

# St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's November 4, 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:** *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he*

*demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

*The custom of commemorating on a single day all the saints of the church, especially the many unknown martyrs, originated in the fourth century. By the eighth century, the festival commemorating all saints had been moved in England and Ireland to November 1 in order to Christianize the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain, which marked the beginning of winter and communal attention to the dead. In current Christian use, the day is dedicated to thanksgiving for all the unnamed who have died in the Lord. In many assemblies, the names of those who have died over the previous twelve months are read aloud, a practice originally associated with All Souls Day on November 2. The conflation of the two emphases fits with the Protestant belief that the all the Christian dead are saints and none needs release from purgatory.*

**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 William Niewoehner in memory of Gwentyh Niewoehner.

**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.

## All Saints' Sunday November 4, 2018



*Today we remember those people who have died this past year. We celebrate their memories and all that they have meant to their families and friends. Here is a listing of saints who have died in Christ since last All Saints Day and for whom our pastors have provided pastoral care.*

Karolyn Anderson	January 29, 2018
Harvey James Bentrup III	February 19, 2018
Carol Berholtz	November 3, 2017
Gary Canter	June 14, 2018
Eleanor Eichman	July 14, 2018
Carol Haight	January 17, 2018
Charles Koeble	February 10, 2018
Marie Korth	April 27, 2018
Catherine Lageson	September 26, 2018
Michael Meier	May 18, 2018
Olive (Sue) Meier	April 30, 2018
Gwenyth Niewoehner	October 13, 2018
Brenda Ray	January 16, 2018
Eleanor Schmitz	August 12, 2018
Myrtle Stapleton	February 10, 2018
Joyce Stibbe	September 27, 2018
Vivian Straka	September 2, 2018

## St. Matthew's Confirmation Class 2018

Congratulations to these young people and their families.

Service of Confirmation is Sunday, November 4, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

<b>Confirmand</b>	<b>Parents' Names</b>	<b>Bible Verse</b>	<b>Faith Metaphor</b>
Karl Alfred Beck	Greg & Carolyn Beck	Joshua 1:9	House
Leah Irene Bjorgo	Rita & Mark Bjorgo	Colossians 2:6-7	Cloud
James Matthew Bruggink	Matt & Tressa Bruggink	John 8:47	Tree
Nathan Matthew Bruggink	Matt & Tressa Bruggink	John 3:16	Rock climbing wall
Grace Kristen Charlson	John & Kristen Charlson	Luke 6:31	A mountain hike
Jackson Glenn Comerford	Lance & Amy Comerford	Ephesians 6:11	Armor
Riley Lynn Dahlquist	Brenda & Mike Dahlquist	Philippians 4:13	Phone call or talk with family member
Jameson Patrick Dankwardt	John & Amy Dankwardt	Proverbs 3:6	Rock
Nathan Raymond Foley	Brad & Patti Foley	Matthew 22:37	Yo-yo
Jack Vezina Glaspy	Elizabeth & Jeff Glaspy	Romans 8:31	Plant
Grace Louanne Mei-Li Greene	Tim & Dara Greene	1 John 4:8	
Aidan Michael Grove	A.J. Grove & Sarah Lerand		No Boundaries
Michael James Hoefgen	Gerriane & Jim Hoefgen	2 Corinthians 4:18	
Emily Kathleen Hughes	Robert & Heide Hughes	Psalms 90:12	Sky
Ellianna Jacobson	Eric & Amy Jacobson	Psalms 16:8	Mirror
Caden Clinton Karras	Andrea & Clint Karras		Clouds
Lillian Elizabeth Kessler	Brian & Sara Kessler	Proverbs 18:13	Story
Hannah Levra	Mary Ellen & Mark Levra	Philippians 4:13	
Michael Joseph Loechler	Tracy & Mike Loechler		Tree
Molly Veronica Manternach	Toby & Heather Manternach	Exodus 14:14	Fuzzy blue blanket
Isabel Kathryn Margerie	Paul & Erin Margerie	Joshua 1:9	Seed
Eli Jacob Michaelis	Ed & Coleen Michaelis	Proverbs 3:5-6	The wind
Emilie Christine Molina	Michael & Suzanne Molina	Philippians 4:13	Sky & Rock
Tess Murrah	Thad Murrah & Britt Peterson		Labyrinth
Shelby Grace Neideen	Jennifer & Todd Neideen	Romans 8:18	Flower
Madeleine Jane Newman	Sara & Adam Newman	Deuteronomy 31:6	
Elliot Wood Oquist	Eric Oquist & Heather Deaton		Tree
Lorin Prantil	Vince & Lurna Prantil	Romans 12:12	
Annika Karen Sayrs	Camilla & Sean Sayrs	1 John 4:19	Heart
Spencer Aalok Thomas	Danny & Lynne Thomas	Galatians 6:2	Carrying one another's burdens
Annika Vallee	Heidi Vallee		
Abigail Rose Volland	Doug & Colleen Volland	1 Corinthians 16:13	Fish
Abigail Elaine Wanezek	Tom & Emily Wanezek	Isaiah 43:1b	Waves
Lauren Anita Wunderlich	Linda & Jerry Wunderlich	Joshua 1:9	River

*Daylight Saving Time ends  
This Weekend - November 4*



*Fall Back One Hour  
on Saturday evening*

*See you at church  
Sunday Morning!*

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - November 4, 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! Volunteer sign up for helping to prepare pies will be available Sunday, October 28 - Sunday, November 11. Children 12 and over are welcome to help, accompanied by an adult. Pre-order your pie today in the Commons! Contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) or Karen Crook; [karenjcrook@gmail.com](mailto:karenjcrook@gmail.com) for more info.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 4.** Clocks need to be set back one hour on Saturday evening.

# Week of Nov. 5 - 10

**Monday:** *El Salvador Encuentro - Pr. Chris & Gretchen gone all week*  
6:30, Men's Monday Bible St.  
10:15, Staff Meeting  
11:00, Program Staff Meeting

**Tuesday:**

7:00, LAC Rehearsal  
7:00, Righteous Ringers

**Wednesday:**

10:00, Bible Study  
11:00, SAINTS Steering Comm.  
5:30, Wed. Night Dinner b4 Conf.  
6:00, Godsbells  
6:00, New Generation Choir  
7:00, New Creation Choir  
7:00, Women's Book Study  
7:00, 7th/8th gr. Conf. Big Group

**Thursday:**

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

**Friday:**

9:00, Saints Outing to MSO

**Saturday:**

9:00, Meru Diocese Synod Comm.

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

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

**November 4 We welcome "Just One More" Inc.**

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

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.



## **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 also order at pay for them online by going to [City-tins.com](http://City-tins.com). Be sure to select St. Matthew's from the appropriate dropdown box. They can be purchased through November 13th.

## **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.

**Think about MITTENS!** Want to purchase some very warm mittens made from wool sweaters? November 4 and 11, 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 will be 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 Nov. 1st. We will rehearse pageant music beginning at 7:30pm for about 20 minutes. This will give us 6 Thursdays for these rehearsals:

11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13. Come to the Choir Room at 7:20 to get the music or contact Dave Mohr at [Davemohr@me.com](mailto: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.

**Tosa Interfaith Helps Our community's Seniors** Older adults in the Tosa area have needs such as rides to the doctor, for grocery shopping, for companion visits, for phone visits, and for doing light housekeeping such as cleaning or grass cutting. Can you consider giving a few hours per month to help the elderly in our community? Once you sign up you have complete flexibility on how much or how little you do and when you do it. Maybe once a month, maybe weekly, maybe only a couple of times a year. The choice is yours – and it's a wonderful opportunity to meet interesting people. You may call the Greater Tosa Interfaith office directly at 414-453-5750.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

#### **Pew Tender**

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

#### **Clean and Polish Brass Candelabras on the altar**

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

### **Are You Interested in the January El Salvador Trip?**

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 Hauge or Pastor Chris.

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

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

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

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

### **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](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) 414-774-0441.

**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.**

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

The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin is Sponsoring a Voter Pledge Campaign. We will offer space to sign our "Giant Pledge Board"!

Studies show that people are more likely to vote after making a public commitment to do so! Having a public voice to exercise our citizenship is part of who we are as Lutheran Christians! In addition, if you are free on election day and able to help others get to their polling place, Darla Hium from the Social Ministry Team is working with our partners to offer assistance for those who may need it. Contact Pr. Matt or Darla if you're interested in helping or would like assistance getting to your polling place.

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

**Come join us to RING!**

You've seen them in action and are thinking, "I want to try that." We have the chance for you to give it a ring. The Tuesday morning handbell choir, The EmbELLishments, is always looking for new ringers to join the handbell fun. Have you ever wanted to give it a try? See what this handbell stuff is all about? This is your chance. This handbell choir meets every Tuesday at 9:30-10:15, starting November 6. No experience needed! We have fun as we learn new music and the techniques of handbell ringing. Please talk with John Paradowski at the church, [stmatts-musicministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmatts-musicministry@gmail.com)

**Flower/Book Sign-Ups Needed**

Your Sign-Ups are needed for the altar flower/library book/DVD sign-up notebook! Want to honor a loved one or show someone you care? Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center. Occasions are listed in the Sunday bulletin.

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

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

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

Ideal location less than 5 minutes from Froedtert and the Medical College. One mile from I-94 and 41. Walk to 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

## 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](http://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](mailto: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; [rvcvetter1986@gmail.com](mailto:rvcvetter1986@gmail.com).

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

**Women's Wednesday Evening Book Discussion**

"An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith" by Barbara Brown Taylor  
"A field guide to spiritual practices which can lend meaning and richness to our lives."

**7:00-8:00pm**

**October 10 - November 7...**

**Come when you can!**

For November 7 read chapters 11 & 12.

**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.

**Stephen Ministry**

**Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?**

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

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

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



**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

## **Toy Swap is Next Sunday, November 11**

Keep this date in mind as you clean out your children's toy collection and pass along outgrown toys. You can bring in your toys this week. 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 will be passed along to our partners' child-focused needs.

## **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. 7 and 14th - Big Group classes

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 is Coming! 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 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**

The Undie Sunday Drive begins on November 11 and 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.

## **ELCA Votes!**

Take a moment today and sign our Lutheran Office of Public Policy (ELCAVotes!) Voting Pledge Poster if you have already voted or pledge to vote on Tuesday! It is Pastor Matt's goal that 100% of St. Matthew's members vote in elections when they are able! (He won't be checking to follow up!)



### **What does civic engagement mean for the church?**

Scripture reveals God's presence in all realms of life, including political life. This church understands government as a means through which God works to preserve creation and build a more peaceful and just social order in a sinful world. The electoral process is one way in which we live out our affirmation of baptism to "serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus," and "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

Here are some details that may be helpful. The up-to-date details and sample ballots are available at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

Most Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID when voting at the polls on Election Day. Detailed information on Photo ID and the exceptions to the law can be found at <http://bringit.wi.gov>. If you are refused a ballot, you can ask for a provisional ballot as well.

### **Do I Need A Special Voter ID Card?**

There is not a separate "Voter ID" card. There are several forms of Photo ID, which you may already have, that can be used to vote.

### **What Can I Use As Photo ID To Vote?**

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 8, 2016 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services (including retired and dependent uniformed service IDs)
- A U.S. passport book or card

### **What Will The Poll Worker Be Looking At On My Photo ID?**

- Elector's Photograph: The photograph must reasonably resemble the elector
- Elector's Name: The elector's name must conform to the name on their voter registration; conform does not mean that the name must be identical to the name on the voter registration
- An Expiration Date: If the ID has an expiration date, it must meet the expiration requirements listed above

An acceptable Photo ID for voting does not have to include a current address. You only prove your address when registering.

### **Are There Any Photo IDs I Cannot Use To Vote?**

Yes. Any ID that is not on the above list cannot be used. Here are some examples of photo IDs that are NOT acceptable for voting purposes:

- A State or Federal government employee ID
- An out-of-state driver license or identification card
- An employment ID
- A membership or organization ID
- A Certificate of Citizenship

Thanks for exercising your right and fulfilling your civic and faithful duty of voting on November 6th!





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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make  
for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged  
wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears  
from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take  
away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*or Wisdom 3:1-9 [not printed]*

**Psalm 24****SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for  
the first heaven and the first earth had passed  
away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the  
holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down  
out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride  
adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud  
voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no  
more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the  
throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”  
Also he said, “Write this, for these words are  
trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It  
is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the  
beginning and the end.”

**GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw  
him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,  
“Lord, if you had been here, my brother  
would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her  
weeping, and the Jews who came with her also  
weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit  
and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have  
you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come  
and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews  
said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of  
them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes  
of the blind man have kept this man from  
dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came  
to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying  
against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”  
Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to  
him, “Lord, already there is a stench because  
he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to  
her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you  
would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took  
away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and  
said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.  
<sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have  
said this for the sake of the crowd standing  
here, so that they may believe that you sent  
me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a  
loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead  
man came out, his hands and feet bound  
with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in  
a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and  
let him go.”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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# St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

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

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

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

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen 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
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Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodian	Marsha Olson
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Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson