

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

April 2, 2023



Hosanna in the highest! Welcome as we bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Join us for Christian education and fellowship. May God bless and strengthen you here 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

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

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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Joseph Ceci and Pam Stokke-Ceci in memory of Beverly Stokke.

Women's Group Meets today from 9:45-10:45; 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. We meet in the Youth Room next to Fellowship Hall and all are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Katie Nickel; katiernickel@gmail.com.

Last chance 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, for our ELCA Good Gifts well project. Deadline: Monday morning 9am. Flower and benevolence designations will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Holy Week Worship Schedule: *Join us on the journey to Easter*

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 – see additional annncmnt)

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



Bulletin Insert for Sunday, April 2, 2023

The Easter Breakfast is Back!

Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:30- 10:45am. There will be springtime ambience and plenty of table room in Fellowship Hall to enjoy pastries, fruit, and a ***scrambled egg bar with lots of toppings***. You can even assemble your own breakfast burrito.

Youth who are participating in this summer's *Run to Rebuild* Mission Trip to Hazard, Kentucky will be involved in prepping and serving the breakfast. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children aged 4-10, and kids 3 and under free. We appreciate your support!



Easter Sunday
Breakfast

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. Looking forward to seeing you all!!
Donna Gardner Manke

Easter Eggs Needed! 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. Due by Tuesday, April 4th.

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.

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

Our Lenten Offerings will provide TWO water wells - Giving Goal Reached!

\$5,000 or two 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 *third* well. 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.

New Member Classes Start Soon! 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 in April. 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.

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.

April 14 (2nd Fri.) All Creatures Great and Small, by James Herriot, 448 pages

May 5 Raft of Stars: A Novel by Andrew J. Graf, 304 pages

June 2 West With Giraffes: A Novel, by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages

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

All women are invited to the

Women Together in Prayer (WTIP) Breakfast Sat April 22, 2023 from 9-11am

The women's ministry called Women Together In Prayer (WTIP) is hosting the Annual spring breakfast on Saturday April 22, 2023 at St. Matt's Lutheran Church from 9-11am. Plan to join the ministry, or attend the breakfast only, you do not have to be a current member to attend, all are welcome. Bring a friend or make one here!

As we continue to find our new normal at church as a congregation, we anticipate a new twist to this silent prayer partner ministry to increase relationship building. The theme of our Breakfast speaker will be how friends are jewels. Please bring a jewelry gem/crystal/stone that represents a personality trait of yourself. Contact Kait McCullough to pick a prayer partner for the upcoming year if you'd like. kaitmccullough@gmail.com.

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!

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

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.

Thinking of Summer Employment? Consider Phantom Lake YMCA Camp in Mukwonago. Hourly positions available on kitchen staff and maintenance and grounds team, age 16+. To apply, go to PhantomLakeYMCA.org/employment They also need on-site camp counselors, ages 18+, a ten-week commitment with room and board provided and free lifeguard and CPR/first aid certification. Go to the same link for applying: PhantomLakeYMCA.org/employment Gain skills and connections that will build your resumé!

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



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's