

# Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

September 10, 2023



**On this first Sunday of the new program year,** we welcome everyone to St. Matthew's, where all may share in worshipping God and growing in faith.

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 or place it in the offering plate.

**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.

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

**A Library Book** has been donated to the church library by Abby Chiesa in honor of Emily's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Rally Day "In the Beginning"** We celebrate the beginning of fall programming including Sunday School, adult education, and fall worship schedule with two Sunday morning worship services, at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Children aged 3 years (as of Sept. 1) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome at Sunday School from 9:45-10:45am.



## **New This Fall: One Story in Worship--Narrative Lectionary**

The readings follow the biblical story, from Genesis through the patriarchs, kings and prophets in the Old Testament, to Christmas and Easter, and finish with readings from the early Church in the New Testament. Our hope as Pastors is to help you to better know the whole story of the Bible. There are now Bibles in the pew for you to use for the scripture reading. We invite you to bring your own Bible to worship this fall. Learn more about the Narrative Lectionary at next Sunday's Adult Education Session (Sept. 17 at 9:45 am).

**Repairers of the Breach Bag Lunches** are assembled this morning during the Education Hour, at 9:30 am in the lower main kitchen. Volunteers are needed! Twice each month, we assemble about 100 lunches for one day's lunches at Repairers of the Breach Homeless Outreach Center on Vliet St. in Milwaukee.

**Wednesday Bible Study** with Pastor Ann begins this Wednesday, September 13 and runs from 10:00-11:00 am in the Upper Room. Everyone is welcome.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, September 10, 2023

### Children in Worship: Come Visit the PRAY GROUND!

It is a place for young kids to engage in drawing, writing, blocks and other activities during the worship service, and close enough to the altar so they can see what is happening during worship. We are going to try it out this fall, and adjust as the weeks go on.

**Q: "What if it is distracting to me?"**

A: It probably will be! Kids make noise, drop things and move around... AND so do the rest of us (have you ever heard a phone ring during church?) Community life can be messy, but Jesus calls all of us into a Beloved Community.

**Adult Education Gatherings begin:** We'll gather at 9:45 am in the Upper Room each week.

Sept. 10: Learn about the Narrative Lectionary; our Scripture plan for 2023-24

Sept. 17: St. Matthew's New PRAY GROUND – sanctuary space for kids

Sept. 24: Meeting Paul Anew, with Dan Bice

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

**Sunday, September 17 after the 8:30 worship service**

**SAINTS Gathering – Please note – New Topic!** – Wed. Sept. 20  
**Historic Milwaukee Inc. presents an Early History of Milwaukee.**

This exploration of Milwaukee history, covering the Prehistoric, Village and Commercial periods of Milwaukee's early development, is

intended to build upon a basic understanding of Milwaukee's development. Begins at 11:30 am. Our presenter will be Frank Matusinec, a long-time HMI tour guide and volunteer.

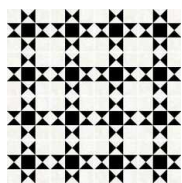
**We're changing up our lunch menu for September.** Choose from City Market's *Roast Turkey* or *Black Forest Ham*. Sign Up at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Lunch suggested donation is \$11.00.



### Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades Begins on September 13th

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will take place on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:15 beginning on September 13th. Parents are asked to attend this first class on September 13th, which will include an orientation. Questions? Contact Pastor Karen or Gretchen Hauge or by calling the church office.

### Kick off the 20th season of the *Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry* next Saturday, Sept. 16



We invite YOU to kick off our special 20<sup>th</sup> season this fall on **Saturday, September 16th** in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and come help with simple tasks during this work day scheduled from 9:00am-1:00pm. Bring your own lunch and beverage. All levels are welcome as there are plenty of tasks for all! Please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or [bevetz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevetz@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders to Receive Bibles on September 17th** This year's 2nd graders will receive Bibles at the 8:30 worship service on September 17th. Following the service, 2nd graders and their parents will attend a class on using their new bibles. *If you didn't receive a Bible in a previous year, you are welcome to receive one this year!*

**Men: You're Invited to the MEN'S BREAKFAST on September 23, 7:30 to 9:00am**

*Meet fellow men of St. Matthew's and feel free to invite your friends! Free will offering accepted* Speaker: Allen Ruppel, who is the founder of Unity in Motion, which grew from a karate class to a non-profit corporation that works with Milwaukee central city youth. Allen is also Co-Founder and President of the Unity in Hope School System Inc. operating in the poorest area of Islamabad, Pakistan. Join us on Sept. 23 for a great breakfast and an interesting speaker.

**Choirs are beginning soon – This is a great opportunity and join in the music-making.**

Adults, youth and children are all welcome in one or more of our choirs, both singing and handbell choirs. All the information about our choirs is on our website:

**[StMattsLutheran.org/music-ministry](http://StMattsLutheran.org/music-ministry)**

Find out which choir is for you or your children, and when they will begin. Questions? Ask John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves, or call the church office.

**OFH Run Ride Walk is September 30**

**Help us to raise \$10,000 from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**

Together, we hope to raise \$160K for grants to our Ministry Partners serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA! St. Matthew's raised about \$7,000 last year; this year our goal is \$10,000! Can you help us reach it?

Pay-what-you-can registration includes a free event t-shirt, picnic lunch, and access to our online fundraising platform.

*Visit Beth Schulz in the Upper Commons near the worship entrance to learn more.*



**Sign up now to join the Adult Mission Trip 2023**

We are going to go to New Orleans, LA for our Adult Mission Trip this year. We will be traveling Sunday October 15 and returning Saturday October 21. We will be working for Opportunity Housing, building for people who lost their homes to Hurricanes Katrina, Isaac and Ida. If you are interested in going, please let Al in the office know. **A deposit of \$250 is due by September 10** to hold your space in the group.

*Attention Parents! (and parents-to-be)*

**There is a baptism Class coming up, Sept. 24**

These classes will be offered about four times per year and taught by one of the pastors. If you want to have your child baptized or if you are expecting a child, mark your calendar!

**Sept. 24th 2023**

**January 14th 2024**

**April 14, 2024**

## Thank you to our Assistants for worship services today!

*(It's possible some of these people have switched dates since the bulletin was printed on Thursday morning. "Open" means this spot was not filled when bulletin was printed.)*

Volunteer Host: Flash Gordon

Coffee Hosts: Laura Hyland, Don Birschel

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Joanne Ziarek.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Pam Stokke-Ceci, Craig Siwy. (11:00) Joyce Biehn, Marion Heinz.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Noah Weileder, Pat Gardner. (11:00) Robin Bloczynski, Hannah Malloy.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Leslie Gardner, Karla Baierl, Tim Goetsch. (11:00) Alice Rudebusch, Julie Schmidt.

Acolytes: (8:30) Luke Grove, *open*. (11:00), Ella Iding.

Ushers: (8:30) Jim Bowen, Bob Haglund, Mary Ann Gordon, Dave Fagerberg. (11:00) Jacob Bartlett, *open*.

Greeters: (8:30) Bob & Theresa Zwaska, Christy & Craig Siwy, Megan Carroll. (11:00) Jacob Dahlgren, Kristin Hanson, Youa Reinicker.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Levi Kirchner, Rob Weileder. (11:00) Eli Schaar, Brian Smith.

Library Assistant: *Open*.

**Are you on the list of assistants??** If not, please consider helping on a Sunday morning with one of these tasks. It's a great way to get involved, meet people, and contribute to the Sunday morning worship experience for our church. Scheduling can be worked into your own schedule, and switching dates can always be arranged if you end up with a personal schedule change. Contact Al Van Lith at [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org).



**Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project.** If you enjoy the coffee during our coffee hour after the 9:30 service or any time here at St. Matthew's, you are drinking Mt. Meru coffee. This coffee is available in regular or decaf, drip grind or bean, in many sizes and varieties. Stop by the coffee cart and purchase some today.

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.

Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.

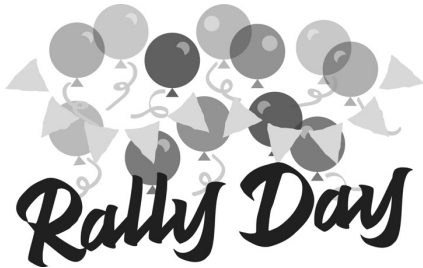
Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



Link thru your smart phone camera to give to St. Matthew's

# Sunday School Classes Begin Today

## 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Sunday School classes begin today for 3-year-olds through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. All children should report to the locations listed below at 9:45 a.m. ***1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.*** Sunday School ends at 10:45 a.m.

### Traditional Sunday School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
Three-year-olds	Doreen Steinbock	Room 103
4K	Victoria Vorpapel, Molly Leto	Room 105
5K	Sarah Collins	Room 107

### Middle School

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Patti Foley	Room 207
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Chris Lange	Room next to lower kitchen

***All Rooms will be labeled with grade and teacher.***

### Rotational Sunday School, Grades 1-5

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

#### **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shepherds:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Katie Daul, Corianna Cavazos
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Nancy Wilke
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Renee Szafir & Lindsey Skaife
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rachel Downey
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Anne-Marie Nickel

### Welcome Back to Sunday School!

**Questions about Sunday School? Contact Gretchen Hauge, 414-774-0441**