

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - July 7, 2019



Vacation Bible School registration is now open to community members! If you know of a family who might be interested, but they're not members of St. Matthew's, they are welcome to register! There is no fee for St. Matthew's VBS program. Sign up by August 2! The dates are August 5-9, from 8:45-11:45 am., and it is open to children going into 4K through 5th grade (the grade they'll be in this fall). Registration forms at the Welcome Center and also on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/StMattsVBS2019>

Adult Volunteers are still needed for Vacation Bible School. If you can help, even just for 2-3 days, please sign up. Older youth are also welcome to volunteer their time. Deadline for youth volunteers is July 21. Sign up today! Forms are available at the Welcome Center and across from the church office, as well as on our website.

Summer Worship Schedule is:

7:30am

8:30am and

10:15am

through Labor Day weekend.

The 7:30 service in summer is a shortened 30-35 minute prayer service with a Gospel message and music, celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays of the month.

St. Matthew's Men's Softball Team continues each Tuesday evening as part of the church league, rotating locations between Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut, Wauwatosa and Whitman Middle School, 11100 W. Center St., Wauwatosa. Michael Kruse manages the team.

Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30pm vs. ChristKing/St. Jude at Whitman Middle School

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm vs.

St. Bernard at Hart Park

Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30pm vs. First Cong. at Whitman North

NEXT SUNDAY! Mission Trip Story to be Shared at Worship Services on July 14th

The large group of teens and adults who recently spent a week in Houston repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey will share stories of their experience on Sunday, July 14th at the 8:30 and 10:15 services. We look forward to sharing the highlights of our week of serving through word, music, and images. Plan on being there to hear the story!

Coming up this week:

Monday, July 8

6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible St.
9:30, LaLeche League Meeting
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers' Support Group
6:00, Youth Committee Mtg.
6:00, Human Resources Comm.
7:00, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

7:30, Men's Softball at Whitman North

Wednesday:

1:00, Program Staff Fall Brainstorming
6:00, LAC Board Meeting

Friday:

2:00, Office Closes - Summer hours

Summer Office Hours now in effect:

We close earlier on Fridays, at 2 p.m.
Monday through Thursday, the office is open 8:30am to 4:30 pm. **Call ahead if you're coming over the lunch hour to be certain someone is present.**

St. Matthew's Sunday Morning

Volunteers St. Matthew's uses Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) an on-line scheduling program to schedule our Sunday morning volunteers. The current schedule runs from May 5 - September 1 and is available on-line. If you would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net 414-774-0441.

Current Volunteers! Please request a Sub if you cannot be here on a scheduled date to serve!

Letterboxing Event sponsored by the Fellowship Committee is planned for Sunday, July 7 at 12:30pm

Letterboxing combines artistic ability with delightful "treasure-hunts" in beautiful, scenic places that the whole family can enjoy. Letterboxers seek out hidden boxes by following clues, and then record their discovery with hand-carved stamps. Come join us to learn more and hunt for some local letterboxes! Please dress to be in the woods and on trails!

We'll meet in Fellowship Hall to start. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for a Solid Week of Service during our Stay-At-Home Mission Trip

On behalf of the Social Ministry committee, many thanks to those who volunteered, led, organized, and participated in acts of service to feed, clean, support, and advocate for those in our community. We sent letters to legislators, hot meals and cold lunches during homeless outreach, packed meals and trimmed park land near Reformation church. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for all the regular acts of service with which you all normally engage in through your daily lives. It is for freedom and serving our neighbors that Christ has set us free!

YTD Financial Results as of:	07/02/19
General Fund Receipts	\$481,503
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$6,259
Benevolence Disbursements	\$119,783
Mortgage Note Balance	\$164,971

St. Matthew's Golf Outing:

Friday, August 2, 2019 is the 8th Annual St. Matthew's Biehn/Ireland Memorial Golf Outing which benefits the youth mission trip. The event will be held at Kettle Hills Golf course. The outing is open to all golfers, both men and women. The fees for the outing is \$80/person and includes 18 holes with cart, cabana lunch ticket (sausage & snack) and domestic beverage ticket. There are golf incentive holes for prizes, purchase raffle tickets for various prices and a 50/50 raffle both events after the golf. The event is lots of fun for everyone. Bring a friend along! See Jim Bowen or call 414-614-2799 if you have questions. Sign up at the Welcome Center!!

You're invited to sing with the Summer Choir August 11:

Here's a chance to sing with a choir on a short-term basis, on August 11. Stop by the Choir Room (2nd floor, south side of building) at 9:30 a.m., learn a piece of music for the 10:15 a.m. service, and then present it on the very same day. No long-term commitment. Youth welcome. The summer choir director is David Mohr.

Did you know how easy it is to Give Online? Go to this website link: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/>
You can designate your donation by choosing one of the options, or filling in the open choice. Questions can be directed to Al Van Lith, financial administrator.

Prayer Walk Group meets on Monday mornings and we are enjoying walking outside. Find out where we start by contacting Anne DeWitt for details: 414-840-8222.

Caregivers Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons - *Sharing joys and challenges* The caregivers group will meet on the following dates at 1 p.m. in the Upper Room. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend.

Next meeting: June 10 and 24

Cross Lutheran Community Picnic is set for Sunday, August 18. Watch the Voice and other publications for more details as time goes on!

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St. Matthew's live streams worship services: Did you miss a church service that you didn't want to miss? Are you out of town for the weekend? Can't come to church because it's physically too difficult? Check out St. Matthew's Live Stream of Worship Services on Sunday mornings. Go to our website, and click on the "Live Feed" link on the home page, just above the four boxes toward the bottom of the page. (www.stmattslutheran.org)

You can also watch most Adult Education classes.

Healing Service Schedule: All are welcome at monthly healing services

Healing services are offered monthly at St. Matthew's at a variety of times to give all the opportunity to come forward for healing prayer for themselves or others. You can share your concern with the pastor/leader at the altar, and then he/she along with the healing ministries will lay on hands and give a special prayer for your concern. Your concern can be general if you don't wish to share specifically.

Sunday, July 21, 2019	During 10:15 service
Sunday, August 25	After the 10:15 service
Sunday, Sept. 15	After the 8:30 service

Centennial Celebration - Volunteers Needed

St. Matthew's will be celebrating two 100th anniversaries in the next two years. Our congregation was organized in 1920 and the first church was opened in 1921. So, we have a lot of planning to do for us to celebrate in style. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee and five subcommittees: Historical - including updating the 75th Anniversary Book and developing and producing several videos; Visioning - developing our congregational goals; Fund Raising - to finance upgrades in the Sanctuary; Events - including a co-celebration with Cross Lutheran (they are celebrating 125 years) and a St. Matt's celebration; and finally Guest Speakers - including adult education, guest preachers, inspirational speakers and interfaith relationships. We will begin meeting in July. If you are interested, contact Pr. Chris or Darla Hium or sign up on the bulletin insert.

Summer Sunday Nights with Pastor Matt begin next Sunday, July 7th.

We'll meet for conversation and light snacks and dessert from 6:30-8:00

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like.

Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. We'll gather for discussion, study of scripture, and explore the themes of the first 4 chapters of her book, *Disunity in Christ*. You don't need to have read to participate, but it may be helpful.

I hope you'll join us as we go deeper into the culture of division pervading our lives.

Young Man for Hire:

"I am a college student home for summer looking for some work to fill in my hours when I am not at my part-time internship. I was Co-Valedictorian at Tosa West in 2017 and a National Merit Scholar and I am available for tutoring. I am a Red Cross certified babysitter and have references who will attest to how fun I am. Finally, I am not afraid to get my hands dirty and do yard work. Email me at AdamFendos@gmail.com or text me at 414.403.9585."

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will be holding auditions soon for its upcoming season. Singers in all voice parts are welcome to audition to join our 40-voice choir, singing the very finest in sacred choral literature for the past 82 years. Auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th from 7-8:30pm, Tuesday, Aug. 6th from 7-8:30pm and Saturday, Aug. 10th from 10-11:30am, and will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, where the choir also rehearses. To schedule an audition time, and for more information about the choir or the audition process, email director@lutheranacappella.org. Singers not able to audition on any of the three dates may make arrangements with the director to schedule another mutually convenient day and time.

ELCA to hold Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee this August! Volunteer Opportunities are available now. The dates are August 5-10, 2019, and it will be held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. For more information and to volunteer, go to this website: cwa19.org If you have any questions about this, speak with Pastor Matt. It's a unique opportunity to see how our large church body works and worships.

Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is:

- A trained lay volunteer
- A good listener
- Trained in confidentiality
- Supervised for quality care
- Ready to offer God's love through a caring relationship

What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

- Listens
- Encourages
- Keeps confidence
- Prays
- Supports
- Walks beside a hurting person

How to learn more?

- Talk with a Pastor
- Visit the Stephen Ministry Center in the commons
- Write your interest on a blue prayer card and place it in the offering basket

We don't know your need unless you let us know!

"Love one another -- as I have loved you." John 13:34:b



**A Word Concerning Immigration from our
ELCA Office of Advocacy and AMMPARO**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has a strong history of welcoming the stranger. Through AMMPARO, this has been strengthened. The commitment of the church to welcome migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families has been strengthened by our relationships with companion churches and our partnership with Lutheran and faith-based organizations, particularly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) in the United States and globally through the Lutheran World Federation. Family unity and the acknowledgment that there is God-given dignity in all people has been a cornerstone of advocacy by the ELCA, and we know that tearing families apart and disrupting communities goes against our Social Statement and fair and humane immigration policies.

Further, we encourage you to stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. Please do express appreciation for all existing immigrant support efforts in your locales when you call and do urge police non-cooperation with ICE in the anticipated terrifying raids upon our neighbors.

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If you feel moved to give in support of the work of LIRS and AMMPARO, you are invited to give through St. Matthew's. Simply indicate LIRS or AMMPARO on your check.

When you give to LIRS, you help the only organization that sees refugee and migrant children through the entire process of family reunification. Your donation helps when they are released to us. Your gift helps LIRS find safe places for the children to stay. Your contribution helps to reunite children with their families. And your gift helps find safe, loving foster families to care for the children who cannot be reunited with their parents or a family member.

Flower/Book Sign-Ups Needed

Your Sign-Ups are needed for the altar flower/library book/DVD sign-up notebook! Want to honor a loved one or show someone you care? Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center. For a donation of \$30.00, you may designate altar flowers, or for \$20.00 a library book or a DVD for an occasion of your choosing, and this occasion will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. The Library Committee will select the book and a bookplate will be placed in the front of the book. The church office staff orders the flowers from *Rose's Flower Shop* each week. It is best if you pay for your donations on the designated Sunday or before. Place a check in the offering plate and mark its purpose of payment, or drop off your payment in the office during the week. Thanks.

Women's Retreat at Imago Dei Village in Clintonville: This year's theme is "Lead us not into Temptation." The dates are Friday August 16 through Sunday August 18. The weekend worship and bible study leader is Pastor Kelly Taylor Schaus, giving a program "Why is 'the devil made me do it' not a valid excuse?" There are a few registration forms at the Welcome Center, or call the church office if you'd like to have a form emailed to you. There is an optional book discussion on "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. Call Amber Anderson, 262-751-0914 with any questions, or email her at: aejmand32501@gmail.com. Scholarships are available by contacting Nancy Sack, 414-545-5434 or nsack@att.net

Marilyn Day of our congregation will be helping with the music at weekend worship services. She could also tell you more about the retreat.

Gifts of Stock are Welcome

Gifts of stock are always welcome at St. Matthew's. Our brokerage account is with Robert W. Baird here in the Milwaukee area. The contact person is Curt Brewer, 262-523-5644. He can arrange to have your gift transferred directly from your account to St. Matthew's brokerage account. Consult with your tax advisor to see if this has significant advantages for you. As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office with questions.

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Just One More: Volunteers assemble packaged meals to be picked up by area churches and programs **each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Food packing takes place at 6442 River Parkway, Wauwatosa. Call the JOMM office at 414-292-5112; OR go online to the JOMM website: jomministry.org and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

Guest House: Two or three volunteers are needed for the August 11 summer cook-out. We serve dinner to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by emailing johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up.

Repairers of the Breach: We supply 100 bag lunches for the homeless twice a month. We pack the lunches at church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to provide beverages, fruit, chips and sweets and/or pack the lunches. Contact Tom Geib (414-321-3391).

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8 residents the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15 returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter; rcvetter1986@gmail.com. Next Meal: July 14

Cross Lutheran Lunch Program We serve 300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's at 10:15 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, July 24, 2019.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.