

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
November 10, 2019**



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to Worship! Our praise of God is more vibrant thanks to the presence of each person here. May God wrap us in love and peace as we open ourselves to the Word.

Introduction for the Day: *We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day.*

Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's Day. Our God is the God of the living.

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 the 7:30 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 **Richard & Marsha Olson** in memory of Julie's 21st birthday; and by **Don & Mary Ellen Ralfs** in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Child for Baptism (11:00) **Mackenzie Catherine Pappenfus**, child of Elizabeth & Daniel Pappenfus, Wauwatosa, was born July 17, 2019. Sponsors are Thomas & Allicia Pappenfus.

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

Your Freewill Offering for Sunday Treats Supports Hunger Ministries: Are you one of those people who has been enjoying – maybe even looking forward to – the wonderful bakery items from Rocket Baby on Sunday mornings? We are grateful to Rocket Baby for sharing their leftovers with us! And now, we hope to turn their generosity into support for our hunger ministries at St. Matthew's. Look for the donation baskets on the coffee hour serving tables. All money collected will support local and global hunger initiatives at St. Matthew's.

**Congratulations to the Confirmands Being Confirmed
This Sunday, November 10 at a 1:30pm Service**

Confirmand's Full Name	Parent Names	Bible Verse
Eliot Quinn Began	Brian & Sarah Began	1 John 4:11
Spencer James Bliesner	Jon & Susan Bliesner	John 16:22
Isaac Curtis Brewer	Curt & Carri Brewer	John 15:13
Madelyn Mia Brown	Jason & Jennifer Brown	Proverbs 31:25
Matthew Alan Byrne	Dan & Allison Byrne	Matthew 6:36
Benjamin Maxwell Dillie	Kat Sullivan & Jeff Dillie	1 Corinthians 13:13
Chloe Eckdale-Dudley	Ryan & Nicole Eckdale-Dudley	Galatians 5:22
Drew Michael Freeborn	Joel & Gail Freeborn	Matthew 6:21
Emily Lynn Gastrau	Karen & Steve Gastrau	Matthew 6:1
Tyler Cole Goeckermann	Laura & Daryl Goeckermann	James 4:2
Zolbayar Quinn Granger	Patricia Granger	Isaiah 35:4
Holly Holton	Vicki & Jim Holton	Isaiah 43:2
Olivia Anne Iding	Tracy & Brad Iding	1 Corinthians 16:13
Grace Grant Kasdorf	CR & Sara Kasdorf	Matthew 28:20
Michaela Rose Kobinsky	Jeff & Shannon Kobinsky	Lamentations 3:23
Emily Paige Kramer	Paul & Jennifer Kramer	Psalms 16:11
Miranda Eleanore McIlheran	Kate & Paul McIlheran	Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a
Richard Paul Nickel, III	Paul & Anne-Marie Nickel	1 Timothy 6:12
Evan Cory Olson	Cory & Kristin Olson	Philippians 4:13
Samuel John Ortner	Jen & Nick Ortner	Psalms 107:14
Rachel Catherine Schneider	John & Lisa Schneider	Proverbs 3:5
Stephen Joseph Searing	Kate & Michael Searing	1 John 4:19
Hope Kelly Stangel	Garrett & Heather Stangel	Romans 12:12
Morgan Elizabeth Tucker	Elsa Tucker	1 Peter 5:7
Hannah Veenendaal	Mark & Melissa Veenendaal	2 Timothy 4:7
Aidan David Weiler	Rob & Erin Weiler	Matthew 25:40
Conlan Parker Welch	Julie & Kent Welch	2 Corinthians 6:4, 17-18
Annabelle Camille Wooster	Ethan & Teresa Wooster	Matthew 6:34
Ava Marie Yuergens	Jay Yuergens & Joni Anderson-Yuergens	John 1:5

Undie Sunday is Here!

Underwear Collection runs November 10 to Dec. 8th!

We are now collecting underwear and socks for the **homeless shelter run by Guest House** and **women's underwear for the Benedict Center's Sisters Project**. Guest House offers alcohol and drug abuse counseling, employment training, education, and other programs to homeless men. The Benedict Center's Sisters Project provides mental health care, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, education, employment, food, parenting skills, and anger management programs to women trapped in prostitution on the near north side and south sides of Milwaukee. Both of these programs are in critical need for the basics of life—including new socks and underwear. If you desire, use the St. Matthew's AmazonSmile page and ship undies directly to the church address! We will be collecting the following:

Mens' Briefs or Boxer Briefs (Sizes S, M, L, 2X, and 3X)

Mens' Socks, size 6-12

Women's Panties, sizes 4—24

Women's Bras—sizes 34A-42C

Women's Socks

Women's Pajamas and long underwear, sizes up to 2X

Bring your donated items to the collection box outside the church office. Thank you!



St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - November 10, 2019



Sunday School Christmas Program, December 15th

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented as part of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on December 15th. If you are a Sunday School parent, please sign up your children at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/RoadtoBethlehem> If you have questions, or if you would like to help with costumes, decorating, crowd control, snacks, etc., please contact Gretchen Hauge.

Mandatory Mission Trip Parent Meeting! November 12th at 7 pm

Just a reminder to parents of all youth going on the Mission Trip that there is a mandatory meeting for parents to share details and expectations for the Mission Trip planning process. **If you did not attend the meeting on Sunday, November 3, please plan to attend on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00.** If you have questions, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

City Tins Are Back!

City Tins are currently available at St. Matthew's with proceeds from the sales going to the youth and El Salvador mission trips. There are 6 types of tins: Milwaukee, Madison, Fox Cities, Cedarburg, Lake Country, and Twin Cities. City Tins are filled with 20 or more coaster gift cards, each worth \$10 off a \$25 minimum purchase at locally-owned venues. The cost of the tins, which make perfect birthday or Christmas gifts, is \$30.

City Tins are available at the display in the Commons through November 10th.

Toy Swap is Sunday, November 17 8:00-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

St. Matthew's will again be holding our annual toy swap on Sunday, November 17. Clean out those closets and donate toys that your children or grandchildren are no longer using! Bring them to church starting November 10 and leave them outside the church office. Toys can also be brought the day of the swap. Participants will then "swap" for toys their families can use. If you have nothing to swap, feel free to browse the toy selection and consider a monetary donation. Leftover toys are donated to our partner ministries, just in time for Christmas. Items such as children's books, DVDs, sports equipment, and outdoor toys are also welcome.

Coming up this week:

Monday, November 11

6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study

9:30, LaLeche League Meeting

10:15, Staff Meeting

11:00, Program Staff Meeting

1:00, Fallen Angels

1:00, Caregivers Support Group

6:00, Youth Committee

7:00, American Heritage Dancers

7:00, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

9:30, The EmBELLishments

3:20, Daisy Scout Meeting (Locher)

7:00, Lutheran A Cappella Choir Reh.

7:00, Righteous Ringers

7:00, Stephen Ministry

7:00, Youth Mission Trip Parent Mtg.

Wednesday, November 13

10:00, Wednesday Bible Study

6:00, Godsbells

6:00, New Generation Choir

7:00, New Creation Choir

7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Big Group

7:00, Women's Book Study

Thursday, November 14

9:00, A Cabella Ringers

9:00, RPMs Gathering

9:00, Stephen Ministry

4:00, Praise Kids

5:00, Tosa East Girls CC Banquet

6:15, Bells Angels

7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 15

9:00, Toy Swap Set-Up

6:00, Mission Trip Late Night Event

Saturday, November 16

11:00, Visitation for Hintz Funeral

12:00, Funeral for Carolyn Hintz

1:00, Luncheon for Hintz Funeral

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

November 10

The Persecution of the Church

More Christians are suffering for their faith than any other time in history. Millions of believers live in places where they are oppressed, imprisoned, discriminated against and even violently attacked—all because they believe in Jesus.

Between November 2017-October 2018:

- **Over 245 million Christians living in places where they experience high levels of persecution**
- **4,305 Christians killed for their faith**
- **1,847 churches and other Christian buildings attacked.**
- **3,150 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned**

Open Doors USA is a community of Christians who come together to support persecuted believers in more than 60 countries. They are a non-profit organization with more than 60 years of experience and a long track record of financial integrity. Learn more about their work at this adult forum facilitated by Tim Jorgenson, St. Matthew's member.

November 17 Social Ministry Spotlight: Trauma in our Communities

The impacts of war; the lasting effects of gun violence on families in our communities. Hearing the stories of abuse survivors; even the impact of an unexpected death can cause trauma in the bodies and minds of our siblings in Christ. On Sunday, November 17th, join the Social Ministry Team as we explore the roots of trauma, and the church's response to how we might support those who are working with trauma, impacted by violence, and how trauma-informed care needs to impact the ministry of the church. We'll be joined by professionals who are living, working, and responding to the needs of trauma in our Community!

Sunday School Christmas Program to Be Presented in Worship on December 15th

This is a Sunday School Christmas Program year at St. Matthew's, when we look forward to experiencing the beauty of the Christmas story as told, sung, and dramatized by children. This year's program will be presented as part of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on December 15th.

If you have questions, or if you would like to help with costumes, decorating, crowd control, snacks, etc., please contact Gretchen Hauge.

Next week, November 17 and 24, we will again host Doris Kloth's Wool Mitten Sale:

Doris makes very warm and cozy mittens from discarded wool sweaters. They make great Christmas gifts. Come with some money or write a check. They are in a variety of colors and even have some sports logos on some. Check them out the next two Sundays!

Would a large-print bulletin help you on Sunday mornings? There are two copies of each service 8:30 and 11:00 at the Welcome Center each Sunday. Look for them on the Upper Commons side, nearest the grand central staircase.

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

A Festival of Psalms:

On Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 PM, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, ELCA, and The Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present **A Festival of Psalms**. With 100 singers, instrumentalists, soloists and the Bass Chorale, an ensemble of the Milwaukee Children's Choir, this is going to be an unforgettable event.

The concert will be conducted by Dr. Zachary Durlam of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Scott Foss. Please join us for this program: a freewill offering will be collected. This festival features music by Vivaldi, Rutter, Keith Hampton and others. ***This choir will have some guest singers from our own St. Matthew's Choir.***

Consider attending this special event at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 84th & Center St. nearby.

YTD Financial Results as of: 11/03/19

General Fund Receipts	\$818,717
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$10,460
Benevolence Disbursements	\$232,436
Mortgage Note Balance	\$111,661

Looking Ahead to Adult Education for Sunday, November 24:

The Cosmic Revolution with Dan Bice

The New Testament proclaims a grand vision of Heaven and Hell, angels and Satan, the Messiah and the Apocalypse. But these concepts appear rarely if at all in the Old Testament, which is much more focused on doing good and its consequences in this life. So what happened to change religious thought so dramatically in the centuries after the closing of the Hebrew Bible? Dan Bice will lead this discussion.

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!

Cross Lutheran's Bridges Tutoring program is in need of more tutors. They meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Cross church.

There is no need for tutors to know everything about every possible subject to join our program. Indeed, most of our students are in elementary and middle schools and an important aspect of the program consists in sharing fellowship and developing social skills through, but not limited to, homework. We also share a meal and play games together.

Please, consider joining us once a week, or even just once a month!

Email Isabelle Barry, Bridges Tutoring Coordinator, at tutoring@crosslutheranmke.org.

Helping You with Daily Living

I assist families and individuals with daily living tasks such as menu planning and meal prep as well as transportation for errands and appointments. Other services offered are cleaning, organizing, holiday preparation and evening turn-down service. If you need medication reminders and companionship, consider calling Kindness Matters LLC. Insured, licensed business owner Shannon Doberstein is a member of St. Matthew's and can be reached 414-207-2611 or Shannonatkindness@gmail.com

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:

"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.

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

Here's a unique opportunity:

See the dance and theater work created and performed by Jenni Reinke, member of St. Matthew's. It's called "Mrs. Wrights" and it's a tour-de-force original solo dance theater work in which Jenni embodies Wright and the five industrious and colorful women - wife and business partner Olgivanna, mother Anna, ex-wives Catherine and Miriam, and lover Mamah. Intimate spaces are choreographed through the architecture of the body as dance and theater construct untold stories of house and home. Location of performance is the Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee. Shows will be offered Saturday, Nov. 9, Friday Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:00pm; a matinee will be given on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:00pm. Order tickets in advance at quasimondo.org. Cost is \$22 online, or \$27 at the door; students with ID are \$17. The show lasts about an hour and is followed by a talkback.

Fair Trade Holiday Time: Holiday gift items are now available including Divine Chocolate Advent Calendars for \$7.00 and Mt. Meru Holiday Gift Packs for \$18 which include 6 2-oz. packs in a variety of flavors. Make your own gift items with Mt. Meru coffee or Divine Chocolate. Discounts are available for 10 or more chocolate items. Remember, when you buy Fair Trade, it's not just about the product but about helping people who produced it. Contact Rosie Haas, rmhaas1@gmail.com or 414-259-1747. There is an order form available for special orders at the Coffee/Chocolate display in the Commons and in the church office.

LWR Divine Chocolate is available EVERY Sunday! "Divine Chocolate" - Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project cart display, in several delicious flavors. Not only do these farmers receive Fair Trade premiums for their cocoa beans, they are part-owners of the Divine Chocolate brand processing co. Bars come in two sizes. This opportunity is brought to us by Rosie Haas, our LWR Divine Chocolate ambassador. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

Have you tried Mt. Meru Fair Trade Coffee? It sells for \$10/bag, and is available in drip and whole bean, regular and decaf. There are also some available in K-cups which we can order for you. **And don't forget the delicious Peaberry roast, which is premium coffee, which costs \$15/bag.** Help support this important partnership with Tanzania coffee growers. Mmmm, justice never tasted so good! Thank you, St. Matthew's for your continuing support of our partnership with our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Please stop at the coffee and chocolate cart display and try some Mt. Meru Coffee. Together we are making a difference.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of lay people -- Stephen Ministers -- who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual seeking, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister. To learn more about Stephen Ministry at St. Matthew's please contact Pastor Ann or Sue Swing; or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Library Commons to pick up information and meet a Stephen Minister.



Children's and Youth Ministry

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.

Wed. Nov. 13 Big Group (Jesus the King)
Wed. Nov. 20 Big Group (Acts/Early Church)
Wed. Nov. 27 No Class - Thanksgiving Break
Wed. Dec. 4 Service Night

9th Grade Confirmation:

Congratulations to the Ninth Graders being confirmed in a service this afternoon, November 10 at 1:30pm.

Express Yourself!

Youth Holiday Sign Painting Event, November 17th

Middle and High School students are invited to a live crafting event on Sunday, November 17th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall where Megan Reuter, member of St. Matthew's and operator of Back Pocket Creations, will guide you in making a hand-painted sign for a holiday decoration or a Christmas gift. There will be various designs to choose from!

Cost of the event is \$15 to cover supplies and lunch. **Please sign up at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/stmattsigns>.**

Children's Ministry Gathering

Kids for Christ, grades 1-3 (KFC)

Join us for lunch, fellowship, games and prayer. Friends are always welcome. Cost is \$5.

November 17, 12:15-2:00pm

Please RSVP to church office 414-774-0441.

Children's Ministry Gathering

Disciples of Christ, grades 4-5

(DOC) Join us for lunch, fellowship, games and prayer. Friends are always welcome. Cost is \$5.

November 24, 12:15-2:00pm

Please RSVP to church office 414-774-0441.

Late-night Retreat for Mission Trip Participants is November 15th

A late-night retreat for those going on next summer's mission trip to New Orleans is planned for Friday night, November 15th from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. This get-to-know you event is an important part of the group building that occurs in the months leading up to the trip next June. If you're going on the trip, please plan on attending!

Needed: A snow removal person of any age for a friend of the congregation living in the 116th & Bluemound neighborhood. Person must be able to shovel and salt each time it snows. Please contact the church office for contact information. Then you can contact the homeowner with the cost for this service.

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: Two or three volunteers are
needed on the second Sunday each month to
serve dinner to 85 men at the Guest House,
a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking
volunteers for the January 12 and February
9 dinners. Please sign-up using Ministry
Scheduler Pro, or contact Carl Johnson by
phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by
email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com.

Cross Lutheran Lunch Program We serve
300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of
each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821
N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's
around 10 a.m. and serve beginning at about
11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00.
Next Meal: *Wednesday, November 27, 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) or the church office
414.774.0441.

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

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

Going Beyond CoExist: An Interfaith Luncheon

Join St. Matt's members and learn about the power of disarming hate and deepening our interfaith relationships!

Thursday, December 5th: 12 noon-1:30 p.m. Italian Community Center

Tickets are \$50 each; Can be purchased through St. Matthew's by 11/21.

This luncheon includes a keynote from speakers Pardeep Singh Kaleka and Arno Micahelis IV, who share their powerful story of friendship as their lives intersected after the Sikh Temple Shooting; Live music and award presentations also highlight this luncheon, where participants are intentionally seated in small groups of many different faiths, so you might learn more about the faith and values of those around you!

Tosa Cares Food Pantry Needs Christmas Decorations

Do you have Christmas decorations in good condition that you just don't use any more?

Tosa Cares Food Pantry would love to have them for their pre-holiday distribution on Saturday, November 23rd. New or used Christmas decorations that are in good condition can be brought to the collection box by the church office. **Donations are needed by November 17th.** Thanks for your help!

Kristallnacht: Who Will Tell What Happened? Sunday, November 10 at 3 pm at the Ovation Jewish Home, Rubenstein Pavilion, 1414 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee. We commemorate the November 9 and 10 pogrom so that the world may never forget the magnitude of violence the Third Reich unleashed against the Jews and to recognize the devastating consequences of hatred and intolerance. We invite individuals from all religious backgrounds.

Caregivers Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons - *Sharing joys and challenges* The caregivers group will meet on the following dates at 1 p.m. in the Library. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next meetings: November 11 & 25

Did you know that Living Lutheran, the ELCA's monthly magazine, is now available in an audio edition? You can find audio editions at livinglutheran.org, click Audio Issues.

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.

First Fridays Book Group is underway:

Fred Heim and Mary Thomae are the co-leaders of the group. Come join us this Friday at 7pm in the Upper Room.

December 6: News of the World: A Novel by Paulette Jiles (240 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>

Volunteer Needed

Someone to coordinate and assist with polishing our communion trays. Time commitment about 1-2 hours per month. Please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net.

GUNLOCKS Available Free for Milwaukee residents In an effort to promote gun safety and reduce accidental firearm discharges, the Milwaukee Police Department is providing free gunlocks at each Milwaukee Police District Station. Individuals wishing to receive a free gunlock can do so by requesting one at their local MPD police district station.

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.

Wauwatosa Women's Club Holiday Tour of Homes, Saturday, November 23 from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets may be purchased by calling Wauwatosa Women's Club at 414-257-9935. \$20 each for advanced sale. This is a fundraiser for the scholarships given out to graduating seniors.

The Cross Lutheran Church

Wednesday meal in October went very well, with 200 people being served. Thanks to all the volunteers who provided food, and special thanks to the volunteers who took time on Wednesday to travel to Cross and help service and clean up. We've had some new volunteers step forward and we're grateful for that. Additional volunteers are appreciated, especially now while Tom Geib is home recuperating from surgery. Hunger is evident even in our own community. The next Cross meal is Wednesday, November 27.

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.

Our 2020 Stewardship Process (in the Cloud) / Deadline Nov. 10th

1) Log-on to your individualized St. Matthew's Membership Portal

(www.tinyurl.com/StMattsPortal)

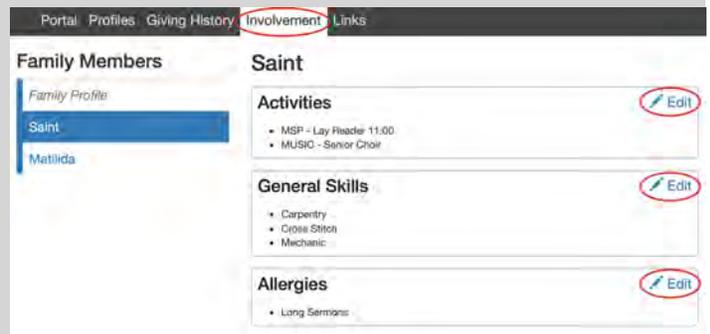
If you haven't yet logged on to the Membership Portal, please register using your main Household email address and a password of your choosing.

Once you have logged on, please look at your family's data and edit any inaccurate information.

Problems logging in??? Contact St. Matthew's for help at **(414-774-0441)**, or at members@stmattslutheran.org, or ask in the office on Sunday mornings.

2) Enter Time and Talent information:

- A) For each individual in your family, click on the **involvement** tab.
- B) Click on the word **Edit** on the right in order to update these fields with your current choices.
- **Activities** (Your Time & Talent choices)
 - **General Skills**
 - **Allergies**



3) Make a Financial Pledge:

Click on the **Links** tab at the top of the screen. The first choice will be the **2020 Pledge Form**.

Click on this link, which will take you to the online Financial Pledge form, pictured below to the right.

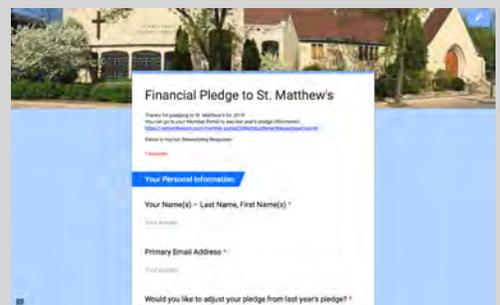
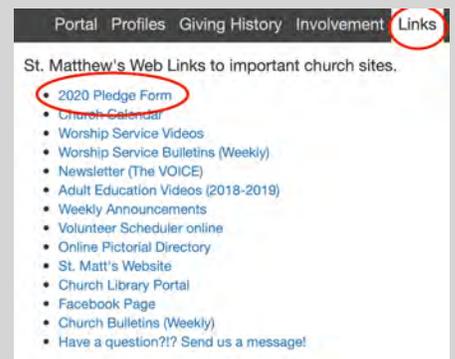
Go through each of the options, and at the end of each section click the NEXT button.

There are 5 easy sections to complete:

- Personal info** (Name & Email)
- General Fund** – pledge and amount
- Debt Retirement / Building Fund** – pledge and amount
- Any other areas** – that you would like to support
- Simply Giving Electronic withdrawal** section

When finished click **SUBMIT**.

Your entry will be received electronically.



Please enter your Time & Talent and pledge choices by November 10th.

Thanks for making a financial commitment to St. Matthew's ministry for 2020!



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel November 10, 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.

- Yes, I'm interested in helping with the **Sunday School Christmas Program** to be presented on Sunday morning, December 15.
Circle choice: costumes decorations crowd control snacks
- I am interested in **servicing at the new JOMM location** on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, and would like to carpool from St. Matthew's.
- Yes, I'm interested in receiving a **large print bulletin** on Sunday mornings. I usually attend the _____ service.
- I volunteer to assist with **polishing our communion trays**. Time commitment is about 1-2 hours per month.
- I am a college-age student or an adult interested in participating in the **El Salvador mission trip** in early January 2020.
- My **1st-3rd grader** would like to come to **KFC (Kids for Christ)** next Sunday, November 17 from 12:15-2 p.m. Number attending _____
- My **4th-5th grader** would like to come to **DOC (Disciples of Christ)** on Sunday, November 24 from 12:15-2 p.m. Number attending _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

St. Matthew's Stewardship Campaign 2020 - *People helping people*

Recently, you should have received a mailing describing this year's campaign, planned around our calling to *welcome, nurture, equip and send* in our community and around the world, as well as an email invitation to fill out your Stewardship choices online. If you have questions about accessing your portal, or about the stewardship links, stop in the office.

If you know that you want to have a paper copy of the pledge card and Activities & Ministries forms, you may pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center or in the church office with a paper copy of the pledge card and Time and Talent sheet. Please return it to the church office by November 10, 2019. Thanks!

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

“O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
 and that at the last he will stand upon the
 earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Psalms 17:1-9

**SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians
 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain

the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

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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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Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
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Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
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Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
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Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
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