

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

March 19, 2023



Welcome to worship on this Sunday in Lent. A warm welcome to visitors joining us today.

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.

Today's Adult Education, 9:45-10:45 am in the Upper Room

March 19- Caregiver Sunday

"Caregiving" is made up of active services and support given to people who, due to age, infirmity, or illness, cannot take care of themselves and must rely upon someone else for help with personal or emotional needs. Those who are called upon to be caregivers work hard and often go unrecognized. Whether you have been a caregiver in the past or are currently caring for a loved one please join us on Sunday for sharing and support. All are welcome. With Pastor Ann & Sue Swing

Puzzle Swap! *NEW!* Plan to participate in this new event on Sunday, March 26th. Share those puzzles you've finished, and pick up a new one for those cold and cloudy spring days when you can't yet be outside too long. Bring your puzzles next Sunday (or earlier in the week), and take them to the tables upstairs marked for the puzzle swap. All are welcome to participate. Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee

Time to purchase Easter Flowers for the display at church on Easter Morning! Pick up a flower order form at the Lenten table, Welcome Center, or outside the church office, or order online on our website. Please pay for your flowers at the time you order them. We also offer a Lenten benevolence option in \$10 increments, which will be directed toward our ELCA Good Gifts well project, to purchase two wells to provide fresh drinking water to those who need it. Questions? Ask Sonja, Al, or Bridget in the church office. Deadline: Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Flower and benevolence designations will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Our Lenten Offerings will provide TWO water wells through ELCA Good Gifts

Giving Goal: \$5,000 or two water wells – *Current giving is at \$2,349*

For \$2500, a community can receive a simple water well, through the ELCA World Hunger and its partners. Through one well, as many as 500 families will gain access to clean, safe water. The community will be healthier. People will spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children will have more time for work or school.

Make your donation online at: stmattlutheran.org "Give" page

Or, drop cash, bills or change, in the 5 gallon water bottle displayed in the Commons.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, March 19, 2023

Did You Have the Winning Bid on an Auction Item? If so, you can pick up your item from the tables in the Commons and pay at the Welcome Center on Sunday or in the church office during the week. Thanks for your support!

Parents Night Out - Thursday, March 23rd 5:00-7:30pm *Back by Popular Demand!*

Dave & Dana Wurzbarger will host this fun dinner at Cafe Hollander for the parents while the kids are fed and cared for at St. Matthew's church. Childcare will be provided by some of the grandparents of St. Matthew's. They are looking forward to this truly intergenerational event! There is no cost for the meal/childcare that is provided to the kids. Older siblings welcome to volunteer as childcare workers! Sign up with Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or at the Welcome Center at church.

Adult Education, 9:45-10:45 am March 26

"Thirty-Eight to Remember: Six to Surprise Us"

Increasingly the Christian community is paying special attention to women who served their Lord in creative ways through the centuries. Both the ELCA and the LCMS commemorate on specific days of the year thirty-eight women from around the world. How many of them do you know? Dr. David Zersen will surprise us with the stories of six of them.

Lenten Wednesdays, each week through March 29

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| 10:00 – 11:00am | Bible Study with Pastor Ann Williams |
| 5:30-6:20pm | Dinner in Fellowship Hall to benefit Youth Mission Trip
<i>Menu for 3-22: Baked Potato bar, salad, fruit</i>
Suggested donation is \$8 for ages 11+ and \$5 for ages 3-10 |
| 6:15-7:00pm | Family Lenten Time for parents and children with Donna Manke
Stories, songs, projects, prayer and brief worship
Children 3 rd grade and younger are encouraged to attend |
| 5:45-6:30 | New Creation Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:30-7:00 | New Generation Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:15pm | Midweek Lenten Service
A simple and beautiful service; a time to meditate and pray
<i>"We who are thirsty ask for the life-giving water that Jesus provides"</i> |



Easter Eggs Needed! Looking Ahead to Good Friday, April 7: We are asking for donations of wrapped candy-filled Easter eggs for the Good Friday easter egg hunt. Empty eggs are available outside the church office right now, and filled eggs can be returned to the same place.

Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt: Join us Good Friday at St. Matthew's for our annual Good Friday Easter Egg hunt. We will meet at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. A craft will be available as we await the start of the egg hunt. We will then gather in the Sanctuary for worship. We are asking for donations of (wrapped) candy filled Easter Eggs. Empty eggs will be available outside the office during Lent and filled Eggs can be returned to the same place. Looking forward to seeing you all!! Donna Gardner Manke

Could you help provide food for the Wednesday Lenten meals? Help the Youth Mission trip group keep costs down for the meals by donating food. Go to our website, and scroll down to the Lenten Wednesday nights box. Look for a signup to attend the meal, as well as a signup to provide food, listing what is needed for the next meal. In most cases, the food needs to be at church on the Sunday before the Wednesday night, for planning and preparing ahead. Thanks for your support!

The Augustana College Choir, Rock Island, IL, will perform a concert at **7:00pm, Monday, March 27, 2023** at **St. Luke's** Lutheran Church, 300 Carroll St., **Waukesha**. Augustana College, located in Rock Island IL, is an ELCA liberal arts college. Augustana was founded in 1860 by Swedish immigrants.

Mt. Meru Coffee:

Thanks to all that have purchased Mt. Meru coffee. New products coming in will have a QR code on the front of the bag which will connect you to the Mt. Meru project website with stories of the farmers that grow this premium coffee. We will also have some postcards with QR codes that will link you to a consumer survey.

Thanks for your continued support. The project has purchased almost 24,000 pounds of coffee from the 2022/2023 growing season. That means these small farmers can count on the income they derive from their participation in the Mt. Meru coffee project.

Justice Never Tasted So Good!

Holy Week Worship Schedule: April 2-9th, 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2: Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Worship Services at 10:00am and 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 7: Children's Good Friday Service & Egg Hunt at 10:00am

Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Reformation Lutheran Church Good Friday Neighborhood Walk, 3:15pm

(Carpool from St. Matthew's at 2:45 pm in the parking lot)

Easter Sunday, April 9: Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast from 9:30-10:45am

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 5th 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.

Friends of the Monarch Trail 2023 Plant Pre-Sale: Ensure you get the plants you want! Pre-order specialty bags and flats ahead of time online with pickup at our regular sale. We have new mixtures fine-tuned to assure they are successful. And some new plant species you may not have! All will benefit the Monarch population and our local pollinators. Go to this website: themonarchtrail.org

Look at the menu and choose which items you want. Then go to order form. Remember to select item and quantity on the form. If you have difficulty, contact Barb by email at: barb@themonarchtrail.org

Pick-up will be May 13 and 14 at Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124th St., West Allis.

YTD Financial Results as of:	03/12/23
General Fund Receipts	\$201,391
General Fund Budget	\$230,773
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$29,383)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$23,149
 ELCA - Lenten Water Project Collected	 \$2,349
 Building Fund Balance	 \$192,405

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.

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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