

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

July 2, 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. Juice is available as an alternative to wine, in the center of each communion tray. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

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!

Next Week, July 9th: Join us as the Mission trip youth and adults lead worship and give reflections on the week in Kentucky when they worked to repair homes damaged in the extensive flooding from last year. We look forward to this opportunity to hear what their week was like and what they were able to accomplish.

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>

Sign Up
Now!



Bulletin Insert for Sunday, July 2, 2023



St. Matthew's Summer Meet Ups for JULY:

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00-1:00 at Uncle Julio's Restaurant, 245 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield (in Brookfield Square parking lot) Join us for lunch at this popular and delicious restaurant.

Saturday, July 22, 5:00-8:00pm Christopher Kent at The Landing Beer Garden St. Matthew's member, Christopher Kent, will be the musical entertainment at the Landing Beer Garden at Hoyt Park on July 22, from 5-8pm. He invites you to join him for an evening of American roots music in folk, rock, blues and the broader Americana music genre. A number of songs are faith based giving praise and glory to God. *(Consider coming early to get good seats!)*

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.

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

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.

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

Weeding Wednesdays return! Consider joining us to help weed our flower gardens around church **this Wednesday, July 5, from 7:00-8:00pm**. Bring whatever garden tools you'd normally use to remove weeds. You'll be advised where around the grounds your work might be needed most. One hour x several people = lots of weeds removed!

No Saints gathering in July: We're looking forward to the August gathering when we will welcome meteorologist Drew Burgoyne from CBS 58-TV.

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, we offer four flavored coffees - Butter Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry, French Vanilla and Hazelnut.

These coffees come in 10 oz. bags in regular or decaf and drip grind for \$10. We usually do not maintain an inventory of these coffees but they can be ordered by Sunday and will be available by Wednesday. Stop by the coffee cart to place an order or for more information.

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.

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



YTD Financial Results as of:	06/25/23
General Fund Receipts	\$456,460
General Fund Budget (total monthly)	\$395,111
Over/(Under) Budget	\$61,349
 Benevolence Disbursements	 \$74,648
 Building Fund Balance	 \$186,061

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.
Interim Senior Choir Director: Alexa Doebele.
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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