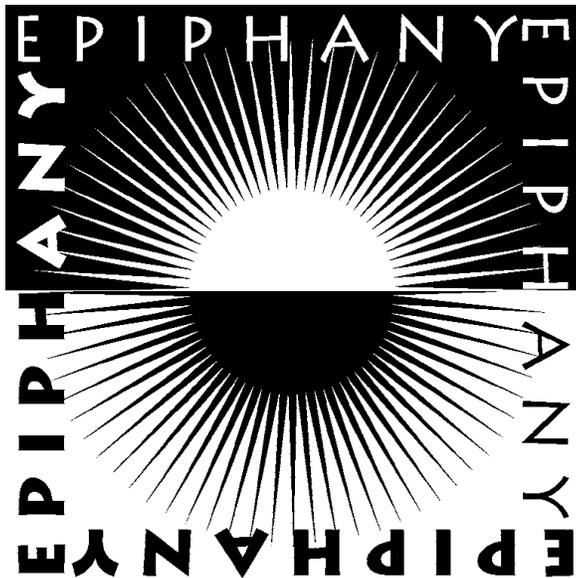


St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
January 12, 2020



Welcome to worship in this early new year.

Let us praise the God who is always doing something new! Jesus often gathered for worship with his disciples and others. Following his example, we gather now to grow in God and glorify his name. Welcome!

Introduction for the Day: *In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and are named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all*

who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Prayer Cards are collected by the pastors at the time of the Hymn of the Day (after the sermon). If you want the pastor to include your prayer request at the time of the prayers, you may wish to prepare a card now so that it is ready at the time they are picked up. Please make sure you have permission from those you are listing by name on the prayer cards.

Child for Baptism: (11:00) **Noah Christian Kloth** child of Marissa & Dana Kloth, Milwaukee, was born August 19, 2019. Sponsors are Minnie Bushman, Dan & Julie Jackson, Diane Kloth Koremenos, Beverly Bluemel and Karen Heredero Lee. Noah's paternal grandparents are Luther & Doris Kloth of our congregation.

Sign up to have flowers at the altar on Sunday mornings! You can purchase and designate the flowers for any occasion important to you. The sign-up notebook is located at the Welcome Center, and includes the opportunity to donate a book to the library (which the librarian chooses) for an occasion. Both of these are listed in the Sunday bulletin. Flowers are now \$35/arrangement; library books are only \$20.

These bulletin announcements can be seen beginning each Friday on our website: www.stmattslutheran.org. If you wish to be added to the Thursday bulletin email list, please sign up on the bottom of the Events Sign-Up panel in today's bulletin (or contact Sonja Mohr at sonjamohr@me.com) and you will begin receiving the announcements as well as other notices on Thursday or Friday of each week.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - January 12, 2020



The Next BLOOD DRIVE at St. Matthew's is scheduled for Monday, January 27 from 3-7pm. Sign-up has already begun, and today there is a sign-up sheet in the Upper Commons. **BONUS:** Every donor will get a \$10 coupon from Noodles & Company. January is Blood Donation month! Be part of this important ministry which helps people of all ages and health conditions. Online sign-up can be found at bit.ly/sm0127

We are at the lowest levels in blood supplies of the last two years. Please reserve your time now!

Men's Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020, with guest speaker Pardeep Kaleka of the Interfaith Conference of Milwaukee. We begin at 7:30am with a full breakfast and the gathering ends at 9am sharp. Pardeep Kaleka, who is the new executive director of the Interfaith Conference of Milwaukee, who has a story to tell about his transformation after being part of a violent act eight years ago. His talk will be titled: ***"How can we embrace one another in the growing landscape of division?"***

Pardeep will talk about his journey as a first generation immigrant in America and the role of the deadly shooting on August 5, 2012 committed by the hands of an affiliated white supremacist that took the lives of six immigrants, one of those being his father and temple president, Satwant Singh Kaleka. The conversation will explore the role of both communal and individual trauma and healing. All men are welcome. Bring a guest!

Financial Peace University Coming to St. Matthew's in February 2020

Did you know that 78% of workers are living paycheck to paycheck? Nearly 3 in 4 workers say they are in debt. More than half think they always will be. Shocked? I was too. But there's HOPE! And that hope is Financial Peace University (FPU). FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, you will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. Sign up as a family to learn through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability. Cost is \$109. Come and join us starting February 2nd at 12:30 – 2:00 here at St. Matthews. Contact Michael Reinicker at 262-893-1117 with any questions.

This Week:

Monday, January 13:

El Salvador Mission Trip

6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study
9:30, LaLeche League Meeting
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, January 14:

El Salvador Mission Trip

12:30, Deborah Circle
3:20, Daisy Scout Meeting
5:30, Women's Retreat Planning Mtg.
7:00, Stephen Ministry
7:00, Lutheran A Cappella Ch. Reh.

Wednesday, January 15:

El Salvador Mission Trip

7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation Service Night
10:00, Pastor Matt's Bible Study
11:30, Older Adult Ministry Gathering
6:00, New Generation Choir
7:00, New Creation Choir

Thursday, January 16:

El Salvador Mission Trip Group returns

9:00, A caBELLa Ringers
9:00, RPMs Gathering
11:30, Women of Faith
6:15, Bells Angels
7:30, Senior Choir

Friday, January 17:

9:00, Bulletin Stuffing

Saturday, January 18:

9:30, New Creation Musical Workshop

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 12:30pm in the Upper Room.

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

January 12: "The World is Full of Smelly Feet," "If All Men Go to Hell Who Cares" and other great hymns of the past we don't sing - It is almost impossible to imagine the church without the hymns it sings. They are so intertwined in the life and thought of worship. Join John Paradowski on Sunday, January 12 as he leads the Adult Forum with a lively talk and discussion about the hymns of the church.

January 19 - Social Ministry - Immigration

We gather to hear stories and learn about the impacts of our immigration system from Synod El Salvador Committee Member Sarah Wehmeier de Aparicio, a member of Ascension in Waukesha.

January 26 - Congregational Meeting We invite you to attend as 2019 is reviewed, new council members are elected and the 2020 budget is presented and voted upon.

The Cross Lutheran Church BOEHM meal will be held on the fifth Wednesday this month, January 29th. We hope you will be able to provide salads, jellos, desserts and bags of fruit for this meal. Cards will be handed out during worship services on January 26. We also need servers! Especially in the absence of Tom Geib as he continues to heal in rehabilitation, servers are needed to help out on Cross Wednesdays. Plan to arrive at church by about 9:50am to check in with the leaders and carpools are arranged. You can also meet at Cross at 10:45am. The address is 1821 N. 16th St. What is BOEHM? It is Bread of Empowerment Healing Ministry, and includes a bible study and nonperishable food distribution.

5th Annual Lutheran Campus

Ministry CHILI COOK OFF - Saturday, January 25 from 5:00-8:00pm on Mount Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W. Becher St., West Allis. Pr. Jessica Short, Pr. Rachel Young Binter and the students of UWM Corner House and Marquette University invite you to an evening of celebration and support of Greater Milwaukee Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry. New this year: A Kids' Corner and Activities as well as a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$25 with children under 12 free. Includes chili samples, toppings, hot dogs, desserts, coffee and non-alcoholic beverages. Wine & beer will also be available for purchase. Go to the Synod Website to purchase tickets and learn how to enter your chili recipe into the cook off. www.milwaueesynod.org Questions can be directed to Diane Roznowski at diane.roznowski@gmail.com or 414.807.7451.

First Fridays Book Group: Fred Heim and Mary Thomae are the co-leaders of the group. Come join us on the first Friday at 7pm in the Upper Room.

February 7, 2020: We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel, by Georgia Hunter (416p)

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>

As Cold/Flu season intensifies, please understand that during the sharing of the peace, it is acceptable to give a friendly wave and choose not to give or receive any unwanted germs. Handshakes and hugs are still wonderful - but discretion is perfectly fine, too.

Items Needed for We Care Packages for the Homeless

A St. Matthew's small group will be taking on the project of We Care Packages for distribution to homeless individuals, and we'd appreciate your help in filling the packages. We are in need of the following items:

- * Hand and foot warmers
- * Gloves (new or gently used)
- * Hats (new or gently used)
- * McDonald's gift cards -\$5
- * Protein packs of meat (tuna or chicken)
- * Beef Jerky
- * Snack packs of nuts/berries or trailmix
- * Lip balm
- * Large ziploc bags (2 gallon size)
- * Warm socks (new or gently used)
- * Scarves (new or gently used)
- * Band-aids
- * Bus tickets
- * Granola bars
- * Travel size Kleenex packages

If you are willing to help, please place donations by the church office in the container marked "We Care" packages. Since homelessness is an ongoing challenge, this collection will continue. Look for the collection boxes near the church office.

Come join us to RING! - on Tuesday Mornings

Now we know you really want to be behind those Handbell tables looking at those bells and thinking "I get to ring these and make music." So we have the perfect opportunity for you. The Tuesday morning handbell choir, The EmBELLishments, is looking for new ringers to join the handbell fun. Have you ever wanted to give it a try? See what this handbell stuff is all about? This is your chance. This handbell choir meets every Tuesday at 9:30-10:15 starting again on January 28th. We have fun as we learn new music and the techniques of handbell ringing. Please talk with John Paradowski at the church to find out how you can get involved. 414-774-0441 or JRPmuzik@yahoo.com

Children's and Youth Ministry

Disciples of Christ (DOC)

Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to join us for lunch, fellowship, games and prayer. Friends are always welcome! Cost is \$5.00.

**Sunday, January 12th
12:15-2pm**

Please RSVP to
the church office at
414.774.0441.

Kids for Christ (KFC) January Meeting

Children grades 1st through 3rd are invited to join us for lunch, fellowship, games and prayer. Friends are always welcome! Cost is \$5.00.

**Sunday, Jan. 19th
12:15-2:00pm**

Please RSVP to
the church office at
414.774.0441.

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.

January 15: Service Night at Hunger Task Force
(info sent by email)

Jan. 22 Big Group (Paul and his letters)
Jan. 29 Big Group (Revelation)
Feb. 5 Fellowship Night / Study Exam
Feb. 12 Final Exam

Communion Service for 2nd graders, February

2nd at 1:30pm We encourage you to invite family and friends to share in this celebration of the sacrament of communion. In preparation for the service, Pastor Chris will lead a class about what it means to participate in the Lord's Supper. The class will be on **Sunday, January 19 from 1:30-4:30pm** Parents are asked to attend with their 2nd graders in order to refresh their understanding of Communion and to participate with their children in this important faith event. At the retreat, 2nd graders will also design and decorate a communion glass that will be used by your family at the communion service. Questions can be directed to Pastor Chris or Gretchen Hauge.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study to Resume on January 15th

After a holiday hiatus, Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Matt will resume on Wednesday, January 15th. Gather along as we pick up the final chapters of the Gospel of Mark and as we continue to explore how the messianic secret of Jesus' identity is unveiled for more and more who follow him. Coffee and snacks are provided, as always!

Envelopes now available: Our 2020 Contribution Envelopes are now outside the Chapel in the Library Commons. First of all, if you give electronically, via Vanco Simply Giving, credit cards or direct from your bank, you will not be receiving envelopes for 2020. For those who will get envelopes, the boxes will be a little different. There will not be extra envelopes for Debt Reduction or Communion. If you are contributing to those funds, please use the normal weekly envelope and write in your fund on the blank line. Finally, if you do not see a box of envelopes and you are expecting one, let the office know and AI will get you a box of envelopes.

Colombia Medical Mission Trip: Luther & Doris Kloth will again be traveling to South America with a medical mission trip in February. In the past our congregation has supported this trip through donations of Beanie babies and Hot Wheels cars, which help Doris to occupy the children while their families wait for medical treatment. She has many of these toys and doesn't need more of them for this trip. However, one hot item that children and their female family members enjoy is making bead creations using Pony Beads. They are the larger beads that are easy to string and come in multiple colors. If you have some of them around your house that you no longer need, they would be greatly appreciated and well-used. (If you're not sure what they look like, google 'pony beads') Look for the collection box outside the church office; Beanie babies and cars will still be accepted; they can be saved for next trip. Thank you in advance! Due by Feb. 16.

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, Sue Swing or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Commons on a Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34



The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Guest House: 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 contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by 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, January 29, 2020.*** 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 the church office 414.774.0441.

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and bring a warm meal for dinner fellowship with up to 12 residents the second Sunday of each month. Plan to arrive at the Inn at 5:50. Coordinator: Rachel Vetter; rcvetter1986@gmail.com

Just One More: More information on their new location and volunteer needs when available.

Women's Retreat at Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI - February 21-23 Our retreat leader is Pastor Margot Wright who will focus on understanding the Enneagram. What is the Enneagram? It is a tool that helps us to identify the gifts that God has given us. The nine profile types offer what some authors have called a sacred map to the soul. Learning about ourselves through the Enneagram reveals the ways we may have gotten lost along the way and how we can find our way home to our true self and God. The weekend is a blend of fun and friendship as well as learning and reflective time, all meant to draw us closer to God and one another. There is plenty of time to enjoy the grounds and amenities of the Siena Retreat Center. The Siena Retreat Center is only about 30 minutes from Milwaukee and includes private room/bathroom, excellent meals, lovely gathering space, incredible gift shop and much more. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center and Church Office. Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net for more information.

New Member Classes begin February 2!

God has given us the gift of Christian community. It provides for two of our most basic needs. The church can be a place to belong and a place to become. If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's please consider attending our membership classes in September and October.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Dates are February 2, 9 and 16th. New Members will be received on Sunday, February 23rd at the 8:30 service. Childcare is available in the Nursery on all class dates.

If you have any questions, please contact sueswing@sbcglobal.net, the pastors or the church office. A mailing has been sent to those known to be interested in joining St. Matthew's.

Repairers of the Breach Homeless Outreach Center has these ongoing needs. If you are able to help with them, please bring them to the collection box outside the church office:

Face towels & Bath towels

Garbage Bags (13-, 33- and 55-gal)

Liquid and/or powdered laundry soap

Coffee cream, sugar and Equal packets

Disposable paper cups, plate, bowls and utensils

Paper Towels

Cleaning supplies (Fabuloso, bleach, PineSol)

Coffee and hot chocolate

Canned soups

Saints = St. Matt's Older Adults Ministry

NEXT SAINTS Gathering:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020:

“LOCAL HISTORY,
INTERNATIONAL IMPACT:
WWII Era Milwaukee”

Featuring speaker, journalist, author Meg Jones

Long before Japanese bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor, Milwaukee was the “Machine Shop to the World.” Thanks to the city’s large industrial base, factories quickly retooled and mobilized for wartime production. Harley-Davidson produced thousands of military motorbikes, and Falk Corporation churned out gears that turned the propellers on hundreds of ships. Locals sacrificed their lives for the cause—Mayor Carl Zeidler went missing at sea, USS Arizona captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh refused to leave the bridge of his burning battleship and Mildred Harnack joined the Nazi resistance movement and was executed on direct orders from Hitler. Embedded with German and American troops, Milwaukee journalists H.V. Kaltenborn, Louis Lochner and Dickey Chapelle sent dispatches from the front lines. Through past interviews and archival materials, author Meg Jones reveals these and other patriotic stories. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center so that we may plan ahead for food and seating. Friends welcome!***

Parents Night Out planned for Thursday, February 6th!

Do you need a social time with other parents? Leave your kids at church! Mark your calendars for a fun night out on Thursday, February 6th from 5:00-8:00 at a local Tosa restaurant (location to be determined). Childcare is provided by St. Matthew’s in the Church Nursery for \$5 per child. Pizza and snacks provided for the kids at church while you enjoy dinner with other St. Matt’s adults. You don’t need to be members of St. Matthew’s to attend. All are welcome! Contact Dave Wurzburger; dave.wurzburger@gmail.com. Don’t know any other young parents yet? What a great way to meet some! They’re great and diverse 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 Library. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next meetings: January 13 & 27

Choir? Me?

Yes, you! St. Matthew's Senior Choir is starting its winter-spring rehearsals on Thursday, January 9 from 7:30-9:00. We meet each Thursday evening at that time. Being a part of choir is a great way to meet people, learn interesting and diverse music, and serve your church. People who have sung in choir say this:

- **"It's one time during the week to do something I enjoy... focusing on the music is a great outlet."**
- **"I feel like I get so much more back from it than I'm giving."**
- **"My faith is enriched by the music... I remember scripture because I've sung it!"**
- **"It's fun to be a part of the worship service in this way."**

If you'd like to try choir, then come to any Thursday night rehearsal and we'll set you up with a folder of music and seat you next to some welcoming people. Any questions may be directed to Dave Mohr or the church office, 414-774-0441.

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 \$35.00 (new price for 2020), 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.

Cold Weather = Magazine Reading Time! Did you know we have a used magazine collection that you can visit and take magazines from? It is located in the Library Commons, outside the library, near the entrance to the Upper Room. The magazines are arranged on a rack with several shelves. Feel free to bring magazines that you think others may wish to read; and you are welcome to take some home with you. What a great way to recycle! (*Thanks to Dee Birschel for keeping this area looking nice.*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not
 quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched
 them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes
 from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in
 righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

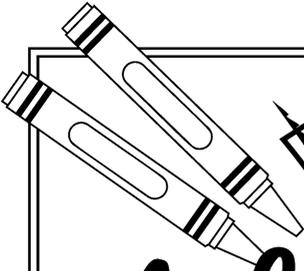
Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

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PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n, new life



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel January 12, 2020

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.

- My child is a 1st, 2nd or 3rd grader and plans to attend the **Kids for Christ gathering** on Sunday, January 19 from 12:15-2:00pm
- I plan to attend the **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, January 25 from 7:30-9:00am
- My child is beyond second grade, but has not yet had first communion preparation. We are interested in participating in the **January 19th class** and the **February 2nd First Communion Service**.

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 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
Financial Administrator	Al Van Lith
Office Assistant	Jill Due
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodian	Marsha Olson
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Property Chairperson (volunteer)	Edward Bross
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson