

# St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's October 27, 2019



### Reformation Day

**Grace to you** and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to Worship! We praise you, Mighty God, for your voice in rustling leaves and your handiwork in nature's changing colors.

**Introduction for Reformation Sunday:** *On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ – the good news – that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will be also be one at the Lord's Table.*

**We thank our instrumentalists today:** Robert Hughes, Steve Winters, Abigail Hughes, Connor Schmidt, Jake Saewert, Dave Mikec, & Brian Smith.

**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 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.

**Child for Baptism:** (11:00 service) **Aria Jane Daul**, child of James & Katie Daul, Wauwatosa, was born July 30, 2019. Sponsors are Erin Baxter and Kristen Harden. Aria's big brother is Jay, who is 2 years old. Jim and Gretchen Daul, members of St. Matthew's, are Aria's paternal grandparents.

Altar Flowers are given by **Deb & John Schilling** in honor of their 7th wedding anniversary.

Altar flowers are given by **Jim & Gretchen Daul** in honor of the baptism of granddaughter Aria Jane Daul today.

A Library book has been given to the church library by **Brian & Jill Due** in honor of son Christopher and Olivia's wedding Saturday, October 26, here at St. Matthew's.

**Your Freewill Offering for Sunday Treats Supports Hunger Ministries:** Are you one of those people who has been enjoying – maybe even looking forward to – the wonderful bakery items from Rocket Baby on Sunday mornings? We are grateful to Rocket Baby for sharing their leftovers with us! And now, we hope to turn their generosity into support for our hunger ministries at St. Matthew's. Look for the donation baskets on the coffee hour serving tables. All money collected will support local and global hunger initiatives at St. Matthew's.

**Daylight Saving Time** ends next Saturday evening, November 2. Turn your clocks back 1 hour upon retiring for the evening and you'll make it to church on Sunday at the correct time.

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019

## ***Keys to the Reformation***

Justification by faith, according to Luther and the other Protestant reformers, is the key to the Scripture, the Christian faith and the Reformation. It means simply taking hold of God's promise (that's faith) that God accepts us as righteous because of Christ (that's justification).



**Righteousness of God:** the perfect goodness of God by which he justifies us through faith.

### ***Sola Gratia***

Grace Alone

### ***Sola Fide***

Faith Alone

### ***Sola Scriptura***

Scripture Alone

The three Reformation Solas [Sola is Latin for “alone.”]

- **By Scripture alone** - only God's Word is our sure guide for faith and life, not the teachings or traditions of the Church.
- **By faith alone** - only faith or trust in God's promises, not our efforts, receives God's justification.
- **By grace alone** - only through God's undeserved love are we made righteous, not also through the merits of humans - saints or otherwise.

Martin Luther's greatest contribution came out of his own personal struggle. It was the recovery of the central message of the Scripture: that the almighty God is, above all, a gracious God who gives life and salvation freely through faith for Christ's sake. This message was a way of life for Luther and other reformers, never an intellectual pursuit or academic debate.

Luther wrote: *“At last, I began to understand that ‘righteousness of God’ as that by which the righteous person lives, by the gift of God ... by which the merciful God justifies us by faith ... This immediately made me feel as though I had entered ... paradise itself. From that moment, I saw the whole face of Scripture in a new light ... Where once I hated ... the ‘righteousness of God,’ I began to live and extol it as the sweetest of phrases.”*

## **Luther Dates**

**November 10, 1483 - February 18, 1546.**

Luther's lifetime coincided with such events as Columbus' trip to the New World; Michelangelo's painting of the Sistine Chapel, and the spread of printed books and pamphlets because of Gutenberg's perfection of moveable type.

**October 31, 1517.**

On this All Hallows Eve Dr. Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (or statements) on the Wittenberg Church door to solicit public debate on issues like the sale of indulgences.

**Diet of Augsburg, 1530,** was one of the last attempts at reconciliation between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Luther's lifetime.



# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - October 27, 2019



### **Toy Swap is Sunday, November 17**

**8:00-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**

St. Matthew's will again be holding our annual toy swap on Sunday, November 17.

Clean out those closets and donate toys that your children or grandchildren are no longer using! Bring them to church starting November 10 and leave them outside the church office. Toys can also be brought the day of the swap.

Participants will then "swap" for toys their families can use. If you have nothing to swap, feel free to browse the toy selection and consider a monetary donation.

Leftover toys are donated to our partner ministries, just in time for Christmas. Items such as children's books, DVDs, sports equipment, and outdoor toys are also welcome.

### **Emergency Procedures Task Force plans opportunity for First Aid training, Sunday, October 27; 1:00-2:30pm**

Our committee has been working hard to make our building and our people ready for an emergency. To that end, representatives of the Fire Dept. have invited us to attend a First Aid training class across the street at the Wauwatosa Fire Dept. This class will be a more hands-on approach with actual dummies to practice and learn on. The date of this class is October 27, beginning at 1 pm. at the Fire Station across Underwood Avenue from St. Matthew's parking lot. The address is 1601 Underwood Avenue. This training session lasts until 2:30pm.

**Daylight Saving Time ends next Weekend, November 3.** Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening as you end your day.

### **Volunteer Needed**

Someone to coordinate and assist with polishing our communion trays. Time commitment about 1-2 hours per month. Please contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net).

**The Cross Lutheran Church Wednesday meal** this past week went very well, with 200 people being served. Thanks to all the volunteers who provided food, and special thanks to the volunteers who took time on Wednesday to travel to Cross and help service and clean up. We've had some new volunteers step forward and we're grateful for that. Our congregation takes seriously God's direction, "If you love me, feed my lambs." Hunger is evident even in our own community. The next Cross meal is Wednesday, November 27.

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, Oct. 28

- 6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study
- 10:15, Staff Meeting
- 11:00, Program Staff Meeting
- 1:00, Caregivers Support Group
- 3:00-7:00, Versiti Blood Drive
- 6:00, Finance Committee
- 7:00, 100th Anniversary Committee
- 8:00, Emergency Procedures Comm.

### Tuesday, October 29

- 9:30, The EmBELLishments
- 6:00, LAC Potluck Dinner
- 6:30, Confirmation 2.1
- 7:00, Lutheran A Cappella Choir Reh.
- 7:00, Righteous Ringers

### Wednesday, October 30

- 10:00, Wednesday Bible Study
- 6:00, Godsbells
- 6:00, New Generation Choir
- 7:00, New Creation Choir
- 7:00, 9th grade Confirmation
- 7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Big Group
- 7:00, Women's Book Study

### Thursday, October 31

- 9:00, A Cabella Ringers
- 4:00, Praise Kids
- 6:15, Bells Angels
- 7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45, Choir Social Time

### Friday, November 1

- 7:00, First Friday Book Club

### Saturday, November 2

- 8:30-11:30, Mt. Meru Coffee
- Ambassadors Meeting
- 2:00, Widder-Luthey Wedding

## Adult Education Classes Every Sunday 9:45-10:45am

### October 27 Serenity Inns

The October 27 adult forum guest speaker is Ellen Blathers. Ellen is the co-founder and Executive Director of Serenity Inns, a Milwaukee non-profit. Serenity Inns works with men who are the fringes of society – men who are estranged from friends and family, homeless, recently released from prison, addicted to drugs or alcohol – and engages them in a structured, long-term rehab program, which includes housing for alumni.

### November 3: For All The Saints

Who are the saints in your lives? Whose presence has revealed God's love, mercy, or hope to you? What is it that you find yourself missing or grieving as we celebrate the saints? During our adult forum, join us as we gather and share what feels "saintly" about those most important to us, sharing stories about the ways we've noticed saints, and what gives us hope even in the midst of death. Sharing is optional and up to you, but all are encouraged to gather among the great cloud of witnesses among us!

**Would a large-print bulletin help you on Sunday mornings?** There are two copies of each service 8:30 and 11:00 at the Welcome Center each Sunday. Look for them on the Upper Commons side, nearest the grand central staircase.

## Women's Book Discussion

Wednesday Nights - 7:00-8:00 PM

October 2 - November 6

### **PRAYER Does It Make Any Difference?**

Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? Does it change God's mind or ours or both? This book is an invitation to communicate with God who invites us into an eternal partnership through prayer. Polls reveal that 90 percent of people pray. Yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time of the believer's day, can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery.

For our Wednesday, October 30th meeting please read chapters 16-19. All are welcome!

## Next Sunday is All Saints

**Sunday**, when we will remember those who have died since last all Saints Day. November 3 will also include the Sacrament of Communion at each service.

### **Volunteer and Put a Smile on a Senior's Face**

- Eras Senior Network needs volunteer drivers to take seniors to their medical appointments, the pharmacy, the grocery store or the bank. Eras – Engage, Relate, Advocate, Support – has provided supportive services at no charge for older adults 60+ since 1991, based on the Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) model. Please call 414-488-6500 to learn more about volunteer opportunities to help seniors in our community. Volunteering is very flexible – choose when, where, and how you'd like to serve. Older adults are very grateful for the assistance!

## First Fridays Book Group is underway: We hope you can come on Friday, Nov. 1

Fred Heim and Mary Thomae are the co-leaders of the group. Come join us this Friday at 7pm in the Upper Room. **November 1:** The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel by Rachel Joyce (384 pages) Whether or not this piques your interest, at least one or two from the remaining schedule probably will. Pick up a schedule at church (Welcome Center or table across from church office) or find it on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FFBookClub2019-20>

**Ongoing Collection for Guest House:** We have a 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.

Spray deodorant  
Body Wash  
Cologne or aftershave  
Men's watches

Shampoo  
Foot Powder  
Laundry Bags  
Men's wallets

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pr. Matt meets each week at 10am in the Upper Room.** Coffee and snacks are a part of our routine, too!

Any and all are welcome! We look forward to hanging out together and reading God's Word. Bring your own bible--any translation you like!

**Could you help by donating blankets?**

**Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge** is an organization that serves Milwaukee's homeless population. Its headquarters are in Cedarburg, and it is run by Bob Burmeister. They are very much in need of blankets and sleeping bags right now. Hannah Kramer of our congregation is collecting these items. If you have some extra blankets or sleeping bags that you don't use or need, please consider passing them along to an organization that is doing good in our community. Bring your items to the church office.

***Thanks for those already brought in - we'll continue the collection a couple more weeks.***

**To Access St. Matthew's wi-fi**, find the network "St. Matthew's Wifi" and use the password **Welcome!**

YTD Financial Results as of:	10/20/19
General Fund Receipts	\$776,293
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$9,724
Benevolence Disbursements	\$232,436
Mortgage Note Balance	\$125,098

**Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue:** Join the dialogue. Change your life. Transform the world. Sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. Join us at one of our upcoming conversations this fall:

**"Faith and Food Scarcity"** with Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons. Nov 3., 4-7pm in Milwaukee. Suggested donation \$20.

**"Hinduism 101-ish"** November 7, 6-9 pm Suggested donation \$20

**"Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue"** December 10, 6-9 pm

**Visit our website to learn more:**

**[interfaithconference.org](http://interfaithconference.org)**

**Also, you may contact the organizer, Rhonda Hill at [rhondah@interfaithconference.org](mailto:rhondah@interfaithconference.org) or call 414--276-9050.**

**Here's a unique opportunity:**  
**See the dance and theater work created and performed by Jenni Reinke**, member of St. Matthew's. It's called "Mrs. Wrights" and it's a tour-de-force original solo dance theater work in which Jenni embodies Wright and the five industrious and colorful women - wife and business partner Olgivanna, mother Anna, ex-wives Catherine and Miriam, and lover Mamah. Intimate spaces are choreographed through the architecture of the body as dance and theater construct untold stories of house and home. Location of performance is the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee. Shows will be offered Friday, Nov. 1, Saturday, Nov. 2, Saturday, Nov. 9, Friday Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:00pm; a matinee will be given on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:00pm. Order tickets in advance at [quasimondo.org](http://quasimondo.org). Cost is \$22 online, or \$27 at the door; students with ID are \$17. The show lasts about an hour and is followed by a talkback.

## **Wear RED for Reformation on October**

**27:** Red is the traditional color that represents the holy day of Reformation, the event which led toward the creation of the Lutheran Church.

**The next day, keep thinking 'red' and** please sign up to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, October 28 from 3:00-7:00pm. Sign up online at:

## **LWR Divine Chocolate is available EVERY Sunday!**

"Divine Chocolate" - Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project cart display, in several delicious flavors. Not only do these farmers receive Fair Trade premiums for their cocoa beans, they are part-owners of the Divine Chocolate brand processing co. Bars come in two sizes. This opportunity is brought to us by Rosie Haas, our LWR Divine Chocolate ambassador. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

## **Have you tried Mt. Meru Fair Trade Coffee?**

It sells for \$10/bag, and is available in drip and whole bean, regular and decaf. There are also some available in K-cups which we can order for you. Help support this important partnership with Tanzania coffee growers. Mmmm, justice never tasted so good! Thank you, St. Matthew's for your continuing support of our partnership with our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Please stop at the coffee and chocolate cart display and try some Mt.Meru Coffee. Together we are making a difference.

## **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of lay people -- Stephen Ministers -- who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual seeking, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister. To learn more about Stephen Ministry at St. Matthew's please contact Pastor Ann or Sue Swing; or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons to pick up information and meet a Stephen Minister.



# Children's and Youth Ministry

## 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

**meets weekly.** Confirmation class meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm with Pastor Chris Manke and adult small group leaders. See Pr Chris if you have any questions.

**Wed. Oct. 30 Big Group (Jesus the Prophet)**

**Wed. Nov. 6 Big Group (Jesus the Priest)**

**Wed. Nov. 13 Big Group (Jesus the King)**

## 9th Grade Confirmation Classes

Confirmation for 9th graders is now underway and continues each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 through November 6th. In these nine short sessions – led by Gretchen Haugse and Pastor Matt - we will explore, through various activities and discussions, what it means to live out your faith.

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## Youth Adventure Planned

**for October 27th!** Looking for adventure? Then we've got the event for you! Middle School and High School Youth are invited to join us on Sunday, October 27th for a climbing experience at Adventure Rock. The adventure will start at 12:00 with lunch at St. Matthew's, followed by a climbing session at Adventure Rock. No experience is needed; guides will work with all levels. Cost of the event is \$15 (scholarships are available if needed). Event is limited to 25 people.

Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/stmattsrockclimb>.

## 2020 Youth Mission Trip - We're Going to New Orleans!

The destination of next summer's youth mission trip is New Orleans, where we will spend a week partnering with various non-profit groups that address poverty, homelessness, and rebuilding. The dates of the trip are Saturday, June 20th - Sunday, June 28th.

This experience is open to high school youth (those who are currently in grades 9-12). If you have questions or would like more information on next summer's week of service, please talk with Gretchen Haugse. If you're ready to sign up, please go to this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/missiontrip2020>.

## Reformation Lutheran Church's Neighborhood Store and Coffee Shop "Most Wanted List"

### **Clothes**

Infant/Toddler to size 8 clothes;  
underwear and for all ages;  
Winter coats, snowsuits, snow pants

### **Baby/Toddler**

Strollers, toys, swings

### **Linens**

Bath/hand towels, washcloths, sheets,  
comforters, bed pillows, bedspreads

### **Home Goods**

Lamps, wall & alarm clocks, decorative  
pillows, waste baskets, curtains and  
drapes, shower curtains/liners/rings

### **Accessories**

Jewelry and Purses, men's belts and  
Sports caps, wallets

### **Kitchenware**

Pots & pans, kitchen utensils and  
towels, silverware

### **Small Appliances**

Coffeemakers (including Keurigs),  
microwaves, blenders, electric frypans,  
irons, deep and air fryers, toasters,  
large crockpots, flat screen TVs, etc.

### **Hospitality Supplies**

Coffee, Keurig K-Cups, creamer, sugar

If you have any of these items, please  
bring them to the Education entrance,  
the metal shelves marked "For  
Reformation Lutheran Church," and  
they will be delivered to Reformation's  
store.

## The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

**Guest House:** We were blessed with a  
tremendous team effort at the Oct. 13 dinner.  
Thank you to Pastor Chris, Naiman Kyungai  
from our partner congregation in Tanzania,  
Claire Seefeldt, Grant Bublitz and Gretchen  
Haugse. Two or three volunteers are needed on  
the second Sunday each month to serve dinner  
to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless  
shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking volunteers for  
the January 12 and February 9 dinners. Please  
sign-up using Ministry Scheduler Pro, or contact  
Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-  
771-1023, or email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com.

**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  
around 10 a.m. and serve beginning at about  
11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00.

**Next Meal: *Wednesday, November 27, 2019.***  
Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to  
the meal to donate food.

**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) or the church office  
414.774.0441.

**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: November  
10

**Just One More:** See announcement elsewhere  
in these announcements about their new  
location and their need for volunteers!

### **Street Angels Meal Prep on 11/10:**

As continuing shifts are happening with the homeless community in Milwaukee, join a group of volunteers with St. Matthew's who will prepare hot and cold meals for the Street Angels Outreach Ministry. Nancy Bowen will lead a crew of cooks on Sunday afternoon, November 10th. Using the kitchen at Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E Oklahoma Avenue, please join us for an afternoon of meal prep! Contact Nancy to help serve, either signing up in the Commons, via e-mail or contacting the church office.

### **Tosa Cares Food Pantry Needs Christmas Decorations**

Do you have Christmas decorations in good condition that you just don't use any more? Tosa Cares Food Pantry would love to have them for their pre-holiday distribution Saturday, when they will be offered to the nearly 200 people who come to Tosa Cares to receive a box of nutritious food.

New or used Christmas decorations that are in good condition can be brought to the collection box by the church office. Donations are needed by November 17th. Thanks for your help!

### **Join in Celebrating Conor Williams and supporting the ministry of Project RETURN!**

**Saturday, November 2nd—5:00**

Social Hour 6 p.m. Banquet—  
Marquette Alumni Memorial Union  
St. Matthew's is sponsoring at table at the upcoming "Celebrate the RETURN" fundraiser dinner, where our own member, Conor Williams, will be honored for his commitment to working for jobs, justice, and dignity for those formerly incarcerated in our communities. St. Matthew's will underwrite the cost, making tickets just \$35 each. The evening also includes a silent auction, Spoken Word performance, and musical performance. Sign up in the church office. Make checks payable to St. Matthew's.

### **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 Library. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next meetings: November 11 & 25

**JOMM needs help with packing meals!** Just One More Meal Ministry has moved to a new location at 4180 N. Lydell Avenue, Glendale, two blocks north of 1st and Capitol Drive. Help is needed packing meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 10:30am. Volunteers scoop meat, potatoes, and veggies into trays for either two or four people. The trays are then double wrapped in cellophane. The building on Lydell still says "Hood Leather" on it, but there is a small Just One More sign by the roadside. Just walk in the front door and walk left towards the back. Car pooling is a possibility. Don Schaeffer, a current volunteer, is willing to meet people at church. He can be reached at dschaeff505@gmail.com  
Thank you for considering this. There are still hungry people in Milwaukee, and JOMM rescues food from stores and restaurants and packages it for distribution to those who need it. Sign up on the sign-up panel in today's bulletin.

## **St. Matt's Blood Drive is coming up on Monday, October 28:**

If you have an appointment, please keep it! If you need to cancel, call us, so we can fit in someone else in your spot.

Our congregation gives one of the best responses; let's keep it up.

Sign up at this address: [bit.ly/SM1028](https://bit.ly/SM1028) or call 1-877-232-4376; on Monday, you can call the church office and we'll give you an idea when you could come. If you wish, you may walk in without an appointment.

Remember that blood transfusions are an integral part of health care and very much in need; some patients need multiple transfusions throughout their treatment.

## **El Salvador Visit Planned for January**

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for early January, 2020 and is open to adults and college-aged youth.

This trip will include new experiences and connections as well as service at our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten.

If you are interested in being part of this eye-opening, heart-opening, and perspective-expanding experience, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Pastor Chris.

## **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.

## **Look for the Square Card Reader**

**Kiosk** Look for the cart and the green signs in the Upper Commons. Make a payment, or give an offering; follow the directions at the kiosk. Be sure to give your name during the transaction.

Questions can be directed to Al Van Lith, financial administrator.

## **Event at Woman's Club of Wisconsin features special**

**speaker:** On Wednesday, October 30th, Brigadier General Clara Adams Ender is speaking in Milwaukee about her "Rise to the Stars." She is the first woman of color to have reached this rank and her life story is one of the most humble beginnings as a daughter of a share cropper. This inspirational lecture is part of the College Endowment Association Speakers Series, now in its 128th year. The lecture takes place at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, 813 E. Kilbourn Ave., Milwaukee. The lecture starts at 10 am and is scheduled for one hour. A nominal fee of \$5.00 at the door applies. To register, or if you have questions, call Kay De Longe at 414-242-7245. Metered parking is available on the street and in the Woman's Club lot (cost \$5). The building has accessibility for the handicapped.

# Our 2020 Stewardship Process (in the Cloud) / Deadline Nov. 10th

## 1) Log-on to your individualized St. Matthew's Membership Portal

([www.tinyurl.com/StMattsPortal](http://www.tinyurl.com/StMattsPortal))

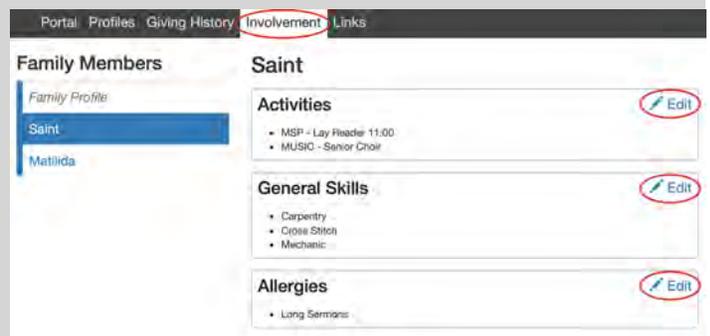
If you haven't yet logged on to the Membership Portal, please register using your main Household email address and a password of your choosing.

Once you have logged on, please look at your family's data and edit any inaccurate information.

Problems logging in??? Contact St. Matthew's for help at **(414-774-0441)**, or at [members@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:members@stmattslutheran.org), or ask in the office on Sunday mornings.

## 2) Enter Time and Talent information:

- A) For each individual in your family, click on the **involvement** tab.
- B) Click on the word **Edit** on the right in order to update these fields with your current choices.
- **Activities** (Your Time & Talent choices)
  - **General Skills**
  - **Allergies**



## 3) Make a Financial Pledge:

Click on the **Links** tab at the top of the screen. The first choice will be the **2020 Pledge Form**.

Click on this link, which will take you to the online Financial Pledge form, pictured below to the right.

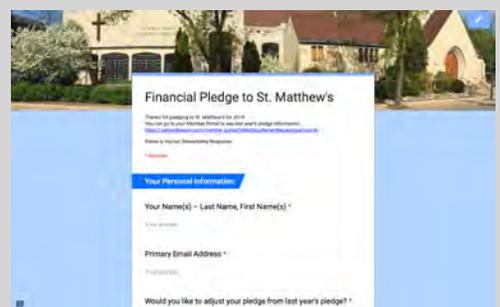
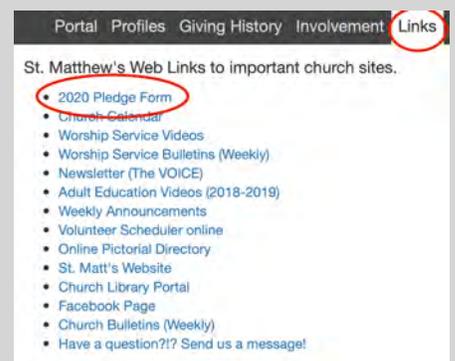
Go through each of the options, and at the end of each section click the NEXT button.

There are 5 easy sections to complete:

- Personal info** (Name & Email)
- General Fund** – pledge and amount
- Debt Retirement / Building Fund** – pledge and amount
- Any other areas** – that you would like to support
- Simply Giving Electronic withdrawal** section

When finished click **SUBMIT**.

Your entry will be received electronically.



**Please enter your Time & Talent and pledge choices by November 10th.**

**Thanks for making a financial commitment to St. Matthew's ministry for 2020!**



## St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel October 27, 2019

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.

- Yes, I'd like to attend the Project Return banquet on Saturday, November 2 at Marquette Alumni Memorial Union, with tickets discounted to \$35/person. Number of tickets needed: \_\_\_\_
- Please put a **Stewardship packet in the mail** to me at the address below. I would rather have the traditional paper packet.
- I am interested in **servicing at the new JOMM location** on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, and would like to carpool from St. Matthew's.
- I volunteer to assist with **polishing our communion trays**. Time commitment is about 1-2 hours per month.
- I'm interested in helping to serve on Sunday mornings in the following area:  
\_\_\_\_ **Communion Preparer (11:00)**      \_\_\_\_ **Coffee Hosts**  
\_\_\_\_ **Ushers at 11:00 am service**
- I am a college-age student or an adult interested in participating in the **El Salvador mission trip** in early January 2020.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **St. Matthew's Stewardship Campaign 2020 - *People helping people***

Recently, you should have received a mailing describing this year's campaign, planned around our calling to **welcome, nurture, equip and send** in our community and around the world, as well as an email invitation to fill out your Stewardship choices online. If you didn't receive this email, or would like us to send it again, you can stop in the church office to let us know. Also, if you have questions about accessing your portal, stop in the office, or see Pr. Chris or Brian Smith.

**If you know that you want to have a paper copy** of the pledge card and Activities & Ministries forms, you may pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center or in the church office with a paper copy of the pledge card and Time and Talent sheet. Please return it to the church office when you've finished filling it out. Please turn in your pledges by November 10, 2019. Thanks!

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Psalms 46****SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31.

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# 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 Hauge
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
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