

St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MATTHEW'S October 7, 2018



In the name of our creating, redeeming and empowering God, a warm welcome to members and guests who gather today for worship and Christian fellowship. May we be blessed as we bless God and one another.

Introduction to the Day: *Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should*

challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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

Altar Flowers are given by Chuck & Marge Shantz in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary; and by Thomas Lageson in memory of his sister, Catherine Lageson, who died on September 26.

Why are some people wearing nametags? *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.*

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.

I encourage all to join a choir or raise your voice or instrument in praise of our God.

See inside back panel for a Reflection on WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.

Reflection on World Communion Sunday

Today we join across the globe in sharing World Communion Sunday. This reflection comes from Jordan Rimmer, blogger and participant in World Communion Sunday in his Christian congregation.

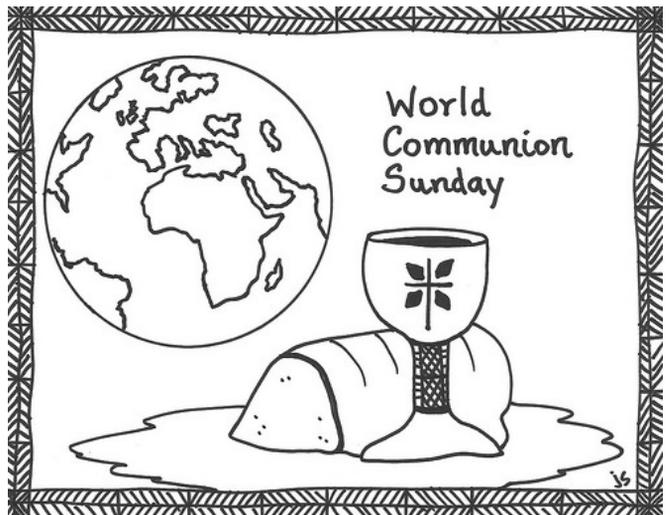
It began last night- as you were going to sleep—World Communion Sunday. Asian Christians shared the bread and the wine. Churches in China met in secret so that they would not be arrested. Christians in the Middle East, some of whom were saved only by having dreams of Jesus, met under the watchful eye of the government as they celebrated the Eucharist. In Europe, Christians gathered in churches that used to be much fuller and celebrated the Lord's Supper. In Africa, the sacrament was celebrated in great numbers by a growing number of Christians, many of whom bare scars of persecution as they Commune together.

Those celebrating today include Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, Pentecostals, Baptists, thousands of other denominations, and even those without denominations.

Christ-followers met both in public and in secret. Some met in freedom while others gathered under threat of persecution and death. Some take the sacrament today with organ music, others with simple singing, and still others in quiet so as not to be arrested.

In wealthy churches and in desperate poverty the sacrament is observed. In churches, homes, huts, and in God's creation this seal of the covenant was experienced. The bread is given to people that could overeat all day and to people who had no idea what they would eat or where they would get it today.

The one thing in common- We all come to the same table of our Lord.



St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - October 7, 2018



OCTOBER

Join us for "Paddington 2" on
Friday, October 26

Join us for Family Movie Night on October 26 at 6:30 pm when we watch "Paddington 2." We'll be serving Papa Murphy's pizza, movie treats, freshly popped popcorn, and a variety of beverages. Everyone is welcome to wear pajamas and bring pillows and sleeping bags. Suggested donation is \$5 per person/\$20 per family. Sign up through the church office today!

Have you accessed your Portal in Servant Keeper? In preparation for this year's Stewardship Program, 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. Then you will be ready to participate in the Stewardship Kickoff next week. If you would like to complete a pledge and Activities-Ministries form on paper, please sign up at the Welcome Center so that we may prepare it for

Sign up today to be 1 of 10 people attending a progressive dinner!

Three St. Matthew's families have generously offered to host a progressive dinner at their homes on October 20, 2018 beginning at 5 pm. We will enjoy appetizers at one family's home, a main course at the second home, and dessert at the third home. Space is limited to 10 people. Participants will be notified of hosts' names and addresses. Contact Jennifer Wills at 262/483-1848 or jenniferwills1@me.com with questions. Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/2NR2wJTOct2018Dinner>

All Current Usher Captains: Please plan to attend the **Usher Emergency Procedures Training** on October 7, 14, and 21 at 10:20 a.m. Meet near the Upper Kitchen.

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Upper Room at church.

Week of

October 8 - 13

Monday:

6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.
9:30, LaLeche League Mtg.
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers Support Group
6:00, Human Resources Comm
7:00, Amer. Heritage Dancers
7:00, Church Council Mtg.

Tuesday:

12:30, Deborah Circle
6:00, LAC Potluck Dinner
6:30, Confirmation 2.0 Class
7:00, LAC Rehearsal
7:00, Mt. Meru Coffee Proj.
7:00, Righteous Ringers
7:00, Stephen Ministry

Wednesday:

10:00, Bible Study
5:30, WOW, Dinner B4 Conf.
6:00, Godsbells
7:00, 7th & 8th Grade
Confirmation Big Group
7:00, 9th Grade Confirmation
7:00, New Creation Choir
7:00, Women's Book Study

Thursday:

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

Friday:

Wedding offsite; Grady/Randazzo

Saturday:

9:00, Meru Diocese SynodComm.

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

October 7

Trigger Warnings Necessary?

Violence and Pain in the Bible: How do we encounter these stories as people of faith?
Led by Pastor Matt

One of the challenges of reading the bible is the prevalence of violence, abuse, human destruction of human life, and war, just to name a few. How do we read these stories? Do we skip over them? What do these stories do to our understanding of God? What does Jesus have to say about them? How do we share these stories with younger children? There are more questions than answers, but join Pastor Matt for an open conversation about ways we as Christians make sense of these details from other times, other places, and other contexts.

October 14: Stewardship Program Kick-Off

In an effort to improve the ease and effectiveness of our Stewardship program, for the first time in 20+ years we are moving away from the Pony Express method of receiving your Time & Talent Inventory and Financial Pledge. In conjunction with our new church cloud database software, you will be receiving the Stewardship packet and instructions electronically. Through the same personal web-portal, you will be able to enter your Time and Talent choices and your financial pledge.

The beauty of this method is its simplicity and efficiency. Where it used to take months for us to distribute materials, gather responses, and then manually enter each form by hand, it will now, with your help, take a matter of minutes.

For those who don't use email or have internet access, we will have help desk ambassadors at church on Sunday mornings for the next several weeks, who will assist you in entering the information. And, for those who prefer to complete paper copies, we will still offer that alternative. Sign up at the Welcome Center and through the church office for paper Stewardship packets.

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 Dates: October 8 and 22

New Members will be received on Sunday, October 14th at the 8:30 service.

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, October 21, During 11:00 service
Sunday, November 18, After 11:00 service

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.

Oct. 7th 12:15 -2pm KFC
Oct. 14th 12:15- 2pm DOC

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.

St. Matthew's live streams worship services: Did you miss a church service that you didn't want to miss? Are you out of town for the weekend? Can't come to church because it's physically too difficult? Check out St. Matthew's Live Stream of Worship Services on Sunday mornings. Go to our website, and click on the "Live Feed" link (www.stmattslutheran.org) You can also watch most Adult Education classes.

Looking for a way to serve and support people across social, economic, and age divides, while building intentional community? St. Matthew's has committed to serve meals for Tutoring nights at Cross Lutheran Church. Beginning in November, we will need volunteers to provide a meal (home-made, pizza, or even Costco pre-made meals) for 25-35 tutors and students at the regular nights. They can be delivered before or during the meal time, when you are welcome to join in the food, conversation, and learning. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matt!

Used medications being collected for Cross Clinic

We are blessed to have a pharmacist in our congregation who is volunteering his time at Cross Lutheran Church's Bread of Healing Medical Clinic. And Tom Wilke is willing to collect medications you no longer need and take them to Cross and use them for patients who need them.

Our suggestion for how to bring them would be to 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.

“The Beatitudes: A Template for Discipleship or a Promise of Future Reward” by Rev. Ricard Martin Pinillos, J.C.L., Vice Chancellor, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

“2 Guys and a Gospel” weekly podcast

How do you respond each time you hear the Beatitudes? Are you surprised? Shocked?

Silent? The Latin word for “blessed” is *beatus* which can also mean “happy” or “fortunate.”

As we anticipate the celebrations of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee learning about its history and its contributions to the spiritual growth of all within its reach, it will be good to think about the future of the archdiocese and to reflect on the Beatitudes as a source of hope urging us forward to a new day in our communities and our lives.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist Atrium; Free and open to the public

You're invited to Luther Manor, where they'll be screening the one-of-a-kind film “Lives Well Lived” on Thursday, October 18 at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Faith & Education Center, 4545 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa. RVSP by visiting luthermanor.org/rsvp or by calling 414-434-1768. “Heartwarming lessons in how to grow old gracefully.” There is no charge for this event. Here's a link to a trailer for the movie: <https://vimeo.com/132338363>

Confirmation 2.0: Tuesdays this Fall Let's start at the very beginning—A Very Good Place to Start!

This fall, in response to a desire to have deeper refreshers on understandings of Lutheran teaching and bible interpretation, join Pastor Matt for a deeper look at the beginning of the Bible, Genesis.

We will look at different interpretations of the stories, how we as Lutherans look to understand scripture, and explore these foundational stories. As we do, we'll look at how they reveal what it means for us to live as Lutherans and how we might use these stories in our understanding of God and one another. We'll look at how Luther also interprets Genesis.

We'll meet 6:30—8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

We will use the book, ***Genesis: Translation and Commentary***, by Robert Alter. It is available both new and used from Amazon. If you'd like a copy from St. Matthew's, they are available for \$13.00.

Classes will be held on: October 2nd, 9th, 16th; November 13th and 20th; and December 4th and 11th

Eat at Pizzeria Piccola on October 21st!

Start your week off right by taking a break from cooking on Sunday night and eating at Pizzeria Piccola on Sunday, October 21st, from 11:00 – 9:00. Just phone in your order for pick up (deliveries not included), or better yet, drop in and have dinner with other St. Matthew's members. With luck, the weather will allow for patio dining!

Pizzeria Piccola has changed the way it runs this fundraiser, so please remember:

- **In order for St. Matthew's to receive credit you will need to present a "Dine Out and Give Back" flyer that you can pick up from the Welcome Center. (Or you can make sure to mention St. Matthew's when you place your order).**
- **We will receive 25% of every order that includes the flyer or mention of St. Matthew's. (Carry out orders are included; delivery orders are not included).**
- **The fundraiser runs all day on October 21st (from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, not just for dinner).**

Even with these changes, this is still a delicious way to support St. Matthew's Youth Mission Trips. So grab your flyer and enjoy a great meal for a good cause! The address is 7606 W. State St., Wauwatosa.

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 in October, 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)

Fellowship event

Come have a tour of Apt. 4 at John Michael Kohler Arts Center Sunday, October 14

Sarah Carter, Curator and Director of Research for the Chipstone Foundation in Fox Point, is giving a tour of Apartment 4: Iris Häussler and The Chipstone Foundation at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan. The exhibit is a collaborative representation of how fictitious artist Florence Hasard turned her modest Milwaukee apartment into her home and studio. "The space is informed by Florence's dark, introspective art practice that allowed her to work through the personal trauma she experienced as a nurse during the First World War. In addition, Apartment 4 gives hints to what her life in Milwaukee may have been like in the 1940s." We will meet at church at 12:30 and carpool to the museum. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to attend.*** Call or email Jennifer Wills at (262) 483-1848 or jenniferwills1@me.com for more information.

El Salvador Visit Planned for January- 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.

Music Ministry

Praise Kids! New Season starts October 4 at 4:00 to 5:00 - This Week!

We wish to offer you an invitation for your little one(s) to join in the music making here at St. Matthew's—Praise Kids!

Our youngest members of our church can join in singing praises to our Lord. Praise Kids! offers all children who are age 4 [Jr. Kindergarten] through 2nd grade a chance in being part of the children's ministry of the church. This group helps to teach our youngest about God, the Church and Family through musical games, activities, learning time and singing.

Praise Kids is held on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00. Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, and John Paradowski lead our singers in age appropriate music education activities and singing.

Singing helps children develop their inner world.

Singing provides an emotional release for children.

Singing encourages language development.

Singing encourages communication, and increases vocabulary.

Singing provides the best foundation for children's musical development.

Singing in choirs fosters musical artistry and develops a sense of community.

Singing in choirs is one of the best ways for children to develop as musicians.

The group will sing for worship once a month through Christmas, and then break until Mid-January. For more information please contact Jeff Reeves at, JDReeveswk@yahoo.com

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.

If you have any questions or would like a private lesson in ringing handbells to find out what it is all about, please talk with John Paradowski at the church, stmattsmusicministry@gmail.com



Needed:

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.

Sunday morning volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed in these 3 areas. You can be scheduled to serve when it is convenient for you!

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 Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net 414-774-0441.

The St. Olaf Band is coming to Milwaukee! Their 2018 Fall Tour brings them to Pius XI Catholic High School in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 14 for a 2 p.m. concert. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stolaf.edu/tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Pius High School is located at 135 N. 76th St., Milwaukee.

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

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: 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 **December 9 and January 13.***

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, October 24, 2018.*** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

**Women's Wednesday Evening
Book Discussion 7:00-8:00pm
October 10 - November 7...Come
when you can!**

"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."

Sign up at the Welcome Center
today or contact Sue Swing;
sueswing@sbcglobal.net

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church is
pleased to offer a weekend with
DIANA BUTLER BASS
*Grateful: The Transformative Power
of Giving Thanks*
October 13 - 14, 2018
Saturday, October 13
at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

Two different lectures followed by Q &
A: Sunday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, Dr. Butler Bass
preaching; Followed by conversation
with the preacher.

A widely-read author and scholar of
American religion and culture, Dr. But-
ler Bass's newest book explores why
gratitude is missing as a modern spiri-
tual practice, offer practical sugges-
tions for reclaiming it, and illuminates
how the share practice of gratitude can
lead to greater connection with God,
our world, and our own souls.

Registration: On-line at www.immanuelwi.org. or Call 414-276-4757

**Stephen Ministry
Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?**

Going through a tough time-emotionally or
spiritually? Struggling with a challenging
life situation? Or simply feeling down?
Consider letting a Stephen Minister help.
A Stephen Minister is a member of our
congregation who is trained to listen, care,
encourage, pray, and walk alongside you
during difficult times. It's confidential, free,
and very helpful.

To learn more talk with a 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*



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

**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

Are You Interested in the January El Salvador Trip?

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Middle School Corn Maze

Adventure Coming up

Sunday, October 7th

What could be more fun on a brisk autumn day than to get lost in a corn maze - and hopefully find your way out of it! Middle school youth and friends are invited to take that challenge on Sunday afternoon, October 7th from 12:00 - 4:00 as we head to Basse's Corn Maze after lunch at St. Matthew's. Cost is \$15 (scholarships available). Please sign up at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/cornmaze18>

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation continues

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

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| October 10 | Big Group (10 Commandments 4) |
| October 17 | Big Group (10 Commandments 5) |
| October 24 | Service Night (Food Drive) |
| October 31 | No Class - All Saints' Eve |

9th Grade Confirmation continues each week

Confirmation for 9th graders began this past week, and will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30, ending on Tuesday, October 30th. In these nine short sessions, led by Gretchen Haugse and Pastor Matt - we will explore what it means to live out your faith.

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 Haugse.

Have you ever considered offering foster care to a child? Welcome, fall. With new seasons comes new beginnings. Maybe engaging in foster care could be a new beginning for you and your family? What if you want to help, but aren't sure if fostering is the right path for you? Check out this blog for ways that you could become involved with supporting those in the foster care system!

<https://kidhero.chw.org>

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

Greater Tosa Interfaith Autumn Outreach:

We need your help. We will be hand delivering our outreach gifts to our older adult clients October 22nd-28th. A super fun opportunity to deliver gifts with your children or grandchildren dressed up in their costumes. The clients would love to see the kids dressed up! We are happy to use group volunteers, so if you would like to help with this opportunity you can contact us and be part of your congregation's volunteer list. This doesn't mean you have to deliver the items in a group, simply that you are part of the group listed. Each volunteer would then deliver 5 individual gifts to our clients. For more information call Amy@ 414-453-5750.

“Don't Talk at the Dinner Table”

“Let's Talk About IT”

Early Childhood Education: “Early Brain Development” Presenter: Allison Yanasak, Director of Outreach at Betty Brinn Children's Museum. Presented by Table of the Saints, Inc., Please join us at our monthly discussion, Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the discussion lasts until 8 p.m. Location: Welford Sanders Enterprise Center, 2821 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave., 1st Floor Community Room.

Topic: How parents and caregivers can build resiliency in their children. Vroom is a free smartphone app for primary caregivers and is a new initiative that the Museum is charged with bringing to the City of Milwaukee. We will discuss Activation of Vroom, the importance of early brain development and the resources the Museum has for parents and families.

A member has asked for assistance with organizing and moving some boxes and items in preparation for a move. If two people could volunteer for a couple of hours together, it would be a great help to this woman as her health doesn't allow her to lift much. Please call Theresa at 414-916-3435. Could be daytime hours, weekday or weekend. Thanks!

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.



Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

'Misdemeanorland' and Wisconsin's (In)Justice system: Easy in... Ever out?

Frank P. Zeidler Memorial Lecture on Monday, October 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Todd Wehr Auditorium MSOE, 1047 N. Broadway, Milwaukee. Free. Public Invited. Speaker Issa Kohler-Hausmann will discuss her new book and its relevance to the Milwaukee and Wisconsin criminal justice systems. A Milwaukee native, Kohler-Hausmann is an Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School with a secondary appointment in sociology. She has become recognized for her work in misdemeanor arrests and parole in New York. Panelists include Honorable Carl Ashley, Milw. County Circuit Judge, John T. Chisholm, Milw. County District Attorney, Terri Strothoff, Founder and Exec Director of The Alma Center, and Moderator: Craig Mastantuono, defense attorney. More info on Facebook: "Confronting Mass Incarceration"

Siena Retreat Center offers this opportunity:

Women for Women, Saturday, Oct 13, 9:30am-noon, led by all the women who attend. Come join a monthly women's circle of wisdom and mutual support. At each gathering, we will have time for prayer, meditation, reflection through various stories and readings, creativity and music. Cost: \$10.

Siena Retreat Center, 5637 Erie St., Racine - call 262-898-2590 for more info or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org and click on Retreat Programs.

MICAH Public Meeting: An evening to celebrate and to hold candidates and officials accountable, **Thursday, October 25, 6-8 p.m.** at St. Matthew's CME Church, 2944 N. 9th St. Hear the St. Matthew Choir. Stand up for justice and get ready to vote on November 6. Taking Action: Racial Equity in learning and discipline at MPS, review cases of remaining 2,800 "old law" prisoners to expedite release when determined safe; expanding transitional jobs in Milwaukee. 30th Anniversary of MICAH, Doing what is just; and moving forward!

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 table, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

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. Thanks to Rosie Haas for bringing us these opportunities.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalms 8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:9}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,¹² saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers
and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'⁷ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel

October 7, 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.

- Yes, I'd like to help on **Sunday mornings** in these areas where **volunteers are needed**:
- _____ **Communion Preparers** (*work in teams of three*)
 - _____ **Coffee Hosts** (*prepare coffee and set out treats between 8:30 & 11:00 services*)
 - _____ **Ushers at 11:00 service**
- Volunteer needed for about 1-2 hours to **sort and organize the cloth tablecloths** we use for special events. (*will be coordinated with Gretchen Haugse*)
- I'm interested in the **Partnership Trip to El Salvador** on January 2019.
- I would like to complete my Stewardship Pledge and Activities & Ministries Selections using paper copies rather than online through my portal to Servant Keeper. *You may receive these by delivery from a volunteer or by mail.*
- We will attend **Family Movie Night to see Paddington 2** on Friday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. Number of Adults _____ and Number of Children _____
- 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., Oct. 14, 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'm interested in the **Caregivers Support Group** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, and would appreciate more information.

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)*

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