

Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

November 5, 2023



All Saints' Sunday

Welcome to worship this All Saints' Sunday. As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, we also rejoice to be called saints of God through baptism.

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.

Altar flowers are provided by Rachel & Kevin Hume in honor of Hayley's 18th birthday.

Special Thanks to Julia Murphy for leading our music today, filling in for John Paradowski.

Name Tag Sundays are back! Please put on a name tag this morning so that we may become better acquainted with each other.

All Saints Sunday – November 5th Remembering with Thanksgiving

During our **All Saints Sunday Remembrance** on November 5th we will hold up cards with the names of those whose lives have walked the paths before us and beside us in faith.

Today's Adult Forum: (9:45 am in the Upper Room) All Saints Reflection

Join us for a reflective presentation on grief shared by Candy Romano. Candy is a certified grief educator who offers grief support groups here weekly. She does it to honor her sister, who died on All Saints Day 5 years ago. The Healing Prayer Ministry will also be present to offer care and healing.

The monthly St. Matt's Women's Group meets this Sunday 9:45-10:45am in the Youth Room. This month's topic will be all about saying no to be able to say yes. As always there will be plenty of conversation, thought provoking prompts, and opportunities to grow relationships with other women and Jesus. All are welcome!

Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting, Sunday, November 5th

To find out where we'll be going and what we'll be doing on next summer's Youth Mission Trip, come to the **information meeting THIS Sunday, November 5th at 12:00**. The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth.

This annual service trip is a great faith and community building experience as we work together to use our hands to do God's work, our minds to learn more about God's creation, and our hearts to reach out in compassion. Come to the info meeting to find out about next summer's experience!

Bulletin Insert for Sunday, November 5, 2023

New Member Classes continue today – *Conference Room, next to church office*

Last class today, from 9:45-10:45.

New Members will be received on Sunday, November 12th at the 8:30 service.

Fall Stewardship Campaign – “I Love Our Church”

Please take a moment to consider God’s blessings in your life. Then reflect on how St. Matthew’s Church has most supported you or what it is you love about our church! You should have received a stewardship mailing through USPS; if not, pick up an envelope from the table in the Commons. Pledges will be blessed during worship on Nov. 12th to become support for God’s work through St. Matthew’s in the coming year.

I Love Our Church



*Every time I think of you,
I give thanks to my God. Phil. 1:3*

Sunday, November 12 – Consecration Sunday - Pledges blessed in worship services

Three Items to Complete for your Stewardship Packet (online or hard copy)

Pledge card

<https://tinyurl.com/Pledge2024>

Activities and Ministries Form

<https://tinyurl.com/Act-Min>

Information Update

<https://tinyurl.com/StewUpdate2024>

Congregational Survey: If you haven’t yet taken the survey sent out by email this week, you can take it now by using your smartphone and this QR code. Our church council is taking the pulse of the congregation by gathering these responses. Thank you for your participation and input. *Please complete by November 6.*



We Want Your Opinion



Upcoming Adult Education: *Join us, and let's learn together!* We'll gather at 9:45 am in the Upper Room each week.

November 12 -- What is a Prophet - Pastor Karen and Pastor Ann

With 15 books of the Bible named after prophets, and the prophets quoted 77 times in the Gospels and 98 times in the rest of the New Testament, you might be curious about their role among God’s people. Not only will we talk about the prophetic voices in the Bible, but also what it means to offer a prophetic word today. Because in Acts 2, Peter declares that all God’s people will become prophets—or interpreters—of the word and the world.

Stephen Ministry We will be offering a Stephen Minister training class in Winter 2024! If you are interested and feel called to explore this ministry further please contact a Stephen Leader; Pastor Ann, Ginny Cleppe, Carl Johnson or Sue Swing. Or, leave a note at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons and we will follow up with you.

Saints Older Adults Gathering coming up Wednesday, November 15, 11:30 am

Topic is: "Music That Makes Us Smile" with Greg Jenks

We all know that music has the power to affect our emotional experiences and during these divisive times that we find ourselves, what better way to forget about all of that than to listen to music that makes us feel good. Greg Jenks is a retired school psychologist, homebrewer, amateur actor and singer. This presentation will sample a number of different songs via video guaranteed to put a smile on your face. **Sign Up for Saints Gatherings at the Welcome Center or in the church office.** Box lunches are ordered from City Market; suggested donation is \$11.

Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ – Attention Parents of 1st thru 5th graders

Let's gather for Food, Games, Prayer, and Fun! Join Donna Gardner Manke in the youth room for pizza. We will then play Capture the Flag in the education wing. Please join us. Call the church office to sign up 414-774-0441 (or sign up thru the church emails). It is helpful to know numbers, so we have enough food. Friends are welcome! Cost is \$5.00

KFC: 1st -3rd graders are invited to join us for Kids for Christ! Sunday, Nov 5th 12-2pm

DOC: 4th – 5th graders -- join us for Disciples of Christ! Sun., Nov 19th 12-2pm

Reformation Needs Your Help!

There are two ways that we can help Reformation serve their neighborhood:

- 1) Donate household products to be given out to neighbors at their monthly SONshine Pantry. Especially in need of Cleaning items.
- 2) Donate diapers (all sizes) for the Reformation Baby Fest on Nov. 18th.

Please check out the details of these needs at this link, or pick up a list at the Welcome Center or across from the church office.



QR Code connects to a list.

City Tins for Sale Thru November 15th! - *Proceeds Support Youth Mission Trip*

It's City Tins time again – just in time for the holidays!

City Tins are filled with 20 or more coaster gift cards, each worth \$10 off a \$30 tab at different venues in a variety of Wisconsin cities. The cost of the tins, which make perfect birthday or Christmas gifts, is \$30. You can pre-order City Tins at the display in the Commons or by ordering online at this link: <https://citytins.com/discount/STMATTS>. Your order will be credited to St. Matthew's. If you order online, the tins will be shipped directly to you. If you order at the Commons display, we will notify you when your tins are here. **Order now through Nov. 15th!**

St. Matthew's Christmas Season Singers

Come and be a part of St. Matthew's Holiday Music tradition.

You are invited to Sing in the Season. Join the singers of the Senior Choir, short term, during this holiday season. Two opportunities are:

St. Matthew's Christmas Pageant - December 10, 2023 – 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Rehearsals begin Thursday, November 9 at 7:15 to about 8:00. We will work on Pageant music during the first part of the rehearsal. Dates: November 9, 16, 30, and December 7 at 7:15. Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 Dress Rehearsal.

St. Matthew's Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2023 at 7:30

Stay on with the Senior Choir and sing for Christmas Eve at the 7:30 service on Sunday, December 24. Rehearsals continue from December 7, 14, 21 at 7:15.

Sing in the Season! Questions? Contact: John Paradowski – JRPmuzik@yahoo.com or Alexa Doebele – treblemakr@gmail.com

Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry helps to deliver Christmas blessings – next workshop day is Saturday, November 18th and You are Welcome

We committed to supplying ten large sacks to be delivered to the local foster homes through Allies for Teens in Foster Care. What a lovely sight to see a full Christmas bag of gifts on Christmas morning. Please join us on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm in Fellowship Hall as we finish these Christmas sacks, so they can be filled with blessings. Simple instructions are provided. Other tasks to work on are easy pinning, tying and organizing of quilts and receiving blankets. Bring a lunch and beverage of your own and come to work with friends on November 18th! Any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net

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: Pam Stokke-Ceci.

Acolytes: (8:30) Jack Clark, *open*. (11:00) Ella Iding, *open*.

Coffee Hosts: Jenny Acompanado, *open*.

Communion Preparers: (8:30) Nancy Bowen, Carrie Ralfs. (11:00) Hannah Malloy, Julie Schmidt.

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Karla Baierl, Caroline and Maggie Wanezek. (11:00) Marion Heinz, Alice Rudebusch.

Greeters: (8:30) Ken Voigt, Donna & Mike Gifford, Betty Williams. (11:00) Debra & Allan Land, Youa Reinicker, Carl & Eileen Lund.

Lay Readers: (8:30) Anne-Marie Nickel. (11:00) Doreen Steinbock.

Ushers: (8:30) Don Birschel, David Fagerberg, Flash & Mary Ann Gordon, Robert Haglund, Mary Ellen Millenbach, Rob Sholl, James Bowen, *captain*. (11:00) Maggie Dugan, Steve Mielke.

Lay Assistant: (8:30) Anne-Marie Nickel.

Welcome Center Host: (8:30) *open*.

Library Assistant: Linda Wunderlich.

Stephen Minister: Carl Johnson.

Worship Technology: (8:30) Grant Nickel, Michael Wolaver. (11:00) Edward Bross, Stephen Skaife.

YTD Financial Results as of:		10/29/23
General Fund Receipts		\$749,263
General Fund Budget (total monthly)		\$758,709
Over/(Under) Budget		(\$9,446)
Benevolence Disbursements		\$127,217
Building Fund Balance		\$199,891

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.
Interim Senior Choir Director: Alexa Doebele.
Music Staff: Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes
Technology Coordinator: Brian Smith.
Custodial Staff: Marsha Olson, Dave Fagerberg, Bob Gardner.
Church Administrator: Al Van Lith.
Office Staff: Bridget Smith, Sonja Mohr.



Link thru your smart
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to St. Matthew's

Remembering the Saints of St. Matthew's who have died since last All Saints Sunday:



David Anderson	January 28, 2023
Helen Bessert	December 30, 2022
Evelyn Bollinger	October 17, 2023
Mae Brielmaier	September 7, 2023
Arnold Fuerstenberg	June 15, 2023
Deann Gjenvick	March 10, 2023
David Johnson	December 15, 2022
Shirley Kaisler	April 30, 2023
Carol Keller	November 27, 2022
Kent Krueger	April 21, 2023
Honora Kumm	March 16, 2023
Jerry Laughery	May 17, 2023
Lowell Timm	May 5, 2023
Edward Weiskotten	November 29, 2022

Scripture for All Saints Sunday - November 5, 2023

1st Reading -- Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

2nd Reading -- 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Reading -- Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."