

# Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

January 2, 2022



**Welcome to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.** Today we continue to celebrate Christmas – and God's lavish gift of love, Jesus. We rejoice in your presence. May the full meaning of Christmas be real to us all ... now and always.

**The Church Office will be closed** Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**Sunday School:** Please Note that there is NO Sunday School on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Call Committee Update: Progress toward a New Lead Pastor** The Synod Staff is providing names of potential candidates, and interviews have begun. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as their work moves into a confidential period for interviews and discussion. *Members of the Call Committee: Nancy Bowen, Andrew Cherney, Diane DuBois, Brian Due, Natalie Ford Sajdak, Michael Wolaver.*

**Help Needed Today at 11:00 to take down Christmas Décor:** Please stay to help if you can, to take down and store away the Christmas decorations for next year. Especially needed are people willing to climb ladders, but all sorts of tasks are available. Thanks in advance!

**January 2 Adult Education With DAN BICE:** "Resolution: I will read a book of the Bible this year." Why is it that so many people who profess to believe the Bible never read it? The scriptures are full of compelling, weird, infuriating and mystifying material. We will help you decide which book to pick, give you some important background information, and help you come up with a plan to keep this resolution. *Beginning at 11:00 a.m., at a later time, after the 10:00 worship service.*

**Wednesday Bible Study** with Pastor Ann Williams from 10:00-11:00 a.m. each Wednesday, resumes on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to join in at any time.

**Beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>: Women's Book Discussion,** Three Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." Read chapters 1-3 for January 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sue Swing with questions.

## Bulletin Announcement Insert – January 2, 2022

**First Fridays Book Discussion Group:** Discussion by Zoom begins at 7 p.m.

**Jan. 7, 2022 The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig (304 pages)

More information available from Fred Heim, Book Group Coordinator.

### **Youth Mission Trip 2022 – Info Meeting Set for January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Plans are underway for Mission Trip 2022! **We know the dates: June 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**, but other details are still being worked out. Where will we go? How far will it be? What will we do? How will we get there? So many questions! We will have answers for you at an info meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. The mission trip experience is open to kids who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

### **What should I consider when attending worship, to be considerate of others?**

- 1) **If you are a little bit sick**--maybe with a cold, or you're not sure what it is--**please stay home!** This is the best way to care for those around you and be a responsible citizen in our community.
- 2) Not vaccinated? **Please strongly consider taking one of the vaccines**, for yourself, and for the future of mitigating the effects of this virus. Vaccines are proving to be effective against the variants, and especially against severe illness requiring hospitalization.
- 3) Still not sure it's safe? **Remember our Livestream** of Sunday Services at this link: **[bit.ly/StMattsLive](https://bit.ly/StMattsLive)** (at the time of the services)

### **Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed - Great Opportunities for Families to Serve Together!**

- **Communion Preparers** - Prepare communion and clean up after working in teams of 3. This is a great way to help behind the scenes and to have some fun conversation with other volunteers!
- **Coffee Hosts** - Serve refreshments with others during our fellowship time in between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. A key role in our Welcome ministry!
- **Ushers** - Our Ushers welcome people to worship and collect the offering. You don't need to miss a moment of church to serve on an Usher Team.

If you are interested in becoming a Sunday morning volunteer you can join in anytime. Please contact Al Van Lith; [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org) for more info.

**Offering Envelopes for 2022** are available in the Library Commons. If you use the Simply giving electronic contribution method, you will not be assigned envelopes. If you don't see a box of envelopes and you'd like one, there is a place on the envelope table to sign up to receive a box. Questions? Ask Al Van Lith in the church office.

**Job Openings at St. Matthew's:** We currently have two openings, one for church administrator, a full-time position, and one for Youth and Sunday School Assistant, a 12-15 hr/week position.

**Church Administrator:** (*newly created position*) Full-time, salary commensurate with experience. Responsible for facilities management, human resources, financial, stewardship and overall operations of the church and its staff. Administrator must pay strong attention to details and manage simultaneous projects. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in business or related field, or equivalent experience is preferred, and five or more years in program management and or leadership experience, preferably in non-profit or church environments. Resumes should be submitted to Pastor Karen Natterstad at [prkaren@gmail.com](mailto:prkaren@gmail.com) by January 31, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pastor Karen at 414.774.0441.

**St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa is seeking the right person to join the team as the Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant,** Average of 12 – 15 hours per week (some weeks will require more hours, some will require fewer hours). Pay range: \$10-12/hour. The Sunday School/Youth Ministry Assistant will assist in preparing and managing the weekly Sunday School and other youth programs, including fundraising for partner and mission trips. The preferred candidate will work collaboratively with the Youth/Sunday School Director to ensure the smooth operation of Sunday School and youth programming. The successful candidate must pay attention to details and manage simultaneous priorities. Minimum Requirements: Experience in working in a church or non-profit environment.

Please submit a resume to Pastor Karen Natterstad at [pastorkaren@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:pastorkaren@stmattslutheran.org) by January 15, 2022. Questions or requests for the position description may be directed to Pr. Karen at 414.774.0441. Position open until filled.

**Saints Older Adults Ministry Gathering** will be held on Wednesday, January 19 beginning at 11:30 a.m. **“S.T.O.P. Senior Frauds and Scams”**

People fall victim to fraudulent schemes every day. Find out more about the scams that are out there and how to detect them. This topic will be presented by Eras Senior Network with grant funding from the Wisconsin Consumer Antifraud Fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Please sign up for lunch either in the office or Upper Commons.

**Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry Blitz** planned for Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: You are invited to help the Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry pack up boxes of large blankets and quilts for Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. After we complete the project, the ministry will continue to work on various tasks to prepare other quilts for other local charities that will be blessed on Mother's Day and sent into our community. Variety of tasks available for different skill and interest levels. Please join us, and invite a friend or family member on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Plan to wear a mask and bring a brown bag lunch and beverage to take a break.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 30 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. It will be a hybrid meeting, both online and in person. Please plan to attend.

**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 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 outside the Upper Room, in a binder on the table.

**Guest House Meal Ministry** in need of additional volunteers. The program accepts volunteer-prepared meals dropped off at the Guest House. Carl Johnson will provide aluminum foil pans and covers to you, and pick up the prepared food from your home. Main course dishes, side dishes, salads and desserts are welcome. Please contact Carl Johnson at [carljohnson1023@outlook.com](mailto:carljohnson1023@outlook.com) or at 414-771-1023.



Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead; Ann Williams, Associate Pastor; and Sheila Rawn, Interim Associate Pastor.

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse

Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.

Music Minister: John Paradowski.

Music Staff: David Mohr, Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, Heide Hughes

Older Adults Coordinator: Julia Murphy.

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

