

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

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



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.

Worship Notes: *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in*

Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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.

Flowers at the altar have been given by Trudy Zauner in honor of the 5th anniversary of her St. Matthew's membership.

A Library Book has been given to the church library by Dee & Don Birschel in honor of their grandson Gavin's 7th birthday.

Lent Devotional: "Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent 2019"

Spend time in the Psalms with this devotional during Lent. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, quote, reflection and prayer. Make a choice to take time for daily devotions during Lent. Visit the Lenten table in the Upper Commons for a variety of resources.

Coffee Today? Your donations at coffee time are directed toward the cost of the coffee. The price of coffee around the world is rising, so donations are more important than ever. Also, the Mt. Meru coffee we serve is a Fair Trade coffee from our partners in Tanzania which supports small farmers in the Mt. Meru region. There is a donation basket on the coffee table.

Prayer Cards are collected each Sunday during the Hymn of the Day. You are welcome to fill out a prayer card for any prayer needs that you are aware of. Children are also welcome to participate in this. Please print as clearly as possible for the pastors to be able to read and share the request as desired.

Daylight Saving Time
This Weekend - March 10th



Spring Ahead One Hour
on Saturday evening

See you at church
Sunday Morning!

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church Bulletin Announcements - March 10, 2019



Attention Thrivent Customers – did you know you can allocate your Choice DollarsSM to an approved charitable organization?

It takes just a few minutes of your time to select St. Matthew's to receive those Thrivent Choice DollarsSM.

St. Matthew's will use those funds to help offset the cost of sending our youth to Houston this year.

Please talk to Al in the office if you have any questions. (al@stmattslutheran.org)

Exodus Class: The next Exodus class will be on March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Ten Minutes Matter- Mindfulness Meditation

Today-10:00-10:30-Upper Room

Join us to learn how a spiritual practice of contemplative prayer and mindfulness meditation can bring peace and joy into your life.

Lenten Lunches -

March 13 - 20 - 27 - April 3 - 10

The SAINTS will be sponsoring delicious weekly lunches following every 10:30am Lenten service. The first mid-day lunch will be Wednesday, March 13. All are welcome to join us in the Commons – senior citizens and junior citizens alike!

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

Back again this year: TRIVIA Night

Because it was so much fun the last time
Mark your calendars and get ready for Trivia Night on **Saturday April 6 at 6:30 pm**. Bring a team of up to six people, snacks to share, and have your creative team name ready to submit. Friends from outside St. Matt's are welcome!

This year trivia will again be general knowledge, led by TriviaMasters Heather Deaton and Eric Oquist.

Coming up this week:

Monday, March 11

6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible Study
9:30, LaLeche League Meeting
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers' Support Group
1:00, Fallen Angels
6:00, Youth Committee Meeting
7:00, American Heritage Dancers
7:00, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

AARP Tax Help Host Site 9:30-3:00
9:30, The EmBELLishments
12:30, Deborah Circle
3:30, Daisy Girl Scout Troop Mtg.
6:30, Exodus Class
7:00, Mt. Meru Coffee Project
7:00, Stephen Ministry
7:00, LAC Rehearsal

Wednesday:

10:30, Morning Lenten Service

11:00, Lenten Lunch Gathering
1:30, Organ Lesson
5:30, Lenten Dinner
6:00, New Generation Choir
6:00, New Creation Choir
6:15, Lenten Adult Study Time
6:15, Lenten Family Time

7:15, Lenten Midweek Service

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

9:30, Lutheran A Cappella Rehearsal

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

March 10

Stained Glass Stories

Al Van Lith and Pastor Chris will not only share reflections about our beautiful stained glass windows that were installed in 1951, but will also share the revised resource that was originally created for the 1951 window dedication. The revised stained glass devotional book showcases the incredible art that adorns St. Matthew's sanctuary. Enjoy this opportunity to learn more about the stained glass that you are looking at every Sunday!

March 17, 24, 31

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again

by Rachel Held Evans

If the bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired?

In this expertly written book Rachel Held Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry and short stories. She wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. This book is meant to create conversation so please join us for these challenging and inspiring conversations!

The Inspired book is available for purchase in the church office. There is also a copy of the book in our church library.

Women of the ELCA Clusters I-IV Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee. The program is called “Winged Wonder” and is about Creation, faith and the amazing monarch butterfly with Bishop Paul and Pastor Lynn Erickson. The cost is \$12 which includes breakfast, or \$3 registration only. Deadline to register is Thursday, March 21. Make checks payable and mail registration to Jan Fox, Treasurer, 4130 S. Carnaby Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151. Jan’s phone number is 262-782-5680 or email: jcnfx@aol.com

Everyone is invited! Please share this information with other women who would be interested. Consider attending with a church friend!

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. Medications not usable will be responsibly discarded.

During Cold and Flu season, feel free to make use of the hand sanitizer stations around church to kill any germs you may come in contact with here. Also, if are feeling ill with a cold or flu, you may wish to share a sign of peace without shaking hands. Thanks for your consideration of others in this regard.

ELCA to hold Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee this August!

Volunteer Opportunities are available now. The dates are August 5-10, 2019, and it will be held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. For more information and to volunteer, go to this website: cwa19.org
If you have any questions about this, speak with Pastor Matt. It’s a unique opportunity to see how our large church body works and worships.



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

**Ten Minutes Matter--
Mindfulness Meditation
Sunday Mornings, 10:00-10:30
March 10 - in Upper Room
April 7**

Join us to learn how a spiritual practice of contemplative prayer and mindfulness meditation can bring peace and joy into your life.

Quilt Ministry Spring Meeting:

Join us on Saturday, March 30th from 9:00-1:30 PM for the Quilt Ministry Blitz in Fellowship Hall. We will be finishing up projects for completion prior to the Quilt Blessing on Mother's Day. ALL are welcome. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Bring a lunch and we will share a salad or soup. Questions: contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969.

**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.

Thursday, April 18, Maundy

Thursday; after the
10:30 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. services

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. March 11 & 25

Announcing A Lenten Reflection

Scripture with Scholars: "Isaiah on Sin and Redemption" based on Isaiah 2:2-4:6, with Leslie Hoppe, OFM, Carroll Stuhlmueller Distinguished Professor of Old Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union. The date is the event is Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cathedral Atrium.

The prophet's words underscore the importance of strong, moral leadership in the Church and society. Contact Connie Bach to sign up, 414.236.5499 or connie.bach@sbcglobal.net

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 January 6 - April 28 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.

Let's go GREEN – If you want to get your quarterly contribution statements via email instead of mail, let the office know. Send an email to members@stmattslutheran.org or call the office at 414-774-0441 and request your statements be changed to on-line statements. This will not only help the environment but it will save the church money by not using paper, envelopes and postage. Talk to AI if you have any questions.

Job Opening at Luther Manor for a part-time Administrative Assistant position to work with the pastoral care department, approx. 10 hours per week. Current or previous experience in a church office strongly preferred. There is flexibility in developing a schedule of weekly hours as needed. If interested, there is a job description. Contact Pastor Laura Gerstl Beukema at Luther Manor for further information. lgerstl-beukema@luthermanor.org (517) 898-6676 - cell (414) 847-5217 - direct office number (414) 464-3880 ext. 55217

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."*

Stephen Ministry

We all experience challenges in life-times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a struggle or difficulty in life. Stephen Ministry is confidential. The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

As a member of St. Matthew's, Stephen Ministry is Your ministry! You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Here's what you can do to help:

- **Pray for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through Stephen Ministry.**
- **Accept care from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.**
- **Tell a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.**

For more information about Stephen Ministry please stop at the Stephen Ministry Center on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45, contact Sue Swing, Pastor Ann or any of the Pastors.

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



Repairers of the Breach is always in need of:

Men's and Women's Gloves & Scarves

Hand warmers

Disposable razors, lip balm, mini-Kleenex packs

Tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste

Travel size deodorant, lotion and Vaseline

Canned soups

Instant Oatmeal (Plain)

Coffee, hot chocolate, powdered coffee cream, Splenda

Paper Towels/napkins

These items are being collected in a box outside the church office. The need continues, as ROTB ministers to the homeless all year round.

St. Matt's First Fridays Book

Club: The St. Matthew's book group usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Here are the next few books. Please note the change in books after the cancellation of the February meeting.

April 5: Slaughterhouse-Five: A Novel by Kurt Vonnegut (288 pages)

May 10: A Circle of Quiet, by Madeleine L'Engle (256 pgs)

End of season - New list will come out this summer

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH needs to REPLACE ITS BOILERS!!

We desperately need your help in continuing to make a difference. We're raising money for Cross Lutheran Church's (3) boilers, as the polar vortex made it grumble, shake and almost die. Our clinic patients can't disrobe in their appointments with temps of 45 degrees and walking around with coats, hats, boots and gloves isn't quite our idea of great hospitality. Please consider giving so that we can continue to do so as well. Any donation will help make an impact. We are asking that everyone who holds Cross Lutheran Church & the Bread of Healing Clinic and our ministries dear to their hearts donate whatever dollar amount is feasible for you and your family to pay for new boilers. Donations like yours make a big difference in the work our church is doing in the community. Here are a few that are vital to the larger community:

- **Adult Day Care**
- **BOHEM (Community meal, Bible Study & Pantry)**
- **Bridges afterschool tutoring**
- **Men's Wellness with Shalom High school youth**
- **Behavioral Health-therapy appointments**
- **Dentistry**
- **AA groups**

Thanks in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to us. You can give through St. Matthew's (mark your check for Cross boilers) OR through their GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/cross-campaign-for-3-new-boilers-for-our-buildings>

It's COLD inside!

Thank you for your generous gifts so far; ***please keep them coming!*** We have a long way to go.

**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!

**REMEMBER to take your
Cross dishes from previous
meals.** We have several boxes of containers, dishes, pans, etc. Could one of them belong to you? They are in the hallway near the church office by the main doors.

**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? The 2019 months are now available for sign-up. Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center.

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

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

Guest House: Two or 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 emailing johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up.

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

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8 residents the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15 returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter; rcvetter1986@gmail.com. Next Meal: April 14

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, March 27, 2019.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Vacation Bible School is the biggest event of the summer at St. Matthew's. Mark your calendars now for August 5-9, 2019, from 8:45-11:45 a.m. each morning for ages (going into) 4K through 5th grade. Your friends, neighbors, cousins and family members are welcome! Adults, please consider giving of your time during VBS week. We need dozens of grown-ups to make the week successful. And we also need youth volunteers. Questions can be directed to the church office and/or Donna Gardner Manke (donnagm@me.com).

Nook or Kindle?

Have one that you do not use?

Time and Talents for Children is looking for Kindles or Nooks to take to Guatemala so that a school can download the classics.

Research shows that most classics are available for free for a Kindle or Nook. Therefore, it will be cost effective and more efficient to provide the school with these devices.

TNT4C is a 501(3)c corporation your donation would be tax deductible.

Contact Anne Papke if you have one you are willing to donate. Cell 414-477-4198. Or bring it to the church office and we'll get it to Anne and her group. Thank you for your consideration.

Lenten Family Time begins March 13!

Parents and Younger Children,
Come Join Us on Wednesday nights!

Wednesday evenings, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

March 13 through April 10

Following the Wednesday dinners, join us for the midweek family time, 6:15 to 7:00 each Wednesday.

and brief worship, led by Pastor Chris and Donna Gardner Manke. Children 3rd grade and younger are encouraged to attend with their parents. Participants will learn about Bible stories addressing our Lenten theme of *Perfect Love Casts out Fear*. We encourage families to come for the dinner (5:30), then stay for the family time.

It's going to be fun! Come and join us!

Easter eggs? Already?

Watch for the box outside the church office filled with bags of empty plastic Easter eggs. When you see it there in the next week or two, you may take as many as you would like, fill them with small amounts of candy or other items attractive to children, tape them closed, and bring them back (counted and marked) to the designated collection box outside the church office. TIA! *(What's this for, you ask? It's for the Children's Good Friday Breakfast Service on Friday, April 19, 2019. If you have kids elementary age and below, you'll want to come!)*

Begins March 13! The Five Wednesdays in Lent are March 13-April 10
Make Wednesday Night a Family Night at Church



Wednesday Mornings

10:30 a.m. Lenten Worship Service *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Saints Social Gatherings - *Commons*

Everyone's welcome to stay after worship for light lunch & conversation.

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Wednesday Evenings

5:30-6:15 p.m. Dinner continuously served; Please sign up today at the Lenten Table in the Commons. Cost is \$8/adults and \$5 children ages 3-10. *Fellowship Hall*

March 13th: Baked Penne, salad, bread

March 20th: Tacos, fruit, vegetables and dip

March 27th: Soup, salad, bread

April 3rd: Baked potato bar, salad, fruit

April 10th: Build-your-own-sub, fruit, veggies & dip

6:00-6:45 New Generation Choir meets March 6 & 13 & April 10. *Sanctuary*

6:00-7:00 New Creation Choir meets earlier on Wednesdays during Lent: March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3 & 10 *Choir Room & Sanctuary*

6:15-7:00 Adult Education: "Praying the Psalms" Join us as we use Psalms 91, 27, 63, 32 and 126 together on these five Wednesdays. *Upper Room*

6:15-7:00 Lenten Time for Families with Children up through Third Grade with their Parent(s). Donna Gardner Manke and Pastor Chris. *1st Floor Education wing*

7:15-8:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service *Sanctuary*
A peaceful service to close your day in prayer.

**Sign up to receive a daily devotion
from Outreach for Hope at:
www.outreachforhope.org/subscribe**





St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel March 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. This is your opportunity to be involved in some of St. Matthew's ministries.

- I can help to **serve lunch occasionally at Cross Lutheran Church** on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We've been a little short of servers recently.
- Yes, I'd like to "go green" by receiving my **quarterly contribution statements via email** instead of US mail.
- 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.
- I'd like more information about **Stephen Ministry.**
- I'm thinking ahead to summer, to Vacation Bible School, August 5-9, and I would like to be a **VBS co-teacher.**
- I'd like more information on the **Simply Giving** service, the electronic transfer of contributions to St. Matthew's.

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)*

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

Tune in to the Outreach for Hope 2019 Lenten Devotions

Outreach for Hope invites you to enhance this year's Lenten time of reflection with daily devotions beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. These 40 uplifting devotions are written by ELCA ministers, lay leaders, seminary interns and newly called pastors. In these 2019 devotions, themed **Hope for the Journey**, you will find words of encouragement and personal growth as a way to overcome our life's struggles.

You can sign up to receive these daily words of support by email. Just visit **Outreachforhope.org/subscribe**, and complete the form. You will receive a daily devotion throughout Lent (excluding Sundays).

The Outreach for Hope Lenten Devotions will also be available as a full set on the website as of February 20 at **Outreachforhope.org/Lenten-devotions**.

We hope you find inspiration and comfort in these devotions, and we wish you Hope for the Journey!

