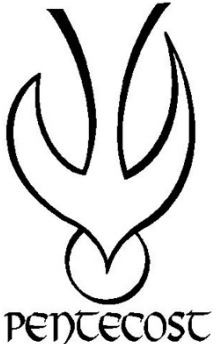


## Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

May 28, 2023



**Welcome to worship.** Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's establishment of the church — the body of Christ that still embraces and empowers all. Welcome! 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.

**Summer Worship Hour continues each week:** 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.

**Summer Office Hours:** On Fridays, 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.

**Funeral Service this week:** We will host a visitation and funeral service for the family and friends of Jerry Laughery at St. Matthew's on Wednesday, May 31, with visitation beginning at 5 pm and the service at 7 pm with Pastor Ann Williams officiating.

**Wednesday Bible study with Pastor Ann** will be on summer hiatus until fall, when it will resume meeting on the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 6.

**Graduating Seniors to be Celebrated on June 4<sup>th</sup>** On Sunday, June 4th at the 9:30 worship service, we will recognize and celebrate St. Matthew's Class of 2023, with a cake reception to follow. We have been blessed by the service and participation of this group of young people. We will miss them as they begin a new chapter full of opportunities and discovery.

**St. Matt's 1st Fridays Book Group** Join us for the last book of the 2022-23 discussion year on Friday, June 2. For the last discussion, we will enjoy some social time and snacks at 6:15pm with the discussion following. Bring something to share, or just come and enjoy. The book for discussion is *West With Giraffes: A Novel*, by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages. Watch for the 2023-2024 booklist to be released this summer!

**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. The next class will be held in September.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, May 28, 2023



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

June 18-24--With this year's trip coming up soon, and after reviewing our budget based on recent fundraisers, we are coming to you with a special ask. 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.

**St. Matthew's Summer Meet Ups:** We meet up at various locations in the community throughout the summer for fun & conversation.

**Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-9:00pm at The Landing at Hoyt Park, 1800 N. Swan Blvd. Wauwatosa

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-11:00am at Colectivo, 6745 W. Wells St., Wauwatosa. Look for the St. Matt's table top sign. These gatherings are for everyone and all are always welcome! Bring a Friend!

### **Vacation Bible School 2023: July 31 – August 4**

Those entering Jr. K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will gather mornings for a week of fellowship and fun with the theme: "Operation Restoration: Mending God's World" Registration is open to all right now at this link: <https://bit.ly/3BKEKqp-VBS>

**We still need volunteers!** 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://bit.ly/41NV3x3-helpVBS>

### **Transformational Love: Greater Milwaukee Synod RIC Ministry Team's Annual**

**Pride Worship, 6:00-8:00:** The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to join us at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee WI 53215, on Thursday, June 1, for our annual Pride worship service. This year's theme reminds us that we are all "Born in God's Image," and "Reborn in Christ's TRANSformational Love." For details about the pre-party, the worship service, and the snacks & social fellowship time afterward, please see the attached poster, check out [milwaukeeesyndod.org/event/2023-pride-worship/](http://milwaukeeesyndod.org/event/2023-pride-worship/) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/3398801943715525/?ref=newsfeed>, or email [r...@gmselca.org](mailto:r...@gmselca.org). **PLUS**, we'll have a choir, which will rehearse at Ascension from 5:30-6:15 (right before the worship service).

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

**Adult Mission Trip 2023 - Come to a planning meeting on Sunday morning June 11** We are planning on going to Sanibel Island Florida area where hurricane Ian made landfall. With all the hurricane destruction they have experienced, SBP (St. Bernard Project) has opened an office there and are ready to accept volunteers. We are planning a kickoff meeting for those who are interested in going on this trip. We will go over plans and schedules. **Info Meeting: Sunday, June 11 After the 9:30 service in the conference room** This will be a self-funded trip that will not only bring together a group of adults with a common purpose but also give us time for fellowship with each other. If you have any questions, you can contact Al Land at [mktval@wi.rr.com](mailto:mktval@wi.rr.com) or Al Van Lith at [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org)

**Living After Loss** - Grief Education & Support Facilitated by Candace Romano/Certified Grief Educator Meets Mondays from 1:00-2:30 in the Upper Room  
*"I know the heartbreak of loss, and while I know we don't 'get over it,' we can grow around our pain and experience peace again."* Continues weekly; new attendees should contact Candy Romano. [candacedromano@gmail.com](mailto:candacedromano@gmail.com)

**Jeff, John and Jesus** invite you to a time of sharing as we continue to learn and welcome all into the community of Christ. Come to hear the stories that Jeff and John have to share. Maybe you have some to share, too! Two summer evening opportunities for this:

Tuesday June 20, 6:30-8:00

Thursday, July 13, 6:30-8:00



**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. 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. Please leave donations in the collection area outside the church office. Thank you.

**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.

## Schedule of Healing Services for the summer

Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward, along with their support persons or family members.

**Sunday, June 11 In Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday, July 23 In Worship 9:30am**

**Sunday, August 20 - In Worship 9:30am**

YTD Financial Results as of:	05/21/23
General Fund Receipts	\$393,051
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$395,111
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$2,059)
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$63,988
 Building Fund Balance	 \$180,105

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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