

St. Matthew's
 **Weekly** *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
November 11, 2018



Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that's always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

Introduction to the Day: *Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the*

widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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

A Library book has been given to the church library in honor of the baptism anniversaries of Kait & Dave McCullough's three children, Preston, Danica and Zoe.

Altar Flowers are given by **Marsha & Dick Olson** in memory of their granddaughter Julie Rahkonen in recognition of her 20th birthday.

Children for Baptism today

(8:30) **Brennan Dean McCarthy**, child of Laura & Dan McCarthy, Wauwatosa, was born July 7, 2018. Sponsors are Daniel DeWitt and Maggie Lesselyong.

(11:00) **Tate William Meyer**, child of Ashley & Bradley Meyer, Elm Grove, was born August 1, 2018. Sponsors are Kevin Meyer and Elise Meyer.

These bulletin announcements can be seen beginning each Thursday on our website:

www.stmattslutheran.org. If you wish to be added to the Friday bulletin email list, please sign up on the bottom of the Events Sign-Up panel in today's bulletin (or contact Sonja Mohr at sonjamohr@me.com) and you will begin receiving the announcements as well as other notices on Thursdays.

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 stmattswi@sbcglobal.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 - November 11, 2018



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

Apple Pies in time for Thanksgiving!

Back by popular demand St. Matthew's will be preparing apple pies on Saturday, November 17 in time for you to serve on Thanksgiving! Volunteers Needed! Sign up to help prepare pies at the Welcome Center! Pre-order your pie at the Welcome Center in the Commons or by contacting the church office before Saturday, November 17th. Pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 18 from 8:00-12:30 in the Commons. Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or Karen Crook; karenjcrook@gmail.com for more info.

Divine Chocolate Advent

Calendars are now available on Sundays or by contacting Rosie Haas at 414-259-1747. Cost remains at \$8.00. Advent begins December 2. 5% of the calendar proceeds go to a fund of reusable microloans for farmers.

Week of Nov. 12 - 17

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

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
- 1:00, Fallen Angels Rehearsal
- 6:00, Youth Comm. Mtg.
- 7:00, American Heritage Dancers
- 7:00, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

- 9:30, The EmbELLishments
- 12:30, Deborah Circle
- 6:30, Confirmation 2.0
- 7:00, Mission Trip Parent Mtg.
- 7:00, LAC Rehearsal
- 7:00, Mt. Meru Coffee Project
- 7:00, Righteous Ringers
- 7:00, Stephen Ministry

Wednesday:

- 9:00, A CaBELLa Ringers
- 10:00, Bible Study
- 11:00, SAINTS Steering Comm.
- 5:30, Wed. Night Dinner b4 Conf.
- 6:00, Godsbells
- 6:00, Mission Trip Parent Mtg.
- 6:00, New Generation Choir
- 7:00, New Creation Choir
- 7:00, 7th/8th gr. Conf. Big Group

Thursday:

- 9:00, Retired Pastors in Ministry
- 9:00, Stephen Ministry
- 11:45, Women of Faith
- 4:00, Praise Kids!
- 6:15, Bells Angels
- 7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

- 6:00, Mission Trip Retreat

Saturday:

- 8:00, Apple Pie Assembly

November 11 - Healing Prayer Ministry

The Healing Prayer Team will lead an interactive Adult Forum on the topic of healing. Have you ever wondered what happens during those healing services at Saint Matthew's that take place after worship and, occasionally, during communion? Have you ever thought about what it really means when people talk about healing— is it a miracle? Something New Age? A physical cure? What's the point of praying for healing if you don't believe that God influences lives in that direct and individual way? Bring your questions and your stories and meet the people at Saint Matt's who are dedicated to this ministry.

November 18

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services-Child and Family Well-Being Team

The CHW, Community Services-Child and Family Well-Being team is committed to being a statewide leader in addressing the complex needs of children, youth, and families who are challenged by or at risk for poverty, abuse, and neglect. Our services include traditional and school based counseling, child advocacy centers, prevention, parent education programs, volunteer respite care, foster care and adoption, child welfare case management, and supervised visitation. In 2017 we positively impacted the lives of nearly 14,000 children and families across the state. Our Child and Family Well-Being programs have improved the lives of children and families through effective and nurturing programming with a goal to build, sustain and enhance a nurturing environment for Wisconsin's children and youth.

Confirmation 2.0 on "Fall Break" until November

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

**All are welcome
at monthly healing services**

Healing services are offered monthly at St. Matthew's at a variety of times to give all the opportunity to come forward for healing prayer for themselves or others. You can share your concern with the pastor/leader at the altar, and then he/she along with the healing ministries will lay on hands and give a special prayer for your concern.

**Sunday, November 18
after the 11:00 service**

**Sunday, December 9
after the 11:00 service**

**Sun. Jan. 6, during the Education Hour
at 9:45 a.m.**

A note about your valuable items: A reminder to our members and guests that each week as you come to church, any valuable items should be kept with you and not left in coat pockets or in an unlocked space.

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

**Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00 on Wednesday Nov. 21st**

While this holiday witnesses many households gathering for a festive meal, Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who provides us with all that we need and more. As we share these gifts, we are knit together into a community whose mission is among those who are poor and in need. We offer thanks to God for the bounty of the land and seek to share these riches with all in need. Please bring a food item to share with the hungry. We hope to collect a good amount of canned and boxed food items to share with Cross Lutheran and Tosa Cares food pantries. The service will include special music from some of St. Matthew's choirs. Stay after the service for Pie! There will be a Pie Social in Fellowship Hall following the service, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.

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

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



City Tins Are Back!

Orders Taken through November 13th

City Tins are available at St. Matthew's with proceeds from the sales going to the youth and El Salvador mission trips.

City Tins are filled with 20 or more coaster gift cards, each worth \$10 off a \$25 tab at different venues in a variety of Wisconsin cities, and, new this year, the Twin Cities in Minnesota. The cost of the tins, which make perfect birthday or Christmas gifts, is \$30. There are 7 types of City Tins: There are 7 types of tins: Milwaukee Restaurant, Milwaukee Heritage, Madison, Fox Cities, Cedarburg, Lake Country (New), and Twin Cities (New).

City Tins are available at the display in the Commons or from any of the youth who are going on the mission trip. You can order online with the link and instructions at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

They can be purchased through November 13th.

Think about MITTENS! Want to purchase some very warm mittens made from wool sweaters?

Today, you'll have the opportunity to purchase mittens crafted by repurposing beautiful and colorful wool sweaters. Doris Kloth creates these, and she sells them to benefit three funds: (JOMM) Just One More Ministry, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), and the St. Matthew's piano fund in memory of Eric Kloth. Bring a little extra money with you, because if you don't already have a pair, you'll want one; and if you do already have a pair, you might want another! Display tables are set up near the windows in the Commons.

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

The Senior Choir welcomes additional singers to join for the special music sung for the Christmas Pageant, *The Nativity*, on December 16. People wanting to join the Senior Choir for the Christmas Pageant should start coming to rehearsal on Thursdays thru Dec. 13 (except Nov. 22) at 7:30pm for about 20 minutes. Come to the Choir Room at 7:20 to get the music or contact Dave Mohr at Davemohr@me.com to tell him you'd like to participate.

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

Used medications being collected for Cross Clinic

St. Matthew's member Tom Wilke is willing to collect medications you no longer need and take them to Cross's Bread of Healing Clinic and use them for patients who need them. To donate used medications, cross out the name of the patient in black marker, but leave the medicines in the pharmacy bottle they were dispensed with. Are you cleaning out a parent's or other relative's home and have a large number of old prescriptions to discard? Bring them to the church office and we will collect them for Cross Bread of Healing Clinic. Medications not usable will be responsibly discarded.

Dinner 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. It's a great way to avoid the meal-time rush on Wednesday nights, and it's a good chance for your child to get to know other St. Matthew's youth. If you have any questions, talk to Gretchen Hauge.

Remaining dates are November 14, December 5 & 12, January 2 & 23

Volunteer Needed!

Clean and Polish Brass Candelabras on the altar

Supplies provided. Once a month.

This task can be done at time that is convenient for you and anytime that church is open! Contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net or sign up on the sign up panel of the bulletin.

Stephen Ministry

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

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

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

Today's Temple Talk features a St. Matthew's Stephen Minister and her Care Receiver. They have just completed a 5 month caring relationship and are eager to share the blessings they have both received as a result of their time together!

St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club reveals Reading List for year

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

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

St. Matthew's Sunday Morning

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

The current schedule runs from September 9 - December 30 and is available on-line.

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

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

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

Caregivers Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons - *Sharing joys and challenges* The caregivers group will meet on the following dates at 1 p.m. in the Upper Room. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend.
Next Date: Nov. 12 and 26

Eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero & Support the Youth Mission Trip to Houston! Certificates Available in Church Office

Planning to eat at Jose's Blue Sombrero in the village? Then stop in the office to buy some gift certificates to pay for your meal. The certificates cost \$5 a piece and are worth \$5 toward the food that you purchase. St. Matthew's earns \$1 for every certificate, which supports the youth mission trips. Certificates are available in the office all week and on Sunday mornings during the education hour. Thanks for your support!

Just One More: Volunteers assemble packaged meals to be picked up by area churches and programs **each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Food packing takes place at 6442 River Parkway, Wauwatosa. Call the JOMM office at 414-292-5112; OR go online to the JOMM website: jomministry.org and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

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

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

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8 residents the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15 returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter; rcvvetter1986@gmail.com.

Cross Lutheran Lunch Program We serve 300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's at 10:15 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00.
Next Meal: *Wednesday, November 28, 2018.*

WWI Veteran's Memorial in Root Commons Park Rededication on Sunday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m.

The ceremony will include the presentation of colors, the pledge of allegiance, invocation by a local minister, speaker, unveiling of the new plaque, laying of a wreath and taps. Parking will be available in the St. Bernard's Church lot.

The Root Commons is the newly landscaped area near Baskin Robbins and Yo Mama, along Wauwatosa Avenue, across the street from St. Bernard's.

Chocolate and Coffee for Sale:

LWR Fair Trade Chocolate available at St. Matthew's: "Divine Chocolate" - Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase **every Sunday** at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project cart, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

Mt. Meru Coffee - 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.

Part-time Sales Associate needed for new shop at Mayfair Mall. 16-34 hours per week, flexible schedule with willingness to work nights and weekends as needed. Join an emerging jewelry and home goods brand - Alicia Mohr - and have a chance to grow into the role of Assistant Store Manager as we open our first brick and mortar store at Mayfair.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Be engaging and upbeat
- Demonstrate expert knowledge of the brand and products
- Provide excellent customer service
- Keep store clean and organized
- Assist with marketing tasks such as social media photography and posts, visual merchandising and event planning and execution
- Ensure proper floor coverage and help deter theft by engaging with customers.

This link will give you all the information you need as well as a portal to apply for the position. <https://www.mayfairmall.com/en/jobs/part-time-sales-associatw-8673.html>

Retail experience is preferred, but not required. You can also call this number if you are interested in applying: Alicia Mohr at 1-917-573-1228.

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

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

Christy – 414-303-8380 Craig – 414-364-2663
Email: 7102WWisconsin@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Toy Swap is Sunday, November 11

The toy swap will take place in Fellowship Hall during the Education Hour, 9:45 a.m. If you don't have toys to swap, and would still like to "shop" the toy swap, just make a donation for any toys that you wish to take. Donations, as well as left over toys, will be passed along to our partners' child-focused needs. Thanks to Carrie Jo Cherney and Kellie Lanza for managing this event!

2019 Youth Mission Trip - Destination Texas!

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

The trip is open to high school youth (those who are currently in grades 9-12). If you have questions or would like more information on next summer's week of service, please talk with Gretchen Haugse or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/missiontrip2019>.

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

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

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

Nov. 14th - Big Group class

Nov. 21 - No Class, Thanksgiving Eve

Nov. 28 - Service Night

Children's Ministry Groups are BACK!

Come be a part of KFC/DOC for fun at church with your friends! All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to be a part of Kids for Christ (grades 1-3) and Disciples of Christ (grades 4-5), along with friends. At these meetings, we usually eat pizza (bring \$5), play games and talk, and have a devotional time.

Nov. 11th 12:15-2pm KFC

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

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

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Undie Sunday Has Arrived!

November 11 to December 9th!

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. We are 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

The Undie Sunday Drive ends on December 9th. Let’s put our faith into action and overflow the collection bins once again to show our support of these important ministries.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”

¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Psalm 146**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but

he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel November 11, 2018

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

- I plan to **bring a pie for Thanksgiving Eve's Pie Social**. (*Pre-sliced appreciated*)
- I would like to **help with the Pie Social** on Thanksgiving Eve, November 21.
_____ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. _____ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. _____ Clean-Up
- Sign up my **4th-5th grader for DOC** on Sun., Nov. 18, 12:15-2:00. # of kids _____
- I would like to help with the **Christmas Pageant**, to be held on Sunday, December 16. Please circle area of interest. **For more information contact John Paradowski**
Costumes, Make-up, Props, Snacks, Crowd control, Backstage, CROWD MEMBER
- Yes, I'm interested in helping to **clean and polish the brass candelabras** on the altar.
- Please add my email address to the list of people receiving the **Friday "Bulletin Update,"** a preview of the announcements in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office,
414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org.



St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

Vision Statement: Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(What we want to become)*

Mission Statement: Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name. *(What we are going to do)*

Values: We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. *(Who we want to be)*

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| Ministers | The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church |
| Lead Pastor | The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke |
| Associate Pastor | The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse |
| Associate Pastor | The Rev. Ann Williams |
| Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs | John R. Paradowski |
| Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator | Gretchen Haugse |
| Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education | Sue Swing |
| Director of Older Adult Ministries | Julia Murphy |
| Children's Ministry Coordinator | Donna Gardner Manke |
| Sunday School Support | Jennifer Dugan |
| Technology Coordinator | Brian Smith |
| Library Coordinator (Volunteer) | Linda Wunderlich |
| Senior Choir Director | David Mohr |
| Youth Handbell Choirs | Jeffrey Reeves |
| New Creation Choir | Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist |
| Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades) | Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt |
| Financial Bookkeeper & Administrator | Al Van Lith |
| Office Assistant | Jill Due |
| Communications Secretary | Sonja Mohr |
| Custodian | Marsha Olson |
| Janitor | Robert Gardner |
| Janitor | Dave Fagerberg |
| Pastor Emeritus | The Rev. Gary Erickson |