

St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's October 6, 2019



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

Introduction for the Day: *A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are*

the blessings received in water and the word [holy baptism], bread and wine [Holy Communion], the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Today is Worldwide Communion Sunday: World Wide Communion Sunday offers congregations an opportunity to experience Holy Communion with the global community of faith. Since 1936 the first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations.

Join us for Holy Communion: All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine at all services. 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.

It's Name Tag Sunday: We wear nametags on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in order for us to know more people on Sunday mornings.

Hunger Baskets to be passed today: When the offering plates are passed later in the service, it is followed by a basket for a special collection. This second collection will be directed toward local and world hunger. Thank you for your faith-filled response to this opportunity.

The Prayer Chain continues to faithfully pray for the needs of the congregation and community. If you would like the Prayer Chain to be praying for your needs, please use the blue cards in the pews or contact the church office at 414-774-0441. You may also e-mail the church at stmatthew@sbccglobal.net or sonjamohr@me.com with a prayer request or if you wish to join the prayer chain.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - October 6, 2019



Tanzanian Guest will arrive October 8

This fall, the Greater Milwaukee Synod is welcoming a delegation of 18 people from the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. The delegation, which includes Bishop Elias Kitoi, will arrive on October 8th and be here through the 22nd. St. Matthew's is fortunate to be hosting a member of the delegation, Naiman Kyungai. Naiman has been a member of the Partnership Committee at Singi'si Lutheran Church for many years and has been a friendly face and gracious host when St. Matthew's members have visited Tanzania. Naiman also works with the Singi'si coffee distribution center. In addition to other events that will be publicized in the bulletin, St. Matthew's will have a lunch in Naiman's honor on Sunday, October 20th at 12:15. All are invited to meet and greet Naiman! Watch the bulletin for more details!

El Salvador Visit Planned for January

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for early January, 2020 and is open to adults and college-aged youth. This trip will include new experiences and connections as well as service at our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten. If you are interested in being part of this eye-opening, heart-opening, and perspective-expanding experience, please talk to Gretchen Hauge or Pastor Chris.

2019 Youth Mission Trip

"So, where are we going next year?"

That's a great question! To learn the answer, come to the information meeting on THIS Sunday, October 6th at 12:15. The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth. Plan on attending this meeting to learn all the details!

Blessing Sunday at Reformation

October 6, 10:00am

The address is 3806 W. Lisbon Ave.,

Milw Being in partnership with Reformation Lutheran Church enriches and inspires us in many ways. One way in particular is the "blessing" language that permeates their ministry and relationships. They are always mindful, even in the midst of brokenness, of blessings in their lives and as a congregation. One blessing that we share with them is the blessing of partnership, a blessing that Reformation proclaims and celebrates each fall on Blessing Sunday by inviting partners to share worship and a celebration with them.

This year's festivities are on Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 AM and include worship and a reception.

We hope to have a big group from St. Matthew's attend this special event. If you are interested, please let the office know. If you have questions, please contact Gretchen Hauge.

Coming up this week:

Monday, Oct. 7

- 6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study
- 10:15, Staff Meeting
- 11:00, Program Staff Meeting
- 1:00, Fallen Angels
- 6:30, Friendship Force of Milw.

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:30, The EmbELLishments
- 3:20, Daisy Scout Meeting (Locher)
- 6:30, Confirmation 2.1
- 7:00, Lutheran A Cappella Choir Reh.
- 7:00, Stephen Ministry
- 7:00, Righteous Ringers

Wednesday, October 9

- 10:00, Wednesday Bible Study
- 5:30, Dinner Before Confirmation
- 6:00, Godsbells
- 6:00, New Generation Choir
- 7:00, New Creation Choir
- 7:00, 9th grade Confirmation
- 7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Big Group
- 7:00, Women's Book Study
- 7:30-8:00, New Creation in church

Thursday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 12

- 9:00-12:00 Meru Extended Meeting with guests from Meru Diocese present
- 12:00-1:00, Meru Luncheon
- 1:00-3:00, Meru Education Committee

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 12:30pm in the Upper Room.

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

Sunday October 6: PerSISTERS

Who?

PerSISTERS is a group of citizens engaged in democratic action.

What? When?

We meet weekly and write and call our elected officials. We contact them to voice our opinions on a range of issues.

We write letters to support or oppose policies at the local, state and national level.

Why?

We believe it is the responsibility of citizens in a democracy to be active in the political process.

In our weekly gatherings, we find hope, support and resolve!

Hear more about this exciting grassroots group which is organized by St. Matthew's member Lisa Williams.

October 13: Emergency Training

On Sunday, October 13th, for our Adult Education hour, we will continue our focus of Emergency procedures at St. Matthew's. The Wauwatosa Fire Department will be coming to talk about Hands Only CPR, Stop the bleed and AED use. It is very comprehensive and necessary training to have to be able to help in an emergency situation.

October 20

Synod Task Force on Opioids and the impact of overdose and communities.

Women's Book Discussion

Wednesday Nights - 7:00-8:00 PM

October 2 - November 6

PRAYER Does It Make Any Difference?

Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? Does it change God's mind or ours or both?

This book is an invitation to communicate with God who invites us into an eternal partnership through prayer. Polls reveal that 90 percent of people pray. Yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time of the believer's day, can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery.

For our Wednesday, October 9th meeting please read pages 73-144. All are welcome!

Photo Scavenger Hunt Event - Join Us on October 19

Join us on Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 for some good-natured competition and creativity. We'll meet at church and separate into teams to "collect" photos from around the Village and neighborhood. When time's up, return to church to show off your creativity while enjoying snacks and treat. Bring your energy, a smart phone or digital camera and a snack to share. Contact Heather Deaton at 414.704.0247 or hdeaton@wi.rr.com for more info.

Here's the Google Doc Sign-up link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DIUSFWiLip-U0axIk-ErA9kdeAf276BACDbsfWluXA/edit?usp=sharing>

Cross Lutheran Bridges Tutoring Program needs you! Make a meal or build a tutoring relationship with a young student.

As the Bridges Tutoring Program prepares to start a new school year, you are invited to consider serving as a partner and relationship builder with a young person at Cross Lutheran. Tutoring Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and tutoring follows until 8 p.m. It is possible to tutor one night or both.

The responsibility of tutors is to help students learn, review content, and explain how to problem solve and check completed work. You can be a positive influence on helping students develop study skills and organization techniques to help improve their academic performance.

The program begins in earnest on September 12th--it's not too late to meet with Coordinator Isabelle Barry and learn about the goals for this year's program. Please contact vicarisabelle@crosslutheranmke.org or call her at 414.349.2716

We also are **committed to make meals for the 2nd Tuesday and Thursday** of each month beginning in October. **If you'd like to make a meal for 20 to share, contact Pastor Matt.**

Did you know how easy it is to Give Online? Go to this website link: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/> You can designate your donation by choosing one of the options, or filling in the open choice.

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

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

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

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

Could you help by donating blankets?

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

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

**First Fridays Book Group is underway:
*Time to start reading the November book!***

Fred Heim and Mary Thomae have collaborated and compromised on a schedule as varied as it has ever been. **November 1:** *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel* by Rachel Joyce (384 pages) Whether or not this piques your interest, at least one or two from the remaining schedule probably will. Pick up a schedule at church (Welcome Center or table across from church office) or find it on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FFBookClub2019-20>

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

"Faith and Politics" with James Santelle. October 15, 6-9 pm, in Brookfield. Suggested donation \$20.

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

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

"Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue"

December 10, 6-9 pm

Visit our website to learn more:

interfaithconference.org

Also, you may contact the organizer, Rhonda Hill at rhondah@interfaithconference.org or call 414--276-9050.

Getting over the sticker shock of senior living: What if the costs of a senior living community are more reasonable and affordable than you think? We'll expose actual numbers and discuss the other factors you need to consider. October 17 at 6:30pm in the Linden Room at Luther Manor, 4545 N. 92nd St. Wauwatosa. RSVP to 414.434.1768.

New Member Classes are now underway:

God has given us the gift of Christian community. 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. Remaining dates are October 6 and 13. New Members will be received on Sunday, October 20th 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. You are welcome to attend even if you didn't sign up in advance.

Did you know there are over 194,000 caregivers of people with dementia in Wisconsin alone? The Wauwatosa Health Department and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin are working together to provide education to the community. Please join us at **Wauwatosa City Hall** in the Lower Civic Center to learn more.

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:00pm; Healthy Tips for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research. All are Welcome.

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in these three areas:

- **Communion Preparers** - Work in teams of 3 to prepare communion and clean up after.
- **Coffee Hosts** - Prepare coffee and set out treats in between 8:30 & 11:00 services.
- **Ushers (11:00)** - Greet worshipers and help with collecting the offering

If you would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Al Van Lith; al@stmattslutheran.org or 414-774-0441.

Stephen Ministry

We all need a concerned, caring person at difficult times in our lives but during those times it seems that everyone has advice. Most often, it isn't advice we need -- it's just someone who will listen and help us sort things out.

Our congregation has trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at St. Matthew's. They are prepared to provide care simply by listening instead of telling you what to do. The conversations are completely confidential. Being heard can bring a great sense of relief and clarity to a situation or relationship.

To ask a few questions and learn more talk with a Stephen Leader, Pastor Ann or visit the Stephen Ministry Center and talk with a Stephen Minister from 9:45-10:45 any Sunday. Or, write your question and contact info on a blue prayer card or on the Stephen Ministry card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Children's and Youth Ministry

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.

KFC: Sunday, Oct. 6, 12:15-2:00 p.m.
DOC: Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:15-2:00 p.m.
These groups are led by Donna Gardner Manke. Come and join us! It is helpful to sign up by calling the church office, 774-0441, so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

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.
October 9 - Big Group (Psalms & Wisdom)
Oct. 16 - BigGroup (Prophets)
Oct. 23 - Servant Night (Food Collection)

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

2019 Youth Mission Trip

“So, where are we going next year?”

That's a great question! To learn the answer, ***come to the information meeting on Sunday, October 6th at 12:15.*** The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth. Plan on attending this meeting to learn all the details! Come to the info meeting to find out about next summer's experience!

Youth Drama Workshop, October 13th

If you are a middle or high school student who loves drama, then our Youth Drama Group is a great place for you! We will begin our year with a workshop on Sunday, October 13th from 12:15 – 2:30. We'll start with lunch and then move on to improvisation activities, drama games, and, finally a preview of dramas that will be presented in worship during the year.

Dinner Available at church on Wednesdays for Confirmation Kids - See Dates Below

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.

If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Haugse.

Remaining Wednesday Dinner Dates

October 2, 9, & 16

November 6, 13 & 20

December 11

January 8

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

Clothes

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

Baby/Toddler

Strollers, toys, swings

Linens

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

Home Goods

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

Accessories

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

Kitchenware

Pots & pans, kitchen utensils and
towels, silverware

Small Appliances

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

Hospitality Supplies

Coffee, Keurig K-Cups, creamer, sugar

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

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Guest House: Many thanks to the Youth Group
for organizing volunteers to serve dinner on
September 8: Jennifer Wills, Ben Wehrley, and
the Andreas Family (Jennifer, Shad, and Rowan).
We greatly appreciated Pastor Chris joining
us to share his talents with the kitchen and the
camera! Two or three volunteers are needed
on the second Sunday of each month to serve
dinner to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless
shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking volunteers for the
December 8 dinner. Please contact Carl Johnson
by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by
emailing johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up.

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

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

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8
residents the second Sunday of each month.
Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15
returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter;
rcvetter1986@gmail.com. Next Meal: October 13.

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

Lutheran Disaster Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Right now, the need is greatest for assistance to U.S. people who are suffering from flooding and also those areas (US and Caribbean) affected by recent hurricanes.

Give

Your gifts designated for "LDR" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Checks to "St. Matthew's"

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

Luther Manor Hospice is seeking kind-hearted volunteers comfortable with accompanying people on their end-of-life journey. Many valuable opportunities available including visiting, prayer presence, assistance with patients' daily needs or participation in activities. Training is provided on our campus, for inpatient and in-home care.

For more information, contact our Volunteer Services Coordinator, Jennifer Oakes at 414-847-5227 or joakes@luthermanor.org to get involved today. <http://www.luthermanor.org/hospice>

Adult snow shoveling help needed:

An older couple in our congregation who live near Wisconsin Lutheran College are looking for a person to shovel snow for them this winter. Please contact the church office, and we'll connect you with them. This would be a paid service.

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 meeting: October 14 & 28

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

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

If you've given blood before, you know how much it is needed, for patients of all types. What takes an hour of your time can help three patients have a chance to recover. If you haven't given blood before, it's an easy process and the staff working the drive (from Versiti) are very knowledgeable and patient with taking you through the process. And you'll probably see someone you know giving blood at the same time, because there will be many St. Matthew's people there. Our congregation gives one of the best responses; let's keep it up.

Sign up at this address: bit.ly/SM1028 or call 1-877-232-4376

Cross Youth Choir 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 19, 2019 Cross Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm

This concert will include selections from the current Cross Youth Praise Team, an Alumni Choir made up of former singers from the original group, as well as special guests. We will be honoring Mrs. Gloria Wright, founding director, and look forward to having a great time in the Lord! We would be delighted if you could join us for this occasion. A 50th Anniversary only comes around once in a lifetime!

Cross Lutheran Church is located at 1821 N. 16th St., Milwaukee.

YTD Financial Results as of: 09/22/19

General Fund Receipts	\$695,236
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$8,689
Benevolence Disbursements	\$201,766
Mortgage Note Balance	\$138,418

Event at Woman's Club of Wisconsin features special

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

Metered parking is available on the street and in the Woman's Club lot (cost \$5). The building has accessibility for the handicapped.

Ongoing Collection for Guest

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

Spray deodorant

Body Wash

Cologne

Laundry Bags

Men's watches

Shampoo

Foot Powder

Aftershave

Men's wallets

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 37:1-9

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for
the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a
clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I re-
member you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may
be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in
you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift
of God that is within you through the laying on of my
hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-
discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about
our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in
suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,
⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not
according to our works but according to his own
purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in
Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now
been revealed through the appearing of our Savior
Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For
this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle
and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do.
But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom
I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to
guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.
¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to
you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mus-
tard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be up-
rooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has
just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the
field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the
table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare
supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while
I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do
you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?
¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were
ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have
done only what we ought to have done!'"



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel October 6, 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.

We'd like to sign up for **DOC on October 20**, 12:15-2pm Number attending _____

I'm interested in helping to serve on Sunday mornings in the following area:
 _____ **Communion Preparer (11:00)** _____ **Coffee Hosts**
 _____ **Ushers at 11:00 am service**

I am a college-age student or an adult interested in participating in the **El Salvador mission trip** in early January 2020.

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 Stewardship Campaign 2020 - *People helping people*

This week, watch for a letter arriving in your mail describing this year's campaign, planned around our calling to *welcome, nurture, equip and send* in our community and around the world.

We will be using two simple links for filling out your pledge card and Activities & Ministries selections online, all explained in the letter, and also around worship next Sunday morning, October 13.

If you know that you want to have a paper copy of the pledge card and Activities & Ministries forms, please put your name here on this line and turn this into an usher or the church office.

Thank you!



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
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson