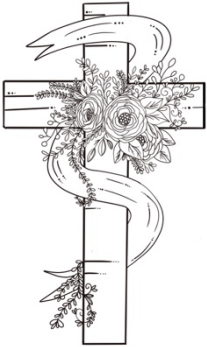


# Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

May 7, 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.

**Adult Education:** 9:45-10:45am Today: **"Welcoming All"** The conversation continues. What can we continue to learn that could help us expand our welcome to those in the LGBTQ community? Using guidance from the ELCA's Reconciling Works, we'll learn about the community building benefit of engaging in "one to one" visits. We'll also preview the 2009 ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality. This 48 page document is the ELCA's official guidance on key matters, such as marriage, family, same-gender relationships, protection of children and youth, and more.

**Women's Group Meets today in the Youth Room from 9:45-10:45** - All women are welcome to stop by the women's group whenever you are available. There is good conversation, sharing and discussion We are excited to have Pastor Ann join us for a talk and discussion. We meet in the Youth Room next to Fellowship Hall and all are always welcome! Questions? Reach out to Katie Nickel; [katiernickel@gmail.com](mailto:katiernickel@gmail.com).

**Healing Service today after the 8:30 service** Those desiring special healing prayers for themselves and/or other are invited to come forward, along with their support persons or family members.

**It's Name Tag Sunday** and it's also **New Member Sunday!** Please join us during the coffee time at 9:45 to welcome new members and enjoy some coffee and treats.

**What is "Equipping the Saints" Synod Mission Appeal?** Today we welcome Conor Williams, who will share a message about the value of the focus of the synod appeal. 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, who have been sharing information through weekly Temple Talks about the Synod's Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal. **On May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Bishop Paul Erickson as guest preacher**, and there will be an opportunity to make a commitment gift to this appeal during worship services. Check out this website for more information: <https://www.equippingthesaintsgms.org>

**Deborah Circle** will meet on Tuesday May 9 at 11:30am at Maggiano's at Mayfair.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, May 7, 2023

**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.

### **Combined KFC & DOC –Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00pm**

#### **First – Fifth Graders: It's time for us to gather for Food, Games, Prayer, and Fun!**

Join Donna Manke in the youth room for pizza. We will then play Capture the Flag in the education wing. Please join us for this time of fellowship and fun. Cost is \$5.00

### **Next Sunday:**

#### **Bishop Paul Erickson to be our guest preacher on May 14 at both services**

We are pleased to welcome our ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson as our guest preacher on Sunday, May 14, at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Bishop Erickson will share the Gospel Message as well as share with us the Good News of the Equipping the Saints Synod Mission Appeal. (*More Information in the Voice*) Bishop Erickson has spent much of his ministry working in cross-cultural settings and has traveled extensively to visit global companions in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Tanzania. He feels called to lead the church as it explores ways to move forward with curiosity, courage, compassion, and collaboration.



#### **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. We are so grateful for you! 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.

*Our Older Adult Ministries Group: SAINTS:*

**Looking forward to May 17, here's the topic:**

**"Smart Moves: Getting Down-sized and Organized"**

Studies show clutter can add stress to our everyday lives. The stress can impact our physical and emotional well-being. This presentation gives tips on sorting through the "stuff and treasures" so we can gain peace of mind. We'll learn how to best downsize papers, books, photos, collectibles, tools, furniture; you name it. Our speaker will be Certified Senior Move Manager Melinda Stuart, whose firm Smart Moves was founded in 2003 to help seniors transition through the many choices and chores involved in downsizing and moving. She is a member of the National Association of Senior and Specialty Move Managers.

As usual, a box lunch will be available at a suggested donation of \$11/person. Guests and friends are welcome always. Sign up at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

### **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. Click on the link below and fill out the form no later than July 16th. An individual form needs to be submitted for each volunteer. 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>

### **Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project.**

Your purchase helps provide sustainable incomes for the farmers growing these coffees. While we try to maintain an inventory of the basic coffee in drip grind and bean and the Peaberry coffee in drip and bean, there are many other 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.

**Are you a Yoga Participant? Consider supporting Allies for Teens in Foster Care** with a donations-based class for Allies at Tosa Yoga Center, **today, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm**. The location is 6734 W. North Avenue. Teacher is Stephanie K.

**Music Sunday is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** At both services, Bells Angels and the Senior Choir will be presenting special music highlighting the gift of music and the talents of our musicians. During the coffee time, there will be a reception honoring David Mohr as he retires after 35 years of leadership of the Senior choir at st. Matthew's.

## During the Month of May:

- May 7** 8:30, Receive New Members  
9:45, New member reception  
9:45, Welcoming All – Adult Education  
9:45, Women's Group  
11:00, Teacher Appreciation Brunch  
12:00-2:00, KFC/DOC Children's ministry
- May 14** Bishop Paul Erickson is our Guest Preacher  
Mother's Day and Blessing of the Quilts  
8:30, 3- & 4-year-olds lead Table Prayer  
Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal Synod Pledge opportunity
- May 21** Music Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am for Bells Angels and Senior Choir  
Last day of Sunday School  
9:45, Retirement Reception for David Mohr, Senior Choir director
- May 28** Summer Worship Schedule Begins  
One Worship service at 9:30 am

YTD Financial Results as of:	04/30/23
General Fund Receipts	\$331,147
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$316,048
Over/(Under) Budget	\$15,099
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$63,988
 ELCA - Lenten Water Project Collected	 \$12,500
 Building Fund Balance	 \$194,556

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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