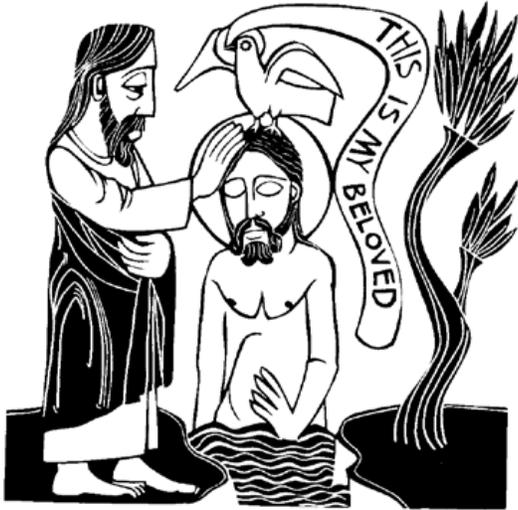


# St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's January 13, 2019



### Baptism of Jesus

**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:** *The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as children of God, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters... the rivers... fire.” On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*

**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.

**John Paradowski is away** this month, enjoying the last weeks of his sabbatical. We welcome Larry Wheelock back to the organ today as our guest organist.

**We Welcome Jim Yee** from the Blood Center of Wisconsin/Versiti, who will be speaking at the two later services, inviting your participation in our upcoming Blood Drive on Monday, January 21. Please consider signing up in the Upper Commons today at the Blood Center table.

**Coffee Today?** Your donations at coffee time are directed toward the cost of the coffee. The price of coffee around the world is rising, so donations are more important than ever. Also, the Mt. Meru coffee we serve is a Fair Trade coffee from our partners in Tanzania which supports small farmers in the Mt. Meru region. There is a donation basket on the coffee table.

**Welcome!** St. Matthew's building has a password-protected wifi network. If you are at church and want to access our network, the password is: **Welcome!** (with a capital W and an exclamation point)

**Prayer Walk Group** Meet on Monday mornings outdoors at the Menomonee River Parkway near Burleigh St. and Mount Mary at 8 a.m. and we will walk the parkway toward North Avenue. If it rains, we'll meet at church and walk inside instead. A great way to start your day and your week! Join them on Mondays or contact Anne DeWitt for details: 414-840-8222

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - January 13, 2019



**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:

Feb. 1: [Jewelweed: A Novel](#) by David Rhodes (449 pages)

Mar. 1: [Slaughterhouse-Five: A Novel](#) by Kurt Vonnegut (288 pages)

**Stitches of Love:** The New Year brings the opportunity for a Quilt Ministry Blitz on **Saturday, January 19th from 9:00-1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome. It doesn't matter if you are experienced or willing to learn. Join in the day to see how many quilts are completed in the timeframe. Bring your own lunch / salad or soup shared. Contact Bev Etzelmueller at #262-250-3969 for questions.

**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). Monday, January 21 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at St. Matthew's. The sign-up sheet will be out in the Library Commons. Blood donation is so important, especially this time of year. Give the gift of life! **Here's the link to sign up online: [bit.ly/SM0121](http://bit.ly/SM0121)**

### **New Member Classes Start January 20!**

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 January and February.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Dates are January 20 and 27 and February 10. New Members will be received on Sunday, February 17th 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](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net), the pastors or the church office. A mailing is being sent to those known to be interested in joining St. Matthew's.

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, January 14

- 6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30, LaLeche League Mtg.
- 10:15, Staff Meeting
- 11:00, Program Staff Meeting
- 1:00, Caregivers' Support Group
- 6:00, Human Resources Comm.
- 6:00, Youth Committee
- 7:00, Church Council Meeting

### Tuesday, January 15

- 7:00, LAC Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 16

- 9:00, A Cabella Ringers
- 10:00, Bible Study with Pastor Matt
- 11:30, Saints Gathering
- 7:00, Writing Your Story
- 7:00, New Creation Choir
- 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Service Night

### Thursday, January 17

- 11:45, Women of Faith
- 7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, January 19

- 9:00, Quilt Ministry Blitz
- 9:30, New Creation Choir  
Musical Workshop

## Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

### January 13

#### **Who's In and Who's Out: Inclusion and Exclusion in the Bible**

##### **Led by Dan Bice**

The Bible is full of stories about groups opening their doors to some people and closing them on others. We will look at the ins and outs of these various passages, such as Jesus' radical attempts to define his movement and the Israelites' response to outsiders. We will even take up God's calls for ethnic genocide (herem) in various situations and how we should respond.

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#### **Confirmation 2.0 to expand with exploration of Exodus!**

After much fun studying and learning about theology, Genesis, and biblical interpretation, the students of Confirmation 2.0 are ready to explore the book of Exodus. Watch future bulletins and editions of the Voice for more details about this in-depth look at the story of God's people from Egypt to Israel, with plagues, promised land, and plenty of stories that never make our regular set of readings in worship. We'll be using the text by Robert Alter-- The Five Books of Moses: A Translation with Commentary. If you'd like Pastor Matt to order you a copy, please let him know. They will be \$24.00. We will plan to meet beginning in early February!

**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 share the request as desired.

**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.

**Writers Workshop with Connie Malloy**

Do you have a story from your life you want to write or journal, but can't put pen to paper? Do you wonder how to turn an event into a story? Do you wonder how to write a story that might involve other people you know? Then come to Connie Malloy's writing workshop. Over the course of 3 weeks Connie will address these issues through guided study, meditation, and small group break out sessions. And, if you don't want to share your story, don't worry, it is not a requirement. This will be a safe environment that will give you exercises and tools that will enhance your ability to reflect and experiment through writing.

Wednesday Nights - 7:00-8:00 PM; January 16, 23, 30. Sign up in the Commons today, in the Church Office or contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net)

**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. Also, if are feeling ill with a cold or flu, you may wish to share a sign of peace without shaking hands. Thanks for your consideration of others in this regard.

**Luther & Doris Kloth are traveling to**

**Colombia again** for a medical mission trip. While the medical staff sees patients, Doris watches the little ones who are also there waiting. She likes to give them Hot Wheels cars and Beanie babies. We'll start a collection box for this outside the church office. Right now, she needs cars more than the Beanie babies, but will accept both if you wish to donate them to this special use. She also uses Pony Beads (the beads that are easy for young hands to string - google it). They are traveling at the end of February, so please bring them in by February 10. Thank you!

**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

**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.

### **Men's Breakfast, January 26, 2019**

**7:30 -9:00 a.m.**

All men welcome; bring a friend.

Full breakfast provided.

Free will offering.

Program TBA

### **Attend the Lutheran Campus Ministry Chili Cook-Off! *A Fundraiser for their ministry***

Lutheran Campus Ministry Chili Cook off will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26, 5-8pm at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis (8633 W. Becher St.). Tickets now on sale in the Upper Commons until January 20. General admission is \$25, kids under 12 are free with adult, college students are \$15. One free ticket for anyone entering a chili as well! Tickets may also be purchased on the synod website, see all the details at [HTTPS://TINY URL.COM/Y8AGWKPC](https://tinyurl.com/y8agwkpc) Chili samples, toppings bar, NA beverages, desserts and coffee; live music, LCM students and pastors, and fabulous silent and voice auction items! Thanks for supporting Lutheran Campus Ministries!

### **Sunday Morning Volunteers**

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



**The current schedule runs from January 6 - April 28 and is available on-line.**

If you would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) 414-774-0441.

## **Benefits of Music**

One of the most wonderful rewards of being part of a musical ensemble is the opportunity to create something more beautiful than any one musician could create alone. When you contribute your talents to the musical and spiritual life of the church, you help enrich our collective congregation and nurture the spirit of all.

## **Choir Programs - Come Join us! Praise Kids!**

### **Thursdays starting 1/31, from 4:00-5:00**

Praise Kids is held on Thursday afternoons. Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt lead our singers in age appropriate music education activities and singing.

### **New Creation Choir**

#### **Wednesdays starting 1/9 from 7:00 to 8:00**

For grades 3-6 Jeff Reeves and John Paradowski co-direct the New Creation Choir singing God's praises. They will be working on their April musical; The Three Trees.

### **New Generation Choir**

#### **Wednesdays starting 2/6 from 6:00 to 6:45**

For 7th through 12th grades the New Generation Choir is a great opportunity to sing the praises of our Lord with each other. A variety of musical styles are sung and we help in worship once a month.

### **Senior Choir Thursdays, from 7:30 to 9:00 Bells Angels [Adults]**

#### **Thursdays starting 1/31 from 6:15 to 7:30**

### **The EmBELLishments**

#### **Tuesdays starting 2/5 from 9:30 to 10:15**

Adults can get in on the act as well with the Senior Choir which meets every Thursday at 7:30, or our adult handbell Choirs, The EmBELLishments [Tuesdays at 9:30 am] or Bell Angels [Thursdays at 6:15] Contact John Paradowski or Dave Mohr for more information. We look forward to seeing many of you join in all the activity of serving our Lord and giving thanks through God's gift of music.

## **Stephen Ministry**

### **A Stephen Minister is:**

- *A trained lay volunteer*
- *A good listener*
- *Trained in confidentiality*
- *Supervised for quality care*
- *Ready to offer God's love through a caring relationship*

### **What Does a Stephen Minister Do?**

- *Listens*
- *Encourages*
- *Keeps confidence*
- *Prays*
- *Supports*
- *Walks beside a hurting person*

### **How to learn more?**

- *Talk with a Pastor*
- *Visit the Stephen Ministry Center in the commons*
- *Write your interest on a blue prayer card and place it in the offering basket*

***As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34:b***



**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.

**St. Matthew’s Women’s Breakfast**  
**Worry Less...Live More!**  
**Saturday, February 2 8:00-12:00**  
With author and international speaker...

***Jane Rubietta***

Weary of worry and its tagalongs: anxiety, discouragement, exhaustion? Leave behind your heavy heart and learn to truly live again! Experience joy and rest in the moment by moment pleasure of a God who truly delights in YOU! Don’t miss this chance to laugh and uncover God’s teachings in your life!  
Registration Fee is only \$15  
Sign up in the Commons, contact the church office or contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net)

**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.

**Sunday, February 10, after the**  
**11:00 service**

**U.S. Wildfires -**  
**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**  
**Reaches Out Wherever Help is Needed**

Now that the critical period of the California wildfires has passed, the need continues as people begin to clean up and consider rebuilding. Lutheran Disaster Response helps all over the world when any type of natural disaster hits. Your donations to St. Matthew’s, and designated ‘LDR’ will help people who need it get the help they need quickly. Thank you.

**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. Contact Julia Murphy through the church office or email [julia@stmatthslutheran.org](mailto:julia@stmatthslutheran.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

**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!

**The St. Matthew’s  
Meal Outreach Ministry**

***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](http://jomministry.org) and click on “volunteer” - you can sign up right there!

***Guest House:*** 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](mailto: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; [rcvvetter1986@gmail.com](mailto:rcvvetter1986@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 try the new PEABERRY coffee!**

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.

**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? The 2019 months are now available for sign-up. Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center. Flowers are \$30 per arrangement; library books are \$20.

**Searching for Part Time Infant**

**nanny:** We are seeking a part time nanny to care for our 4 mo baby boy one day every other week ( ~two days per month) in our Whitefish Bay home. Days needed are variable but would typically be either a Monday or Wednesday from 8 am - 5 pm. CPR certification, experience caring for infants, and references required. Please contact Mike and Sarah Zwaska if interested - nahn@uwalumni.com

**Simply Giving:** St. Matthew's Stewardship Committee partners with Thrivent Financial for electronic transfer of contributions from parishioners' checking or savings accounts directly to St. Matthew's bank account. For more information or to request enrollment documents, contact Al in the church office, 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org

# Youth Ministry

## **Communion Service for 2nd Graders on February 3rd; Class on Jan. 20th**

As you may remember, St. Matthew's has moved from setting a specific age for first communion (formerly 5th grade) to a practice of welcoming children to receive the sacrament of communion whenever their parents feel they are ready. As part of our new practice, there is a yearly class and special communion service for 2nd graders to help them understand communion as a sacrament.

This year's communion service for 2nd graders will be Sunday, February 3rd at 1:30. In preparation for the communion service, 2nd graders and parents are asked to attend a class about what it means to participate in the Lord's Supper. The class will take place on Sunday, January 20th, from 1:30-4:30 pm. The class and service are open to all 2nd graders at St. Matthew's. If you need more information, please talk with Pastor Chris.

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

Jan. 16      Service Night

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

## **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.

### **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](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org) so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

## **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 date is January 23

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will  
 be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not  
 overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not  
 be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
 and honored, and I love you,  
 I give people in return for you,  
 nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
 bring my sons from far away  
 and my daughters from the end of  
 the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
 whom I created for my glory,  
 whom I formed and made."

**Psalm 29****SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

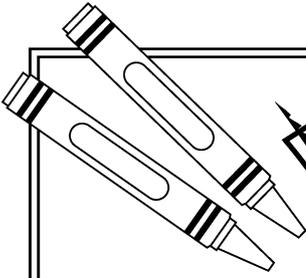
**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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Tracks 1 and 2  
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# PUZZLE

## One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

*Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.*

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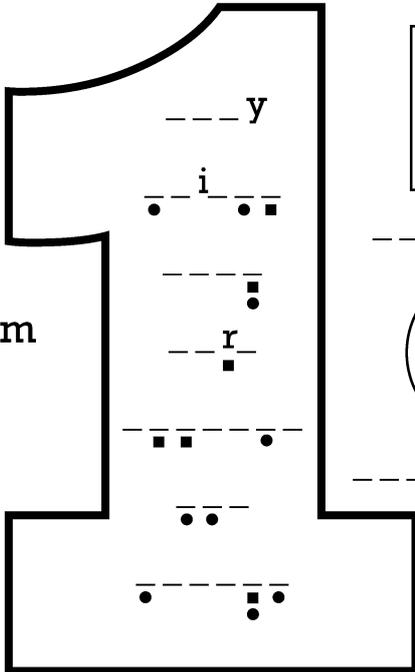
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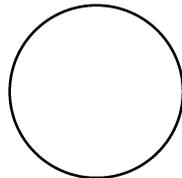
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Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness



## St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel January 13, 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. This is your opportunity to be involved in some of St. Matthew's ministries.

- Yes, I'm interested in being part of the **planning for a Men's Retreat** for spring 2019.
- YES! I want to give blood on Monday, January 21** at St. Matthew's. Please send me the link to the schedule so I can choose a convenient time.
- I plan to attend the **Men's Breakfast on January 26** from 7:30-9:00 a.m.
- I am interested in **joining St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**. Please send me the mailing with the information on how to do this. (Include address below)
- I am interested in going to the **Sunset Playhouse production of "A Murder is Announced"** with our own Annette Olson in the lead role, January 20 (if tickets are still available - number of tickets needed\_\_\_\_)
- 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