

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
December 23, 2018**



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that's always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

Introduction for the Day: *Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the Blessed Virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the Holy Communion – with high delight – "we proclaim the Lord's death."*

A Library Book has been given to the church library by Leslie & Pat Gardner in honor of Hillary's birthday.

Prayer Cards are collected by the pastors at the time of the Hymn of the Day (after the sermon). You may wish to fill out a card now so that it is ready at the time they are picked up.

Communion: All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at the 8:30 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

Children for Baptism: (11:00)

Emerson René Whitnell, child of Bennett & Lindsey Whitnell, Wauwatosa, was born October 28, 2018. Sponsors are Ryan Iseler and Laura Leigh Whitnell.

John Murphy Zwaska, child of Sarah & Michael Zwaska, Whitefish Bay, was born August 23, 2018. Sponsors are Erin Zwaska and Sandy Boer.

Lucia June Boer, child of Erin Zwaska and Sandy Boer, Boston, MA, was born May 23, 2018. Sponsors are Michael Zwaska and Mimi Castelo.

John and Lucia are the grandchildren of Bob & Theresa Zwaska of our congregation.



*Celebrate the Joy
with Christmas Worship
at St. Matthew's*

Come and celebrate Christmas at St. Matthew's. Each service has its own feeling and expression of rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. There are 4 opportunities for Christmas worship:

Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. Children and Family Service: This service includes the sights and sounds of Christmas (including the sounds of many children) with carols, readings, children's choir and messages, a sermon and children's participation.

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service A special liturgy, handbell music, children's and youth choirs, a St. Matthew's orchestra and communion. Fifteen minutes of prelude Christmas music begins at 6:45 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service Similar to the 7:00 communion service with music by the Senior Choir, Bells Angels, women's quintet, and a St. Matthew's orchestra. Prelude music begins at 9:45 p.m.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. A quiet reflective service is offered on Christmas Day with the text being John 1:1... the order follows the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book and communion is celebrated. Traditional hymns are sung throughout the service.

1st Sunday After Christmas

Worship Services on Sunday, December 30, 2018 are at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - December 23, 2018



A Special Note of THANKS!

Thanks to all who gave generously to support this year's giving tree and Undie Sunday drives. We received an amazing outpouring of support and we able to donate over 1200 items for the Guest House and Benedict Center, and more than 400 gifts for families and individuals in need this Christmas season. Thanks for all your help and shopping! God's peace to you all in this Christmas season.

St. Matthew's Social Ministry Team



St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club:

The St. Matthew's book group usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Here are the next two books:

Jan. 4: *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseoo Lee and David John (320 pgs)

Feb. 1: *Jewelweed: A Novel* by David Rhodes (449 pages)

Middle School Art Project Shines in Center Staircase

- "A star shall come out of David." "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Scripture resounds with images of light when prophesying or proclaiming the coming of Christ, the Messiah, the light of the world. And in this season of Advent, light is a central image.

A visual representation of that light shining in a dark world is hanging in the center staircase. The bright starburst of light, inspired by the work of artist Dale Chihuly, was constructed from individual pieces made by middle school classes and high school forum students using markers and discarded plastic packaging. The pieces were baked to enhance the color and give them shape, and they were then assembled into the star as a reminder throughout our observance of Advent and celebration of Christmas that God's gift of love brings light into darkness.

Schedule over the Holidays

Monday: *Christmas Eve*

4:00, Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00, Christmas Eve Service

10:00, Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday: *Christmas Day*

10:00, Christmas Day Service

Thursday:

10:00, Niewoehner Memorial Service

Sunday, December 30

8:30, Worship Service

11:00, Worship Service

12:00, Christmas Decor - Take down

Monday, December 31

Office open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1

Office Closed for New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2

10:00, Bible Study with Pastor Matt

7:00, 7th & 8th Gr. Conf. Big Group

Thursday, January 3

7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 4

7:00, First Fridays Book Group

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

December 16 and 23:

Exploring the Meaning of the Christmas Story through Performance!

Pastor Matt Schlake-Kruse

Did you feel like you missed out on playing Mary, Joseph, or were always stuck playing a sheep in Christmas pageants? As we celebrate the pageant today, join us in the upper room as we explore the meaning of Luke's and Matthew's nativity stories through performance. What happens with different voices playing the roles? What nuance do we gain when we see actors play out this text. No acting experience necessary. You can participate as much or as little as you desire!

Come and Worship with Us for Christmas!

December 24:

4:00, Christmas Eve Family Service

especially for families with young children

7:00, Christmas Eve Service w/ Communion

Traditional Service with Choirs and Orchestra

10:00, Christmas Eve Service w/ Communion

Traditional Service; Senior Choir & Bells Angels

December 25:

10:00, Christmas Day Service

Festive Service with Holy Communion and many Christmas carols

Prayer Cards are collected each Sunday during the Hymn of the Day. You are welcome to fill out a prayer card for any prayer needs that you are aware of. Children are also welcome to participate in this. Please print as clearly as possible for the pastors to be able to read and interpret the request.

Needed: People to help take down and put away the beautiful Christmas Decorations adorning our Upper Commons and Sanctuary; this is planned for Sunday, Dec. 30 after the 11 a.m. service. Sign up ahead if you know you can come.

**Saints January Gathering
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Older Adults Gathering
“Tai Chi - Powerful Benefits
from Simple Movements”**

What is Tai Chi?

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise suitable for people of all ages and abilities. It can improve balance and reduce falls, lower blood pressure, reduce stress and enhance immune function. Tai Chi was first developed and practiced in China but is now a form of exercise performed throughout the world. Our presenter will be Patricia Corrigan Culotti who has been a Tai Chi instructor in the Milwaukee area for more than three decades. Pat will be sharing findings from her research, explaining the history of Tai Chi, and discussing the benefits of practicing Tai Chi – particularly for seniors. Our presentation will conclude with a demonstration and a mini-lesson of Tai Chi modified so everyone can give it a try.

Since our presentation is related to China, we will stay with that theme for lunch. We will be enjoying Chinese dishes catered by one of the most acclaimed Chinese restaurants in town. Although chopsticks will be provided, there will be forks for everyone!

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to attend. Friends who aren't members of St. Matthew's are also welcome at Saints events.

During Cold and Flu season, feel free to make use of the hand sanitizer stations around church to kill any germs you may come in contact with here.

If you ordered a City Tin through the church office or online, you can now pick it/them up in the Church office! If you haven't yet paid for your City Tin, you can take care of that when you pick it up. Thanks for all your support!

Long-Term Care Planning: Taking Charge of Your Financial Future: offered at Luther Manor on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Linden Room. Joe Wilson, Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, will discuss the what, how and why of long-term care planning and options for care. He will cover the facts, why planning is important, financial consequences, your planning options and taking charge of your financial future. R.S.V.P. 414-434-1768 or by email at LutherManor.org/rsvp.

Interested in large-print Sunday bulletins?

Do you have vision problems, or is someone you know dealing with that challenge? We create a large print bulletin each week for the Order of Service - the part of the bulletin that lists the parts of the worship service. If this sounds like something you or someone you know would use, call or email the church office to state your interest and which service you generally attend.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Matt will resume on Wednesday, January 2 at 10 a.m. We will be beginning a New Testament study. All are welcome!

Attention Men! We are planning a Men's Retreat for Spring 2019. The theme of the retreat will be "Seeing Ourselves As God Sees Us," living into the truth of who God made us to be. We are looking for a few good men to help with preparations, guidance, organization and participation. If you are interested in being part of the planning for this event, please sign up at the Welcome Center or in the Events Sign-Up Panel. Conor Williams in helping to lead this project along with Pastor Chris.

Used medications being collected for Cross Clinic

St. Matthew's member Tom Wilke is willing to collect medications you no longer need and take them to Cross's Bread of Healing Clinic and use them for patients who need them. To donate used medications, cross out the name of the patient in black marker, but leave the medicines in the pharmacy bottle they were dispensed with. Are you cleaning out a parent's or other relative's home and have a large number of old prescriptions to discard? [Bring them to the church office.](#) Medications not usable will be responsibly discarded.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



St. Matthew's uses Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) an on-line scheduling program to schedule our Sunday morning volunteers.

Volunteers choose the area they would like to serve in, service time preference and frequency of service. Most volunteers find MSP very easy to use and appreciate these great features of the scheduling program:

We always need new volunteers on Sunday morning! This is a great way to be involved at church and if you are already here on a Sunday there is no need to try to plan for extra time in your schedule.

Current Volunteers - If you need the log in information or have questions regarding your serving dates or times please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or 414-774-0441.

A note about your valuable items: A reminder to our members and guests that each week as you come to church, any valuable items should be kept with you and not left in coat pockets or in an unlocked space.

Blood Drive! Plan now to be a donor for the January 21 Blood Drive at St. Matthew's sponsored by The Blood Center of Wisconsin (Versiti). Please keep this date in mind - Monday, January 21 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's. Sign-up will begin next Sunday, December 30.

Blood donation is so important, especially this time of year. Give the gift of life!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Prayer

Gracious God, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us, saying, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Help those among us who are hurting recognize they need not walk alone, that you created us to be in community, to bear one another's burdens. Give them courage to seek help from our Pastors and Stephen Ministry so that comfort and healing can be brought to their hearts. In your name we pray. Amen.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry please talk with a pastor, Sue Swing or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons.

At these Holiday times, many people are hurting due to the loss of a loved one, a cancer diagnosis, divorce, job loss, or some other significant life challenge. These experiences can make an ordinarily joyous season difficult, lonely, and perhaps even painful.

During the holidays, any difficult feelings you're dealing with can be amplified. You may be thinking "What is there to be happy about this year? I'm feeling miserable and holidays are making it worse..."

When you know someone is struggling during the holidays, here are some simple ways you can make a big difference:

- **Offer to help in specific ways.** Try to anticipate needs and ways you can help. For example, "Can I help put out the Christmas lights?" Remember, however, to follow the person's lead and not just impose your help.
- **Help people pace themselves.** The holidays are busy, and those who are hurting may need help or permission to slow down or do less than they ordinarily would. Let people know it's okay to conserve energy, take breaks, and pick which activities and traditions to take part in.
- **Ask people how they're really doing.** During the busyness of the holidays, it can be easy to just interact with people on a surface level. Finding a good time to ask hurting people how they're really doing—and then listening—is a powerful way to care.
- **Validate feelings.** When people do open up and share, listen and then show that you believe them and accept their feelings. Letting people know it's okay to feel whatever they're feeling can provide a lot of comfort.

By relating in these ways, you can help hurting people find comfort and hope in a difficult time.



Christ Caring • For People • Through People

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. January 14

The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee NEEDS YOU to host an Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue. We are scheduling dinners for January-March 2019. If you have participated in an Amazing Faiths Dinner dialogue, you are invited to “pay it forward” and host one of your own! Amazing Faiths is possible because of the generosity of our volunteer hosts and moderators. Hosts provide a space and light vegetarian meal for 8-12 people. If you don't like to cook or don't have enough space, consider co-hosting with a friend. Most dinners this season will generally take place on Sunday in the late afternoon, with one dinner on Tuesday evening. The following are the dates and times for proposed dinners:
Sunday, Jan. 27, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 24, 4-7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26, 6-9 p.m.

If you are interested in hosting, contact Rhonda at rhondah@interfaithconference.org. Include a list of dates that will work for you, in order of preference, and then as a host, list the maximum number you can host, your street address, contact information. Please try to respond by Friday, December 21, 2018. Thank you!

Year-End S-T-R-E-T-C-H gift will help St. Matthew's and Gr. Milwaukee Synod

Members of St. Matthew's recently received a mailing asking for a year-end “Stretch” gift. Thank you for your generous giving all year long. Now please consider again how God has blessed your lives and gives you the opportunity to help St. Matthew's end its fiscal strong, receiving its budgeted income needed, and then beyond the budget, support The Greater Milwaukee Synod and all its work, knowing that it will be matched twice. These gifts to the Synod will be worth \$3 for every dollar you give.

Thank you, people of St. Matthew's. Your giving makes a huge difference in many lives.

Planning to Make a Year-End Contribution?

There are three ways to have your year end contribution to St. Matthew's count toward the 2018 tax year.

- 1) Bring your offering to the church office in person on, **Monday, December 31, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.**
- 2) Place your offering in the plate at any of the services on or before **Sunday, December 30, 2018.**
- 3) Mail in a check dated **12/31/18** or earlier, however, the envelope must bear a postmark of 12/31/18 or earlier.

As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office at 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org with any questions.

2019 Contribution Envelopes are now available for pick-up - Library Commons

2019 Contributions are now available for pick-up in the Library Commons. We encourage using contribution envelopes for your church donations. ***Please note that if you participate in the Simply Giving automatic withdrawal giving program, you will not be assigned offering envelopes.***

If you have any questions about this, please contact Al in the church office, 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org.

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Memorial Service to be held December 27

A memorial services will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 for the family and friends of **Gwen Niewoehner**. The service begins at 10 a.m. There is no time of visitation prior to the service. There will be an opportunity for gathering in the Upper Commons for refreshments after the service. Pastor Chris Manke will officiate at the service. Gwen Niewoehner died on October 13, 2019.

Eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero & Support the Youth Mission Trip to Houston! Certificates Available in Church Office

Planning to eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero in the village? Then stop in the office to buy some gift certificates to pay for your meal. The certificates cost \$5 a piece and are worth \$5 toward the food that you purchase. St. Matthew's earns \$1 for every certificate, which supports the youth mission trips. Certificates are available in the office all week and on Sunday mornings during the education hour. Thanks for your support!

Needed: 3 x 5 white pads for the church chair racks; if you have access to any extra white pads, we would even take a larger size which a volunteer would cut down to 3 x 5. If you have any, bring them to the church office, or if you know of an inexpensive place to order them, please share this with the office staff.

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: Thanks to Bill & Beth Brown generously devoting their time to serve dinner on December 9. Two to three volunteers are needed each month to prepare and serve a dinner for 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 email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up. *Thanks to everyone who has volunteered recently, the next opening for volunteers are on April 14 and May 12, 2019.*

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: Jan. 13

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, January 23, 2019.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

Chocolate and Coffee for Sale:

LWR Fair Trade Chocolate available at St. Matthew's: "Divine Chocolate"
- Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase **every Sunday** at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project cart, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

Mount Meru Coffee wants you to have a PEABERRY CHRISTMAS!

A special treat for you, your family and your friends. Only 5% of coffee beans picked are peaberry. These are single beans that have grown within the coffee "cherry" where two beans normally grow. These single coffee beans offer a richer coffee taste while being less acidic than standard coffee. It has the wonderful flavor of Mt. Meru Premium Coffee but in a richer form!

The coffee is \$15 for a 12oz bag and will be available at the coffee cart in the Upper Commons this Sunday! Only available in regular, drip or bean (but not decaf).

Mt. Meru Coffee - Mmmmm...

Delicious Mt. Meru coffee is available for sale from the cart in the Upper Commons. This product which is purchased at a fair price from the local farmers who live in the area of Tanzania where we have a partnership relationship. Stop by the display in the Commons and see! K-cups for single cup coffee brewing (like Keurigs) are also available.

Child care Available: There are part time vacancies in January at Miss Julie's Child care, for children 6 weeks to 4 years old; warm, caring in-home atmosphere, clean safe, pet free, smoke free; age appropriate outings, flexible days and hours. Julie Abraham-Gifford and her family are members of St. Matthew's who live near Roosevelt Elementary School in Wauwatosa. You can call/text 414-416-3648 or email her at: abraja20@gmail.com to set up a time to meet.

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.

Sun. Jan. 6, during Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.

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.

Youth Ministry

Do We Have Sunday School This Week?

With the holiday season upon us, this may be a question in your house. Here's the answer: Sunday School will NOT meet on December 23rd and December 30th. We will start up again on Sunday, January 6th. There will be a big group on that day for 1st – 5th graders.

Dinner on Wednesdays for Confirmation Kids

Did you know that your 7th – 9th grader can get dinner on Big Group Wednesdays before confirmation? Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:20 in the youth room and includes pizza, make-your-own subs, or tacos, on a rotating basis. All meals include fruit and vegetable sides and desserts for a cost of \$5. It's a great way to avoid the meal-time rush on Wednesday nights, and it's a good chance for your child to get to know other St. Matthew's youth. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

Remaining dates are
January 2 & 23

Attention 9th Graders who were confirmed in November: Your class photo is available for pick-up in the Youth Room.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation continues each week Class meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The upcoming schedule looks like this:

Dec. 26	No Class
Jan. 2	Big Group

Come be a part of KFC/DOC for fun at church with your friends!

All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to be a part of Kids for Christ (grades 1-3) and Disciples of Christ (grades 4-5), along with friends. At these meetings, we usually eat pizza (bring \$5), play games and talk, and have a devotional time.

DOC: Sunday, Jan. 6, 12:15-2:00 p.m.

KFC: Sunday, Jan. 13, 12:15-2:00 p.m.

These groups are led by Donna Gardner Manke and Pastor Chris Manke. Come and join us! It is helpful to sign up by calling the church office, 774-0441, or email office@stmattslutheran.org so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

Next Monthly Meeting for Youth Mission Trip is January 6th The next monthly meeting for the 2019 Youth Mission Trip to Houston will be Sunday, January 6th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. All youth who are going on the trip should plan to attend. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Repairers of the Breach is always in need of:

Men's and Women's Gloves & Scarves

Hand warmers

Disposable razors, lip balm, mini-Kleenex packs

Tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste

Travel size deodorant, lotion and Vaseline

Canned soups

Instant Oatmeal (Plain)

Coffee, hot chocolate, powdered coffee cream, Splenda

Paper Towels/napkins

These items are being collected in a box outside the church office. The need continues, as ROTB ministers to the homeless all year round.

Ongoing Collection for Guest House:

We have updated the list of ongoing needs for the Guest House. Please consider picking up one or two of these items when you're shopping and drop them off in the box outside the church office. Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

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| Spray deodorant | Shampoo |
| Body Wash | Foot Powder |
| Cologne | Aftershave |
| Laundry Bags | |
| Men's watches | Men's wallets |

**An Opportunity
for A Special Event:
Sunday, January 20 –
Join us for**

“A Murder Is Announced”

2 p.m. play at the Sunset Playhouse

We will meet at the Sunset Playhouse for this production of the Agatha Christie mystery, “A Murder Is Announced.” Our very own Annette Olson will be playing the lead character! Sign up at the Welcome Center for group rate tickets of \$17 each.

Following is a synopsis of the play:

An announcement in the local paper states the time and place of a murder to occur in Miss Blacklock's Victorian house. The victim is not one of the home's several occupants, but an unexpected and unknown visitor. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined Inspector grimly following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to provide the solution, at some risk to herself in a dramatic confrontation just before the final curtain.

The SAINTS, short for Seniors Active In New Testament Service, is open to all adults. The group typically meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. Contact Julia Murphy through the church office or email julia@stmattslutheran.org if you have any questions or concerns.



Christmas Assistants Needed - December 24-25, 2018

Enjoy the True Christmas Spirit - Sign Up Below

I can help with **4:00 p.m.** worship on **Christmas Eve:**

Usher _____

Nursery _____

I can help with **7:00 p.m.** worship on **Christmas Eve:**

Communion Preparer _____

Communion Assistant _____

Nursery _____

Acolyte _____

Usher _____

I can help with **10:00 p.m.** worship on **Christmas Eve:**

Communion Preparer _____

Communion Assistant _____

Greeter _____

Acolyte _____

Usher _____

I can help with **10:00 a.m.** worship on **Christmas Day:**

Communion Preparer _____

Communion Assistant _____

Greeter _____

Acolyte _____

Usher _____

Sign up at the Welcome Center or return this form to the offering plate, to an usher or to the church office.
You will receive an email confirmation. No experience necessary!



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel December 23, 2018

If you are interested in any of the following activities/events, please check the appropriate box and place this sheet in the offering plate, or turn it in to the church office. This is your opportunity to be involved in some of St. Matthew's ministries.

- Yes, I can help with taking down the **Christmas decorations** on Sunday, December 30 at 12 noon (after the 11:00 service).
- Yes, I'm interested in being part of the **planning for a Men's Retreat** for spring 2019.
- My 1st-2nd-3rd grader will attend **KFC on Sunday, January 13** from 12:15-2:00 pm
Number Attending _____
- My 4th-5th grader will attend **DOC on Sunday, January 6** from 12:15-2:00 p.m.
Number Attending _____
- I haven't yet accessed my Portal in **ServantKeeper**. Please send another email to my primary email address. *(please list this below.)*
- Please add my email address to the list of people receiving the **Friday "Bulletin Update,"** a preview of the announcements in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office, 414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org.



St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✠ ELCA

Vision Statement: Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(What we want to become)*

Mission Statement: Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name. *(What we are going to do)*

Values: We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. *(Who we want to be)*

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen Haugse
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education	Sue Swing
Director of Older Adult Ministries	Julia Murphy
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Sunday School Support	Jennifer Dugan
Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
Library Coordinator (Volunteer)	Linda Wunderlich
Senior Choir Director	David Mohr
Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
Financial Bookkeeper & Administrator	Al Van Lith
Office Assistant	Jill Due
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodian	Marsha Olson
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson