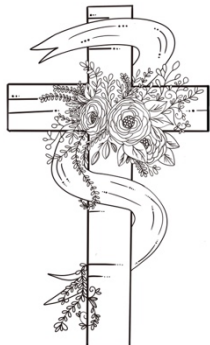


Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

April 9, 2023



Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we 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.

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.

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 those age 11 thru adults and \$4 for children aged 4-10, and kids 3 and under free. We appreciate your support!



Easter Sunday
Breakfast

Our Lenten and Easter Offerings will provide THREE water wells –

Giving Goal Reached And MORE

\$7,500 = three 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 fourth well.** Make your donation online at:

stmattslutheran.org "Give" page

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

A Library book has been given to the church library by Lisa, Emily, and Abby Chiesa in honor of Joe Chiesa's 59th birthday.

Thank you to the many people who donated flowers to create the beautiful floral display for Easter worship. Generous benevolence gifts toward wells have also been given.

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, April 9, 2023

Next Sunday, April 16th: We welcome Guest Preacher Frank Janzow who will preach on the Gospel of doubting Thomas. We also welcome Jan Janzow as our guest musician who will be leading us musically on that day. Pastor Frank will 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. Stay tuned for details on Equipping the Saints, and join us next week to welcome Pastor Frank.



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: On Sunday, April 16th we will enjoy cake during coffee hour 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 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

Join us for the next Quilt Ministry Blitz Saturday, April 15, 9:00am - 1:00pm

St. Matt's Fellowship Hall Please join us and bring a friend or two to Fellowship Hall from 9am-1pm on Saturday, April 15th. Bring your own lunch and help to craft more of these fun and colorful quilts. Easy tasks and all are welcome! The quilters are a welcoming group, and new workers are invited to attend. For any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net. See you there!

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th as the staff enjoys a day off.

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.

Upcoming Adult Education later this month: 9:45-10:45am in the Upper Room

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 on 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.

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!

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

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 Haugse.

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.



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