



## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's

Sunday, August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

**Welcome** as we gather to praise the God of all creation, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who guides us in love.

**Join us for Holy Communion:** All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine. St. Matthew's welcomes children to receive the sacrament with parental support.

### Upcoming Worship Schedule:

Sundays, August 22, 29 & Sept. 5    Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:15am

Sunday, September 12                      ONE worship service at 10:15 am

Sunday, September 19 and beyond    Fall Worship Schedule  
Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00am



**Festive Service planned for September 12<sup>th</sup>:** We will kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a "Welcome Back" Sunday on September 12<sup>th</sup>, with **one worship service** at 10:15 a.m. Plans are in the works for a Spirit-Filled worship. Come to feel the Holy Spirit move among us as we listen and proclaim the Word, share in the Meal of Holy Communion, and sing and make music to our God. All are welcome to come and worship as a community in Christ.

Following the service, there will be a picnic in the West parking lot, with Denson's food truck. You also could bring your own picnic lunch if you prefer.

Join us to **Reflect, Rejoice and Renew** on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It is so good to be together, and we look forward to this opportunity for celebration on this day.

**Rally Day is September 19<sup>th</sup>**, when we begin our fall worship schedule, with two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. This allows time for an Education Hour from 9:45-10:45 a.m. On this day, Sunday School will resume for young people three years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and there will be an Education time for adults also. Come to the 8:30 service for a Rally Day Sunday School Kickoff.

**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.

**Stephen Ministry** Are you going through a difficult time? Would it help to have someone listen to your concerns? Stephen Ministers can help! Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a challenging situation or going through a tough time. They will not pressure you to resolve your concerns quickly or try to fix things for you. They will pray for you and honor confidentiality. To learn more talk with Pastor Ann or Sue Swing. *"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34*

### **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: HAITI CRISIS**

In August 2021, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. Over 1,400 people were killed, and thousands more were injured. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, nonfood items and temporary shelter. Other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock.

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. [ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster) Checks can also be made payable to St. Matthew's and they will be forwarded to LDR, or pay via our website and click on Other Fund and in the notes put LDR.

**Women Together in Prayer** plans gathering for Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:

WTIP is a "secret prayer partner" opportunity to have someone praying for you throughout the year, and for you to pray for another person throughout the year. Each year of prayer is marked with a breakfast where prayer partners are revealed, usually in the Spring. Although we have been unable to connect in person since April 2019 we know that prayers have been offered countless times and that God has heard each and every heartfelt request.

Gather on Saturday, September 11th, 9:00-10:00 A.M at St. Matthew's.

We hope to enjoy a light continental breakfast (fruit & muffins).

Devotional time with Pastor Ann and Prayer partner reveal.

All women are welcome. You do not need to be part of this ministry to attend!

## **Music Ministry Participation to resume this fall—**

*It's a great time for new people to join!*

**The Senior Choir** (adult choir) Want to boost your mood? It's a proven fact that singing improves your mood and gives you a better outlook on your life. And singing with others, in harmony, is a meaningful way to spend your time and to enhance our worship services. If this sounds good to you, you need to join the Adult Choir at St. Matthew's, The Senior Choir. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and sings most Sunday mornings, and no audition is required. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We'll be singing for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Welcome Back/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Service, Rally Day on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas Pageant, and more. Questions can be directed to Dave Mohr, [davemohr@me.com](mailto:davemohr@me.com) or 414-477-6430.



**Adult Handbell Ensembles at St. Matthew's:** The advanced group, Bells Angels, resumes rehearsals on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The less experienced group, The EmBELLishments, meets in the daytime on Tuesday mornings. Contact John Paradowski if you are interested in ringing handbells this fall.

**Children and Youth Choirs and Handbell Ensembles** begin in October. This is a great time for your child to begin participating in St. Matthew's popular music ministry. If you want to get information on this for your child, please contact John Paradowski or Jeff Reeves.

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**SAINTS Older Adults Ministry** to resume gatherings in September. Retired pastor Margaret Schoewe will be speaking to us on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. A box lunch will be available to those who sign up in advance. Watch for sign up information soon.

**First Friday Book Group** meets on October 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss this great book by Isabel Wilkerson, "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration". The group plans to meet in person in the Upper Room at church at 7 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't begun this book, it's about 640 pages.

**Nanny Needed:** The Collins Family is looking for a nanny for their children, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00, in their Enderis Park neighborhood home. It would be primarily for their 1-year-old son, but also part-time for their 3- and 6-year-old. Please contact Sarah Collins for further information at 773-412-5365 or by email:

[Sarah.collins@cuw.edu](mailto:Sarah.collins@cuw.edu) Share this request with people you know, and help out this St. Matthew's family.

## **Outreach for Hope 2021 RIDE, RUN or WALK**

*We Are Team St. Matthew's Wauwatosa!*

Register to ride, run, or walk on Saturday, Sept. 25 to support the mission of Outreach For Hope and don't forget to indicate what team you are on.

- All four locations feature a walk.
- Three locations feature all options – ride, run, or walk.
- Rides are available in shorter or longer distances.
- All details available at: [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org)

This is a wonderful event for the family and a great way to participate in a well-organized event for a great cause. Meet folks from other ELCA churches throughout southeastern Wisconsin and likely run into other friends from St. Matt's. Please contact Julia Murphy through the church office for additional information or check out the information table in the Commons.

**Mount Meru Coffee:** We need your coffee purchases in order to support Tanzanian Coffee Farmers. Your support is more important than ever as the Tanzanian people work to recover from the pandemic with fewer resources. Remember, it's delicious coffee! Check out the display in the Commons area.

**Altar Flowers:** You are invited to sign up for altar flowers 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. To order flowers, contact the church office staff.

**Office Hours:** We are expanding our office hours to full days and will be open each weekday 8:30 – 4:30 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Until then, give a call if you wish to stop by during an afternoon to assure building access.

Pastoral Staff

Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead Pastor  
Ann Williams, Associate Pastor  
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