

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

June 25, 2023



Welcome to worship. Members and guests, we're so glad you're here, for your presence expands and enlivens our worship. Let us praise God together! 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.

Altar flowers have been provided by Joanne Ziarek in memory of the 84th wedding anniversary of her parents on June 24th and of the passing of her sister Patty on the same day in 2020.

A library book has been given to the church library by Emily & Abby Chiesa in honor of Joe & Lisa Chiesa's 29th wedding anniversary.

Child for Baptism: **Kannon David Hintz**, child of Sarah and Trevor Hintz, Milwaukee, was born September 12, 2022. Sponsors are Gretchen Kuchinski and Jeremy Hintz.

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Our Mission Trip group returned last evening! We look forward to hearing about their trip and their experiences during worship on Sunday, July 9th. Please join us!

Run to Rebuild Mission Trip (June 18-24)

Ethan Antczak
Kate Charlson
Merrigan Cook
Calli Dahlgren
Jake Dahlgren
Clare Kasdorf
Jeremiah Finley
Claire Foley
Julia Fossum
Tyler Goeckermann
Jinru Granger
Annie Hyland

Kate Iding
Kateri Kirchner
Kylie MacIntosh
Eli Schaar
Owen Schaar
Sophia Searing
Stephen Searing
Sam Slager
Lila Thomas
Victoria Vorpapel
Grace Williams
Michaela Wolter

Adult Chaperones:

Jenna Antczak
Patti Foley
Kevin Slager
Thaurra Stalling
Tom Templeman
Mike Wolter

Trip Leader:

Gretchen Haugse



Bulletin Insert for Sunday, June 25, 2023

Vacation Bible School 2023: July 31 – August 4

Those entering Jr. K through 5th 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—or use the QR code!

<https://bit.ly/3BKEKqp-VBS>

We still need volunteers! Looking forward to having you join our team! Use the QR code on the far right to sign up to help.

<https://bit.ly/41NV3x3-helpVBS>



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

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 11:00-1:00 at Uncle Julio’s Restaurant, 245 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield (in Brookfield Square parking lot)

Look for the St. Matt's table top sign. These gatherings are for everyone and all are always welcome! Bring a Friend!



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! This will be a different session than the one held on June 20.

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

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, July 23 In Worship 9:30am

Sunday, August 20 - In Worship 9:30am

First Fridays Book Group New List out for 2023-24! Check at the Welcome Center or across from church office for the full list. Want to start reading early? Here are the first two books:

October: *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
November: *That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour*,
By Sunita Puri

Eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero & Support the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky!

Certificates Available in Church Office Planning to eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero in the village? Then stop in the office to buy some gift certificates to pay for your meal. The certificates cost \$5 a piece and are worth \$5 toward the food that you purchase. St. Matthew's earns \$1 for every certificate, which supports the Youth Mission Trip. Certificates are available in the office Thanks for your support!

Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. Your purchase enables farmers in the Mt. Meru region of Tanzania to better support their families and enjoy a higher standard of living. In addition to our regular premium coffee in drip grind and bean, regular or decaf, one of the unique coffees we offer is our extra premium Peaberry coffee. This coffee is derived from berries that have a single bean. These beans are lightly roasted for an extra special flavor and are less acidic. This coffee comes in regular only, drip or bean. For those who want a regular coffee but would like something less acidic, this is a good choice.

Stop by the coffee cart during the coffee hour for more information or to place an order.

Altar Flower & Library Book Sign-Up: You are invited to sign up for altar flowers or a library book for a special occasion which will be noted in the bulletin. Flowers are \$35 and will be ordered from Alfa Flower shop by the office staff. Please make out a check and mark it for altar flowers. You can sign up to donate a book to the library. A book will be chosen for the occasion and you will be notified of which book was chosen. Library books are \$20. This is a great way to support St. Matthew's worship and library ministries in a meaningful way. The Sign-up Book is at the Welcome Center.

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.

A large-print bulletin is available from an usher. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshiping with, please take one.

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study: Come join us from 6:30-7:30 am on Monday mornings to study and discuss scripture. Matthew 4:4 – *Jesus answered: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"* We meet in the Upper room at St. Matthew's. All men are welcome! Start your new year off right!

Get the St. Matthew's App. A new way to be connected and a shortcut to the important ways to connect to the information you want you to know. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code here, then follow the instructions on your phone.



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 Hauge.

Call Committee Update: The call committee is in the process of interviewing and evaluating as they are presented by the synod. If the committee determines any of the candidates match closely to the skills and experiences identified in our profile and has the gifts necessary to lead us toward our visioning objectives, second interviews will be pursued. Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as their work progresses in finding a candidate for Lead Pastor that is the right fit for St. Matthew's. Our Call Committee is made up of *Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

Remember to check our website for:

- This week's bulletin announcements
- The latest issue of the Voice newsletter
- The church calendar
- The Sunday worship bulletin
- Prayer Request form for immediate needs
- Link to membership directory

www.stmattslutheran.org



Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing
Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Hauge, Lynne Thomas
Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.
Music Minister: John Paradowski.
Music Staff: 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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