

# Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

March 26, 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**  
**"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.

**Puzzle Swap! *NEW!*** See the puzzles available on the tables in the Library Commons. All are welcome to participate; it's acceptable to take a puzzle or two even if you didn't bring one! Leftover puzzles will be donated. Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee

**Time to purchase Easter Flowers** for the display at church on Easter Morning! Pick up a **yellow 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 \$3,004***

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: [stmatthlutheran.org](http://stmatthlutheran.org) "Give" page

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

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, March 26, 2023

### Adult Education, 9:45-10:45 am - April 2

#### **The Water Will Hold You: Water Stories and Themes in Lent with Pastor Karen**

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus - and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. In this session, Pastors will review additional baptismal promises such as an identity, forgiveness, and gifts to sustain us. These promises are meant to hold us, like floating in water.

### **Garden Crew Meeting - Saturday, April 8 at 9:00am**

Join the Garden Crew for this seasonal planning meeting as they discuss planting day, watering schedule, and Weeding Wednesdays. Please expect it to take about an hour. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be part of the Garden Crew this year please reach out to Bob Zwaska; [zwaska@wi.rr.com](mailto:zwaska@wi.rr.com)

**Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us Good Friday (April 7) 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

**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.

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### **Lenten Wednesdays, last one on March 29**

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| 10:00 – 11:00am | Bible Study with Pastor Ann Williams   |
| 5:30-6:20pm     | <b>Dinner in Fellowship Hall</b> to benefit Youth Mission Trip<br><i>Menu for 3-29: Build-your-own sub; fruit, veggies, dip</i><br>Suggested donation is \$8 for ages 11+ and \$5 for ages 3-10  |
| 6:15-7:00pm     | <b>Family Lenten Time for parents and children</b> with Donna Manke<br>Stories, songs, projects, prayer and brief worship<br>Children 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are encouraged to attend |
| 7:15pm          | <b>Midweek Lenten Service</b><br>A simple and beautiful service; a time to meditate and pray<br>"We who are thirsty ask for the life-giving water that Jesus provides"                           |



**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. The 52-voice ensemble will sing a selection of traditional and contemporary choral works. The choir is known for its innovative programming, attention to detail, and musical excellence.

**Women's Group Meets 1st Sunday of the Month from 9:45-10:45; Next on April 2nd**

As Easter approaches make sure to take a moment to think about how you'll be a little more intentional with lent this season and why it's important to you. For more information on the Women's Group please stop in if you can. We meet in the Youth Room next to Fellowship Hall and all are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Katie Nickel;  
[katiernickel@gmail.com](mailto:katiernickel@gmail.com).

**Holy Week Worship Schedule: April 2-9<sup>th</sup>, 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 – more info below)*

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

Easter Breakfast from 9:30-10:45am to benefit Youth Mission trip (Fell. Hall)

**Reformation Good Friday Neighborhood Walk - *You're invited to attend this annual tradition with Pastor Karen - Carpool from St. Matthew's parking lot***

Reformation Lutheran Church invites you to its 2023 Good Friday Neighborhood Walk. Like the stations of the cross, our group will stop at sites in the community that demonstrate signs of despair and transformation. We will read Scripture, and the group will sing and pray together, lifting high the symbol of the cross in our heart of the city neighborhood.

The walk begins at 3:15 PM on Friday, April 7th after a brief time of fellowship inside the church located at 3806 W. Lisbon Avenue. The walk is suitable for all ages. Pastor Karen Natterstad plans to attend this event. Meet in the St. Matthew's parking lot at 2:45 if you'd like to carpool and attend.

YTD Financial Results as of:	03/20/23
General Fund Receipts	\$223,863
General Fund Budget	\$230,773
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$6,910)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$23,149
 ELCA - Lenten Water Project Collected	 \$3,004
 Building Fund Balance	 \$195,180

**Please consider being a Sunday morning volunteer** - Every Sunday morning, we need over 30 volunteers to be part of our services. Shortly, we will be scheduling our volunteers for April 16 to June 4, 2023. We are always looking for more help, in all areas. Here is a list of positions where we need some help.

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| • <b>Acolytes</b>             | • <b>Lay Assistants</b>   |
| • <b>Ushers</b>               | • <b>Greeters</b>         |
| • <b>Communion Preparers</b>  | • <b>Coffee Hosts</b>     |
| • <b>Communion Assistants</b> | • <b>Camera Operators</b> |
| • <b>Readers</b>              |                           |

For those of you already in our system, we will be scheduling based on your identified availability. For those who asked to be put on hold until you felt comfortable coming back to service, please let Al Van Lith know at [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org) if you would like to be added back onto the volunteers lists. And for those who have not volunteered before but would like to volunteer for a position, feel free to contact the office and we can set you up for a position that best fits your abilities. Please join in serving our church family!

### ***Living After Loss: Grief Education and Support***

**Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm at St. Matthew's, April 17-May 22**

After suffering a profound loss, Candy Romano became quite familiar with grief. Until then, she had not felt such deep despair and anguish and didn't know where to turn. After some time spent reading, leaning on loved ones and seeking support through counseling she felt called to do something to honor her grief and help others. She completed a comprehensive grief training program led by renowned Grief Expert David Kessler and now is offering an opportunity for anyone interested to participate in a 6-week grief education & support class. Please contact Candy Romano directly for more information.

**[candacedromano@gmail.com](mailto:candacedromano@gmail.com) 414-687-2196**

**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](http://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](mailto:barb@themonarchtrail.org) Pick-up will be May 13 and 14 at Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124<sup>th</sup> St., West Allis.

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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