

# Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

May 21, 2023



**Welcome to worship.** In John 17, Jesus prays that his Father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship. 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.

**Flowers at the altar** are given by David & Judy Holmes in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Name Tag Sunday:** Please help us get to know each other's names as we worship together this morning.

**Music Sunday Today:** At both services, Bells Angels, the Senior Choir and brass will be presenting special music highlighting the gift of music and the talents of our musicians. It's an opportunity to share in this wonderful gift of music and thank all our choirs and many musicians in the congregation for their dedication and service the entire year.

## **Choir Director David Mohr retires after 35 years at St. Matthew's**

*Join us for a reception in his honor during the Education Hour today*

Calling his tenure "an honor and a privilege" David Mohr will retire from leading St. Matthew's Senior Choir this spring. We honor Dave today on "Music Sunday," when a Farewell Reception will be hosted during coffee time (9:45am) with special treats by members of the choir. Please join us to greet and thank Dave, and to wish him well. The Senior Choir will sing for the final time this spring on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Worship Hour Begins Next Sunday, May 28:** One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., all summer long, through Labor Day weekend, followed by coffee time, outside, weather permitting. Join us for worship, with Holy Communion, and stay for fellowship outside.

**St. Matthew's Summer Meet Ups Begin Soon!** We meet up at various locations in the community throughout the summer for fun & conversation. Watch for details in the bulletin and VOICE. **Join us for lunch on Tuesday, May 23rd from 11:00-1:00 at Ally's Powerhouse** - 10460 W Innovation Dr, Wauwatosa. Look for the St. Matt's table top sign. These gatherings are for everyone and all are always welcome! Bring a Friend!

**Women's Group Meeting – Summer & Fall Planning** Tuesday, May 23 from 7:00-8:00pm at church. Contact Katie Nickel, [katiernickel@gmail.com](mailto:katiernickel@gmail.com)

**Summer Office Hours begin** this Friday, May 26, when we close at 12 noon. Summer hours are 8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30 Monday – Thursday, and 8:00-12 noon on Fridays.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, May 21, 2023



### **Bridging the Gap so Our Mission Trip Youth Can Get to Kentucky!**

June 18-24, 2023 People of St. Matthew's, through your ongoing support of the Youth Mission Trips year after year you help make this opportunity possible for the youth of St. Matthew's. With this year's trip coming up in just over a month (June 18-24) and after reviewing our budget based on recent fundraisers, we are coming to you with a special ask. As we all know, costs of just about everything have gone up in the past few years, and that also holds true for Mission Trip costs. **To keep this meaningful experience affordable for our youth, we are hoping that you will consider helping us close our funding gap by making a donation of any amount to the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky.** Check out our bulletin board in the commons where you will find more information about the work we will be doing in Kentucky in June as well donation envelopes for those of you wishing to make a contribution.

### **Thank You, Sunday School Volunteers!**

Today is the last day of Sunday School for the 2022-23 school year. We were fortunate to have in-person Sunday school the whole year, and we could not have done it without our great staff of Sunday School teachers and shepherds! Each week they brought patience, energy, kindness, and creativity to sharing the story of God's love for us. Thank you to this wonderful group of people, who made Sunday School happen with enthusiasm and love!

**Doreen Steinbock, Marissa Kloth, Victoria Vorpapel, Katie Asmus, Brittani Clark, Corianna Cavazos, Sarah Frets, Nancy Wilke, Jen Richter, Renee Szafir, Anne-Marie Nickel, Joy Burkholder-Meier, Rachel Probst Downey, Laura Murray, Carrie Jo Cherney, Averie Manke, Sarah Zello, Donna Gardner-Manke, Stephanie Jurss, Kait McCullough, Shannon Kobinsky, Patti Foley, Mary Richter, Chris Lange**

**Baptism Classes are back!** Baptism classes are back for parents wanting to schedule a baptism at Saint Matt's. You'll learn about what baptism means from one of the pastors, have an opportunity to ask questions about what will happen on the day of your child's baptism, and meet other parents. If you are thinking about baptism or have a baby due soon, sign up in the office! The first of these classes will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am

### **It's not too late to participate in the "Equipping the Saints" Synod Mission Appeal?**

Last week Bishop Paul Erickson spoke about this important appeal supported by all the ELCA congregations in our synod. Our Synod (group of area ELCA churches, approx. 120 in southeastern Wisconsin) has been running this fundraising program for the last 18 months or so, and they are already halfway to the \$2.3 million goal for a two-pronged plan: a) Innovation and Collaboration, and b) Leadership. Our thanks to Andy Cherney and Chris Kent, for leading the campaign appeal at St. Matthew's. Check out this website for more information: <https://www.equippingthesaintsgms.org> When you're ready to make your commitment, please do so on this synod website, as all "Equipping the Saints" gifts and pledges go directly to the Synod office.

**Textile recycling:** For the month of May, **Betr Earth Textile Recycling** now has a collection box at our parking lot entrance for gently used textiles and shoes. BETR collects gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, children and infants. All items should be clean and in relatively good condition. Desired items include:

- **Shirts, blouses, t-shirts and other tops**
- **Skirts, pants, jeans and shorts**
- **Dresses and suits**
- **Paired shoes, boots, purses and belts**

While we are looking for wearable clothing, we will accept items with small tears, or that are lightly stained. BETR Earth also accepts clean household items such as sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, curtains and tablecloths.

Items should be packaged up in plastic bags. Help to keep items out of landfills, as they will be recycled as much as possible.

### **Annual Mother's Day Diaper Collection:**

We're collecting diapers of all sizes (*but sizes 4-6 especially needed!*) as well as unscented diaper wipes and diaper rash creams to St. Matt's May 7th through June 4th. These needed items will be shared with our partner Reformation Lutheran Church and will be distributed at their Baby Fair on June 10, which offers safe sleep information and provides support to young parents. The cost of diapers is prohibitive to many families. Diapers are not covered by low income assistance programs like SNAP and WIC. Additionally, if you have **baby clothes** or other **baby items** those are also welcome. Please leave donations in the collection area outside the church office. (If you have any large items that you wish to donate, please call 414-614-3440 Nancy Bowen.) Thank you.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> grades will gather mornings for a week of fellowship and fun. **Now is the time for volunteers to sign up!** 2023 VBS Volunteer Registration Join us July 31st – August 4th from 8:45-11:45 and volunteer for a faithful and fun-filled week. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 414-774-0441 or email Donna Gardner Manke at [donnagm@me.com](mailto:donnagm@me.com). Looking forward to having you join our team! Go to our website for an easy way to access this link to sign up to help.

<https://forms.gle/Eq2KrSZfB3aVYtHM8>

### **MICAH Tosa Task Force One-on-One Discussions, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> – You're Invited**

MICAH: Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope is a collaboration of 35 congregations in the greater Milwaukee area working for justice and peace. Within the larger group, MICAH Tosa Task Force, which is made up of five Wauwatosa congregations, works for the common good in Wauwatosa. To this end we at St. Matthew's are holding a listening session to discern what issues are important to the community that we should work on.

Please come to participate in one-on-one discussions being held on Sunday, June 4, from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Conor Williams, Carl Johnson or Carl Lund if you have any questions or would like more information.

**Partners With Meru Logo Clothing Sale** during May: Check out this link for your opportunity to order and purchase clothing items with the Greater Milwaukee Synod/Meru Diocese partnership logo: <https://www.partnerswithmeru.org/events> Dates of the sale are May 12-22.

**Your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project** helps provide sustainable incomes for the farmers growing these coffees. There are many products available which can be ordered if not in stock. These include our Spring Blend and four choices of flavored coffee which are Butter Pecan, French Vanilla, Hazelnut and Chocolate Raspberry, premium sampler packs that feature six coffees, single serve “K” cups that fit many coffee makers, four pound packages of coffee and “Perfect Pot” packages for 12 cup coffee makers. Stop by the coffee cart during the coffee hour for more information or to place an order.

### **Spring Into Summer:**

**May 28** *Summer Worship Schedule Begins*  
**One Worship service at 9:30 am**

**June 4** **Worship at 9:30 am**  
 Recognition of High School Graduates

**June 11** Worship at 9:30 am; Commissioning of Mission Trip participants  
 Baptism Class at 10:30 am

**June 18-24** Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky

**June 18** Worship at 9:30 am – Father’s Day

YTD Financial Results as of:	05/14/23
General Fund Receipts	\$379,819
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$395,111
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$15,292)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$63,988
 Building Fund Balance	 \$197,994

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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