefs or boxer briefs (sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X)**

**Men's Socks, size 6-12**

**Women's panties, sizes 4-24**

**Women's Bras, sizes 34A - 42C**

**Women's Socks**

**Women's Pajamas and long underwear, sizes up to 2X**

Bring your donations to the wooden collection box outside the church office.

**Today's Adult Education, 9:45-10:45** in the Upper Room: **Favorite Hymns with John Paradowski** Join John, 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. Join in this fun class as we sing and learn a little bit more about the music and one another!

**Deborah Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 14 at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room at church.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, February 12, 2023

**Lutheran Disaster Response responds to those affected by the earthquake** in the Middle East: This week we woke to the news that two powerful earthquakes had hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 2,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured.

*Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are prepared to accompany our neighbors impacted by these earthquakes. One hundred percent of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region.*

Support the response today through LDR: <https://bit.ly/3I1sFkm>

or through St. Matthew's giving page: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give>

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Middle School Game Day, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please bring \$5 for pizza.



### **Join us for Worship on Ash Wednesday**

#### **February 22 -- Two Worship Services:**

**10:00 am and 7:15 pm**

Services include Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Followed by Healing Services

### **Communion Make-up Class Scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:45**

There will be a make-up class at 9:45 on February 26<sup>th</sup> for second graders and other kids who were unable to be at the class in January. Pastor Ann and Gretchen Haugse will teach the class which is designed to help kids understand the sacrament of communion. Parents are asked to attend with their kids.

## **Sunday Morning Adult Education Upcoming Classes**

### **February 19 - Hope Street**

Join us for Adult Education on February 19th at 9:45 as the Social Ministry team presents Ashley Thomas, the Executive Director and Founder of Hope Street, often referred to the Greenhouse for People. Located on 26th and Capitol, it is a place where broken men, women and children have a safe place to grow and develop a sense of hope and community. Hope Street provides housing and healing to men, women, and children whose lives have been profoundly affected by the toxic environment they grew up in, their own choices, or drug and alcohol abuse. You are invited to come and hear Hope Street's story, its important outreach to the community, and how you can become involved as a volunteer to make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

### **February 26 - Emotional Intelligence: Adding to Your Family's Emotional Toolkit**

There is a lot behind children's emotions/behaviors that they don't have the language/words/maturity for sharing in the way that adults can. Having a better understanding of our own emotions helps us to model and validate feelings that children are experiencing everyday. The pandemic experience and the ongoing challenges of what's available on the internet have made this an even more challenging issue. Connect with other parents, grandparents and concerned adults as we increase our own emotional self-awareness, normalize emotions and create a plan for the emotional well-being of our youth. Our goal is to help adult caregivers learn how to address children's emotions besides simply talking. Presented by 3 St. Matthew's members, licensed professional social workers who specialize in working with children; Kayla Celata, Laura Crave and Patti Foley. All are welcome!

### **Take a Break from Cooking and Support the Youth Mission Trip on February 27<sup>th</sup>!**

On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00, the Wauwatosa QDOBA will donate 25% of their sales to the St. Matthew's Youth Mission Trip! All you have to do is eat or order from QDOBA at 1417 N. Wauwatosa Ave during those hours. For your purchase to count, you need to:

- Tell the cashier that you are supporting the St. Matthew's fundraiser, OR
- Show a flyer with the QR code, OR
- Show a digital flyer with the QR code on your phone, OR
- Order online with the code **QDOBAGIVES**

What a tasty way to support a good cause!

### **Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ are Back**

**KFC:** 1st -3rd graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ! **Sunday, March 5 12-2pm**  
**DOC:** 4th – 5th graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ. **Sunday March 12, 12-2pm**  
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.

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

### **Youth Dinner Auction Planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>!**

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 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Details coming soon! It's always a great evening!*



### **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.

### **Statewide Youth Advocacy Event for High School Kids, April 14-16**

High School Youth are invited to join with kids from other parts of Wisconsin and the UP to talk about how they can use their voices and actions to bring about positive change by participating in an advocacy retreat in Madison the weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

The weekend will include presentations and interactive events focused on issues such as the environment, hunger, racism, and inclusion. There will also be social time with other kids, as well as music, and reflection.

The registration fee, which includes hotel and meals, is \$75. (There may be an additional transportation cost if we need to rent a vehicle). The registration deadline is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

This is a great opportunity to get to know kids from other communities and to talk about ways that we can work together to make the world a better place!

If you have questions or are interested in going to the event, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

### **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

### **Vacation Bible School 2023: July 31 – August 4**

As you prep your summer calendar, be certain to save July 31 – August 4 for Vacation Bible School. Those entering Jr. K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will gather mornings for a week of fellowship and fun. We certainly will need youth and adult volunteers, so please save the dates!

Registration will begin in the late spring.

### **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.