

St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's October 28, 2018



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 to the Day: *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 also be one at the Lord's table.

Communion: All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at the 8:30 a.m. 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.

Altar Flowers are given by Fred & Carol Heim in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Children For Baptism (11:00 service) **Fischer Eli Zanskas**, child of Dean & Haley Zanskas, Wauwatosa, was born August 23, 2018. Sponsors are Courtney Thompson and Devin Zanskas.

Ella Grace Williams, child of Trevor & Meghan Williams, Wauwatosa, was born April 13, 2018. Sponsors are Evan and Kim Williams.

Instrumentalists for Worship at 8:30 & 11:00: **Trumpets:** Steven Ehrhardt II, Bill Berlyn; **Trombones:** Kent Tess-Mattner, David Mikec, Brad Ames; **French Horn,** Cheryl Miracle; **Percussion:** Brian Smith, Julia Murphy, Colin Oquist.

Note from John Paradowski: I wish to take a moment to gratefully thank the congregation for your generous gift of time to renew and refresh during my Sabbatical time of September and October.

Please welcome our musicians who will lead worship while I'm away. I am happy to report that your weekly Sunday worship will be led by highly qualified musicians. Julia Murphy will assist at the 7:30 service as needed. Then on the organ and piano bench will be Rob McWilliam and Larry Wheelock who will share their talents on Sunday mornings. I know you will make them feel very welcome.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - October 28, 2018



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Divine Chocolate Advent

Calendars are now available on Sundays or by contacting Rosie Haas at 414-259-1747. Cost remains at \$8.00. Advent begins December 2.

5% of the calendar proceeds go to a fund of reusable microloans for farmers.

Have you accessed your Portal in Servant Keeper? We are asking all members of St. Matthew's to sign into our new church membership software, Servant Keeper, using a link emailed to you. We are excited about the efficiency of communication and access this will provide our members. If you haven't yet created a log in and password, and would like some help with that, Stop in to the HELP DESK in the Upper Commons and a volunteer will assist you in this step. All members have been invited to make a pledge and give us your indication for areas of service where you wish to participate in 2019. Some members have received paper Stewardship forms through the mail. If you wish to complete your Stewardship pledge and Time & Talent on paper forms, you can pick up a packet in the church office. We're asking all members to give us your Stewardship Response by November 11, 2018.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Next

Sunday, November 4. Remember to set your blocks back one hour next Saturday evening so that you may arrive at All Saints' Sunday worship services on time.

Have you signed up for the Blood Drive yet? *While supplies last, all donors will receive a great black Halloween t-shirt "Starve a Vampire; Donate Blood."* The Blood Center tells us they are already 2,000 units of blood behind what the need is. Please sign up at the Table in the Library Commons. The date of the blood drive is Monday, October 29 from 3-7 p.m.

Week of October 29 - Nov. 3

Monday:

- 6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.
- 10:15, Staff Meeting
- 11:00, Program Staff Meeting
- 3:00, Blood Center Blood Drive

Tuesday:

- 7:00, 9th grade Confirmation
- 7:00, LAC Rehearsal
- 7:00, Righteous Ringers

Wednesday:

- 10:00, Bible Study
- 11:30, SAINTS Gathering
- 6:00, Godsbells
- 7:00, New Creation Choir
- 7:00, Women's Book Study

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- 7:00, First Fridays Book Group

Saturday:

- 9:00, Mt. Meru Coffee
Ambassadors Annual Mtg.

Deborah Circle will meet on
Tuesday, November 13 at 12:30
p.m. in the Upper Room.

Adult Education Today, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

October 28 - Are you familiar with the St. Matthew's Foundation?

Today's talk will focus on the work of the Saint Matthew's Foundation and will cover information on including organizations like the foundation in your long term charitable giving plans. Get to know some of the members of the St. Matthew's Foundation Board who work behind the scenes to support our ministries and plan for our financial future. Additionally, we will hear from experts from Baird, who manage the foundation's funds and how you can take advantage of the recently changed tax laws.

November 4

We welcome "Just One More" Inc.

Just One More seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by caring for Milwaukee's poor in spirit, providing regular nutritious meals for the hungry, and offering those who suffer with addictions a faith based recovery program for creating a fulfilling and God-centered life.

Confirmation 2.0 on "Fall Break" until

November 13. You are still welcome to join us as we meet and discuss the story of Abraham, Sarah and their family. We'll explore what makes us "righteous" in God's eyes and try to make sense of the funnier and more unusual parts of the story. We will meet on Tuesdays, November 13 and 20, December 4th and 11th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cross Lunch fed 200 people on Wednesday;
thanks to the servers who helped and thanks for
the food that was donated.

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. Next Date: Nov. 12 and 26

Healing Service Schedule: 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. Your concern can be general if you don't wish to share specifically.

Sunday, Nov. 18, After 11:00 service

Prayer Walk Group meets on Monday mornings and we are enjoying walking outside. Find out where we start by contacting Anne DeWitt for details: 414-840-8222.

Women of the ELCA Cluster Fall Gathering - Women, you will want to attend this gathering, "In Our Own Voice" with Program Leaders from National Alliance on Mental Illness with Bible Study Leader Intern David Rebey. It will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa. Cost is \$12 including breakfast, or \$3 for the meeting only. It begins at 8 a.m. with registration, and there is a welcome and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. All women of ELCA churches in the Milwaukee area are invited to attend. ***The registration deadline is October 31.*** Make checks payable to and mail registration to Jan Fox, Treasurer, 4130 S. Carnaby Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151. You can also send her an email at: jcnfx@aol.com or call 262-782-5680. There are registration forms at the Welcome Center and in the church office. You can also send an email to the St. Matthew's church office and ask for it to be emailed to you. Don't miss this interesting program about a topic that affects so many families.

"The Nativity" Christmas Pageant: Can you help? St. Matthew's will be presenting "The Nativity," our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16 for the 8:30 and 11:00 services. As the cast is being assembled and rehearsals begin, we are looking for some people who would like to volunteer their time and talents to help make this story come to life. We need help in the areas of costumes, make-up, props, crowd control and backstage people. **Also, if you would want to be on stage with no lines and no stress as a member of the "crowd," we would love to have you join in.** If you would like to help in the special presentation, please contact John Paradowski. Thank you.

Looking for some youth to help you with babysitting, yard work, etc.?

Look for our Youth Services Directory, where youth tell us which jobs they'd like to take on, and you contact them by phone or email and determine the rate of payment. You can find the updated Youth Services Directory, now in Spreadsheet form, at the Welcome Center and across from the church office.

Used medications being collected for Cross Clinic

We have a pharmacist in our congregation who is volunteering time at Cross Lutheran Church's Bread of Healing Medical Clinic. Tom Wilke is willing to collect medications you no longer need and take them to Cross 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 and we will collect them for Cross Bread of Healing Clinic. Medications not usable will be responsibly discarded.

Would you like to join the choir for the Christmas Pageant?

The Senior Choir welcomes additional singers to join for the special music sung for the Christmas Pageant, *The Nativity*, on December 16. People wanting to join the Senior Choir for the Christmas Pageant may start coming to rehearsal on Nov. 1st. We will rehearse pageant music beginning at 7:30pm for about 20 minutes. This will give us 6 Thursdays for these rehearsals: 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13. Come to the Choir Room at 7:20 on November 1 to get the music or contact Dave Mohr at Davemohr@me.com to tell him you'd like to participate.

There will also be a Saturday, Dec. 15th dress rehearsal, which begins at 9:30 a.m.

Give now to Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Michael

Relief: Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating its response with Lutheran Services Florida, the Florida-Bahamas Synod, as well as our partners and affiliates in other impacted areas. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this storm. The storm made landfall with winds upwards of 150 miles per hour. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Michael.

Undie Sunday is coming!

November 11 to December 2 Now is a good time to start watching for sales on underwear, for both males and females, as we will be starting our annual collection for Guest House and Benedict Center on November 11. Remember that plus sizes are also appreciated. Details about the collection will be listed next week.

St. Matthew's 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 September 9 - December 30 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 414-774-0441.

Volunteers Needed!

Pew Tender

Straighten and re-stock the pews 2 times per month. Takes about 1 hour each time. Great for a parent who is at church waiting for their child(ren) in choir or other event.

Clean and Polish Brass

Candelabras on the altar

Supplies provided. Once a month. Both of these tasks can be done at time that is convenient for you and any-time that church is open! Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or sign up on the sign up panel of the bulletin.

St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club reveals Reading List for year The St. Matthew's book group, which usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning at 7 p.m., has shared their 2018-19 reading list. It is available at church at the Welcome Center. Here are the next two books for the year:

Nov. 2: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi (228 pages)

Dec. 7: When the English Fall; David Williams (256 pgs)

Apple Pies in time for Thanksgiving!

Back by popular demand St. Matthew's will be preparing apple pies on Saturday, November 17 in time for you to serve on Thanksgiving! Volunteer sign up for helping to prepare pies will be available Sunday, October 28 - Sunday, November 11.

Children 12 and over are welcome to help, accompanied by an adult. Pre-order your pie today in the Commons! Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or Karen Crook; karenjcrook@gmail.com for more info.

Are You Interested in the January El Salvador Trip?

Sign-up Deadline is October 31st

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for January 8th- 17th and is open to adults and college-aged youth. The trip will include experiences with our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten. We will also participate in various ministries of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, and visit cultural sites.

If you would like to be part of this eye-opening, heart-opening, and perspective-expanding experience, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Pastor Chris.

St. Matthew's Sunday Morning

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**SAINTS October Event:
October 31at 11:30am
“Current Events in Government” Or**

“What the heck is going on in Washington and Madison these days? This wasn’t what I learned in high school civics!”

Our presenter will be Prof. Mordecai Lee. He is a former member of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Wisconsin State Senate. Since that time, he has served as Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. We look forward to his non-partisan take on our political scene just in time for November elections. Lunch will follow his presentation. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**ELCA Votes! Take the Pledge to
Vote! Help others get to the polls!**

The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin is Sponsoring a Voter Pledge Campaign on Sunday, October 28th. We will offer space to sign our “Giant Pledge Board” both this Sunday and next Sunday!

Studies show that people are more likely to vote after making a public commitment to do so! Having a public voice to exercise our citizenship is part of who we are as Lutheran Christians!

In addition, if you are free on election day and able to help others get to their polling place, Darla Hium from the Social Ministry Team is working with our partners to offer assistance for those who may need it. Contact Pr. Matt or Darla if you’re interested in helping or would like assistance getting to your polling place.

Donations of Bedding Needed to be used in making sleeping bags to distribute through Repairers of the Breach. If you have any blankets (wool is ideal) or quilts, bring them to the Quilt Ministry storage room off Fellowship Hall and Bev Etzelmueller will get them to the person who makes the sleeping bags. Thanks for anything you can donate. Any bed size is workable.

Come join us to RING!

You’ve seen them in action and are thinking, “I want to try that.” We have the chance for you to give it a ring. The Tuesday morning handbell choir, The EmbELLishments, is always 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 November 6. No experience needed! We have fun as we learn new music and the techniques of handbell ringing. Please talk with John Paradowski at the church, stmatts-musicministry@gmail.com

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. Occasions are listed in the Sunday bulletin.

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!

**Upper Two-Bedroom Flat for Rent:
7102 W. Wisconsin Avenue**

Ideal location less than 5 minutes from Froedtert and the Medical College. One mile from I-94 and 41. Walk to Collectivo and Balistreri's Pizza. Spacious 1400 sq. ft. upper flat with unique charm. Large living room with beamed ceiling. Dining room with umbrella ceiling and built-in cabinets. Oak hardwood floors. Two carpeted bedrooms. One bath. Ample storage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer included with apartment. One garage stall and one space behind it available for parking. No smokers or dogs. Rent \$1,150/month. Heat included.

Available now.

Christy – 414-303-8380

Craig – 414-364-2663

Email: 7102WWisconsin@gmail.com

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 and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

Guest House: Many thanks to Claire Seefeldt and Grant Bublitz, who were totally awesome at serving dinner on October 14. Two to three volunteers are needed each month to prepare and serve a dinner for 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up. *Now Seeking volunteers for **January 13 and February 10.***

Repairers of the Breach: We supply 100 bag lunches for the homeless twice a month. We pack the lunches at church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to provide beverages, fruit, chips and sweets and/or pack the lunches. Contact Tom Geib (414-321-3391).

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8 residents the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15 returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter; rcvetter1986@gmail.com.

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, November 28, 2018.***

**Women's Wednesday Evening
Book Discussion** "An Altar in

the World: A Geography of Faith"
by Barbara Brown Taylor

"A field guide to spiritual practices
which can lend meaning and
richness to our lives."

7:00-8:00pm

October 10 - November 7...

Come when you can!

For October 31 read Chapters 9 &
10.

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.**

Mt. Meru Coffee - Mmmm...

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.
Thanks to Rosie Haas for bringing
us these opportunities.

Stephen Ministry

Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?

Stephen Ministers are members of our
congregation who listen, care, encourage
and provide emotional and spiritual support
to people who are facing a challenging life
situation or going through a tough time.
The care you will receive is confidential,
free and very helpful.

To learn how you - or a friend, neighbor,
coworker, or relative - can receive care,
talk to a pastor or Stephen Leader. Or,
stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in
the commons to speak with a Stephen
Minister.

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



Men's Monday Morning Bible Study:

Come Join us early on Monday mornings!

We will meet on Monday mornings from 6.30
- 7.30 am in the upper room. All are welcome
and we are diligent with ending on time. The
Lord invites you to get to know him better by
studying his Word in community.

*Proverbs 27:17 (NASB) "Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another."*

Youth Ministry

Toy Swap is November 11

Keep this date in mind as you clean out your children's toy collection and pass along outgrown toys. You can start bringing the toys in during the week of November 4. The toy swap will take place in Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour, 9:45 a.m. Carrie Jo Cherney and Kellie Lanza are coordinating the project.

2019 Youth Mission Trip - Destination Texas!

Disaster response will be the focus of next summer's youth mission trip when we will spend a week in Houston working with SBP to rebuild houses that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Harvey just over a year ago. The dates of the trip are Saturday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 30th.

The trip 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 Hauge or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/missiontrip2019>.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation continues

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

October 31 No Class - All Saints' Eve

9th Grade Confirmation continues

each week

Confirmation for 9th graders ends on Tuesday, October 30th.

The 9th graders will be confirmed at a special worship service on **Sunday, November 4th. at 1:30 in the afternoon.** If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Hauge or Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse.

Children's Ministry Groups are BACK!

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.

Nov. 11th 12:15-2pm KFC

Nov. 18th: 12:15-2pm DOC

These groups are led by Donna Gardner Manke. Come and join us! It is helpful to sign up by calling the church office, 414-774-0441, or emailing <office@stmattslutheran.org>, so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

Cross Lutheran Adult Center needs just a little bit more to fund their new bus!

"Being able to come to the Cross Lutheran Church Adult Center means so much to me. It is the only chance I get to go out, be with people who care about me, laugh, talk and belong."

Sally has lived on the north side of Milwaukee all her life. However, at 80+, she has lost many of her friends and is challenged to maintain her independence in her home. Being able to attend the Adult Center is a key component in her ability to live life on her own terms. Cross Lutheran Church staff pick her up, help her into the handicap accessible program area, and she spends the next 3-4 hours talking to her friends, sharing a meal, and learning healthy habits that she enjoys.

Cross Lutheran Church has a strong history of ministry and service. Programs range from a weekly meal program and food pantry to tutoring and advocacy for social justice. Feeling isolated and cut off from our friends and neighbors can result from lack of mobility or ability to go out, depression and ill health. Every adult should be able to connect to community.

Our Adult Center provides weekly education, health screening, and wellness workshops for older adults. We are committed to ensuring that everyone has a place at the table, is engaged, and able to share God's grace. People in our program range from age 33 to 100, however 70% are over age 70. They share their stories, laugh and give support to each other – all of which leads to better health!

Our goal: We want to raise \$57,000 to fund the Cross Transportation and Building Fund with the purpose of purchasing a wheel-chair accessible shuttle bus for our Adult Center and Youth Programs. As of June 2017 we have raised \$41,500 including our \$25,000 grant from the Zilber Family Foundation. To complete our goal, we need to close the gap of \$15,500.

How you can help: Visit the Cross Bus GoFundMe page at

<https://www.gofundme.com/fill-up-our-bus-fund>

St. Matthew's to hold blood drive on Monday, October 29, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Fresh donated blood is needed every day, and the need continues week after week. If you are able, please consider signing up to donate blood at our next blood drive. The need is real.

There's a drawing each week in October, and every October blood donor is entered into it, for a tailgate party and tickets to the December 2 Packer Game at Lambeau Field against the Arizona Cardinals.

Sign up online through the Blood Center, or call the church office for assistance, 414-774-0441, or sign up on Sunday mornings at the Blood Drive display. Give the gift of life.



**Save a life
Give blood**

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee - Join the dialogue.

Change your life. Transform the world. WE NEED YOU... to host an Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogue. We are scheduling dinners for September - December 2018. 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. Dinners generally take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. or on Sunday afternoons/early evenings. Pick up a flyer for further info from the Welcome Center.

Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2018

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.



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. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Psalm 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

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

Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Sunday Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 **OR 24th Sunday after Pentecost** Deuteronomy 8:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel October 28, 2018

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

- I'm interested in the **Partnership Trip to El Salvador** on January 2019.
- Sign my **1st-3rd grader up for KFC** on Sun., Nov. 11, 12:15-2:00 # of kids _____
Sign my **4th-5th grader up for DOC** on Sun., Nov. 18, 12:15-2:00. # of kids _____
- I would like to help with the **Christmas Pageant**, to be held on Sunday, December 16. Please circle area of interest. **For more information contact John Paradowski**
Costumes, Make-up, Props, Snacks, Crowd control, Backstage, CROWD MEMBER
- Yes, I'm interested in being a **Pew Tender**.
- Yes, I'm interested in helping to **clean and polish the brass candelabras** on the altar.
- I'd like more information on the **Simply Giving** service, the electronic transfer of contributions to St. Matthew's.
- 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
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