

## **Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's**

February 5, 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.

**Altar flowers** are provided by Joseph Ceci and Pam Stokke-Ceci in memory of Shirley Ceci.

### **Next Adult Education, February 5, 9:45-10:45 am in the Upper Room**

#### **L'Arche**

Learn more about this intentional community which has started right here at St. Matthew's. Currently in the formation stage L'Arche is all about building community. Unlike other intentional communities, L'Arche does not merely make allowances for community later in the process. L'Arche is community from the start. "It takes a community to start a community." Julia Murphy of St. Matthew's is a passionate voice for L'Arche and will share more on Febr. 5th!

### **Sunday Morning Women's Group Meets February 5th 9:45-10:45**

Join us on the first Sunday of the month as we connect and converse on topics that are central to our well-being and faith growth. Katie Nickel leads our conversation. Please come when you can. All are always welcome!

### **Youth Mission Trip Meeting Today~**

The next monthly meeting for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky will be Sunday, February 5th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. All youth planning on going on the trip should plan to attend. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

### **Your Help Needed to Deliver Valentine Gift Bags**

With Valentine's Day coming up, we will be 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.

If you are able to make a short visit and deliver this gift to one of our members, please pick up one (or more) of the bags from the table on February 12th. Bags are sorted by zip code. Thanks for your help!

## **Bulletin Insert for Sunday, February 5, 2023**

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

#### **February 12: Favorite Hymns with John Paradowski**

Join John Paradowski, 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 on February 12th. Join in this fun class as we sing and learn a little bit more about the music and one another!

#### **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.

### **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) 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.

### **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>.

#### **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 Haugse if you can help.

## **Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ are Back for the New Year**

**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, March 5 12-2pm**

**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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## **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.

**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.

## **Repairers of the Breach - ROTB - is in need of coordinators for Sunday morning bagged lunch preparation**

As you may know ROTB lunches are bagged the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9:45-10:30 (during the education hour). We are in need of Lunch Coordinators for this ministry. That involves getting the fruit in advance for the 100 lunches and being present for the bagging, just making sure things get done. Church staff take care of asking for volunteers and others bring the sandwich stuff, chips, cookies and beverage. If you would be willing to serve as a lunch coordinator 3 or 4 times a year please let Sue Swing know or contact the church office. They manage the lunch coordinator scheduling. If you have additional questions about the ministry please contact Trudy Zauner. She is the lead volunteer of ROTB and does an amazing job keeping this ministry flourishing at St. Matthew's!

## **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.

## **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

## **St. Matt's 1st Fridays 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.

<b>March 3</b>	<b><u>The Air We Breathe: A Novel</u></b> by Andrea Barrett, 320 pages.
<b>April 14</b> <i>2nd Fri.</i>	<b><u>All Creatures Great and Small</u></b> , by James Herriot, 448 pages
<b>May 5</b>	<b><u>Raft of Stars: A Novel</u></b> by Andrew J. Graf, 304 pages
<b>June 2</b>	<b><u>West With Giraffes: A Novel</u></b> , by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages.

**Altar Flower & Library Book Sign-Up:** You are invited to sign up for altar flowers or a library book for a special occasion which will be noted in the bulletin. Flowers are \$35 and will be ordered from Alfa Flower shop by the office staff. Please make out a check and mark it for altar flowers. You can sign up to donate a book to the library. A book will be chosen for the occasion and you will be notified of which book was chosen. Library books are \$20. This is a great way to support St. Matthew's worship and library ministries in a meaningful way. The Sign-up Book is at the Welcome Center.

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.

Music Staff: David Mohr, Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.

Library Coordinator (volunteer) Linda Wunderlich.

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

Office Staff: Al Van Lith, Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr



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