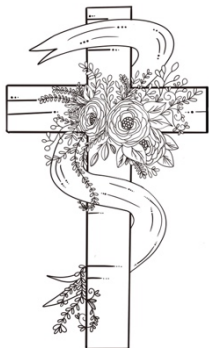


Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

April 16, 2023



Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Friends, we welcome you in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. Guests, please fill out a yellow welcome card and hand it to an usher.

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 given by Sarah & Chris Zello in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

Altar flowers are given by Steve & Betty Williams in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Today, April 16th: We welcome **Guest Preacher Frank Janzow** who will preach on the Gospel of doubting Thomas. Pastor Frank will help to kick off our 'Equipping the Saints' Mission Appeal, to build up the body of Christ in our Synod and strengthen our synod's life and work together. The mission is to follow Jesus, form communities and love all. Pastor Frank served at Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha, for 37 years. In his retirement, he is an author, guitarist, songwriter and pastoral coach (www.sundaycreations.com)



We also welcome Jan Janzow as our guest musician who will be leading us musically on the piano today. Please make her feel welcome.

Today is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Please enjoy a piece of cake during coffee time (beginning at 9:45am) in celebration of the awesome volunteers at St. Matthew's church. The energy and dedication of our volunteers makes us a community of blessing -- a community blessed by God so that it can bless the world. Thank you!

New Member Classes Begin Today: God has given us the gift of Christian community. It provides for two of our most basic needs. The church can be a place to belong and a place to become. If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's please consider attending our membership classes. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from **9:45-10:45**. **Dates are April 16, 23, 30.** New Members will be received on Sunday, May 7th at the 8:30 service.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, April 16, 2023

TODAY: MOD Pizza (Wauwatosa) Fundraiser for The Youth Mission Trip in June. Raise some dough for our youth all day long, at MOD Pizza, 7470 W. State Street. You can order online (Use the coupon code MODGIVES20) or bring in a flyer. Flyers are at the Welcome Center and across from the church office. OR you can show the flyer on your phone – it's in your church emails. They are open from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm. What a delicious way to support our youth and their mission trip!

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

You're Invited: Women's Ministry Spring Breakfast Hosted by WTIP

All women are invited to attend Saturday April 22, 2023! Bring a friend, neighbor, parent, you do not have to be a member to attend! Women Together In Prayer (WTIP) is hosting this annual breakfast at St. Matt's Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall from 9-11am. Register ahead of time (DEADLINE APRIL 20th) online for breakfast, join the ministry or sign up to help. Bring a friend or make one here!



We have a new twist to this silent prayer partner ministry to increase relationship building. The theme of our gathering will be how friends are jewels. Please bring (or wear) a jewelry gem/crystal/stone that represents a personality trait of yourself. Meet your prayer partner from 22-23, pick a NEW prayer partner OR register for breakfast only:

- Join the St. Matt's WTIP silent prayer ministry by scanning the QR code
- Volunteers needed to help with breakfast: email Kait directly at kaitmccullough@gmail.com

Tosa Community Fair, Saturday, April 22, from Noon – 4:00pm at Wauwatosa Underwood Baptist Church, 1916 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, connecting neighbors to local nonprofits and businesses through an afternoon of fun activities. Discover 50+ local organizations, visit the small business 'Pop Up' market, and enjoy giveaways, treats and connections. Something for everyone!

Our Lenten and Easter Offerings will provide FOUR water wells – Giving Goal Reached And MORE -\$10,000 = four water wells – *Thank you for your generous donations* 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. **Additional donations will go toward a *fifth* well.** Make your donation online at: stmattslutheran.org “Give” page

The jug in the Upper Commons has been removed and counted already. Cash donations, if you desire, could be put in an offering envelope and marked for “wells.”

Upcoming Adult Education this month: 9:45-10:45am

April 23 - St. Matthew's Garden Crew: Why We Garden

Gardening is a passion that many of us look forward to each year as winter draws to a close. Some would say that they garden as a form of exercise. It can be a social experience or a solitary prayerful ritual. Be part of this fun and timely conversation with the St. Matthew's Garden Crew.

April 30 “Clobber” Passages

The Bible contains several verses in the Old and New Testaments that are used to bash the LBGTQ+ community. What are these passages, and how might we understand them today? We will also review Bible passages that invite us to extend our welcome and work for justice. Led by Dan Bice

Women's Group Meets 1st Sunday of the Month from 9:45-10:45 - Next Meeting

May 7th All women are welcome to stop by the women's group whenever you are available. There is good conversation, sharing and discussion. Learn more about what it is by stopping in! We meet in the Youth Room next to Fellowship Hall and all are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Katie Nickel; katiernickel@gmail.com.

Save your textile recycling for the month of May, when Betr Earth Recycling will have a collection box at our parking lot entrance for gently used textiles and shoes. Details to follow.

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!

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee collaborates with The Heritage Chorale in spring concerts, April 21 and 23

A special event in music this spring is the collaboration of two talented choirs to perform the Robert Ray Gospel Mass along with familiar praise and inspiration spirituals, in two concerts: Friday, April 21 at 7:30pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Greendale (6705 Northway), and on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00pm at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. Tickets are \$15 general admission and students free with student ID. Thomas Ajack is the Artistic Director who has programmed this special concert. Come and enjoy! More information at lutheranacappella.org

Can You Support Our Scholarship Program for El Salvador?

Pan de Vida, our sister parish in El Salvador, is asking for our help to make sure the children of their congregation have the opportunity to attend school. Many families in the congregation struggle to get by, and the costs of education are out of reach for them. Yet education is what lifts kids out of poverty.

We invite you to be part of the scholarship program to expand opportunity for the kids of Pan de Vida. There are 39 students, ranging from kindergarten through university who need assistance. Tuition costs by grade level are:

- Grade School - \$200 - \$250
- Middle School - \$300 - \$350
- High School - \$450
- University - \$1600

We welcome one-time or ongoing donations of any amount. Education is a gift of the future to these families. We appreciate your support of the Pan de Vida Scholarship Fund!. If you have any questions, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

| YTD Financial Results as of: | 04/09/23 |
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| General Fund Receipts | \$288,879 |
| General Fund Budget (total monthly) | \$316,048 |
| Over/(Under) Budget | (\$27,169) |
| Benevolence Disbursements | \$23,149 |
| ELCA - Lenten Water Project Collected | \$10,081 |
| Building Fund Balance | \$190,995 |

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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