

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

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March 17, 2019



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Bulletin Announcements - March 17, 2019



Lenten Lunches -

March 13 - 20 - 27 - April 3 - 10

The SAINTS will be sponsoring delicious weekly lunches following every 10:30am Lenten service. All are welcome to join us in the Commons – senior citizens and junior citizens alike!

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

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.

New Creation Choir Musical:

April 7th, 8:30 & 11:00 Services

"The Story of the Three Trees

Three trees on a mountain dream of what they wanted to become when they grew up. One wants to be a treasure chest, another an ocean-going boat, and the third a signpost to God. Each tree finds itself in a place they never desired to be, yet in the end their wishes come true in a way they never expected.

"God's love changes everything."

Children and adults will be deeply touched as they understand, perhaps for the first time, the significance of Christ's life and his atoning sacrifice on the cross.

The powerful message that God has a special plan for our lives permeates the story of three trees. God has a plan for each of us. There may be times we lose sight of our dreams, and we may not understand things that take place in our lives. We must remember that God loves us and has a plan for us; therefore we can have faith.

Children in grades 3-6 sing with the New Creation Choir.

Coming up this week:

Monday, March 18

6:30, Mon. Morn. Men's Bible Study
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
6:00, Property Committee Meeting
7:00, Synod El Salvador Meeting

Tuesday:

AARP Tax Help Host Site 9:30-3:00
9:30, The EmBELLishments
6:00, Tosa East Girls B-ball Banquet
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 Creation Choir
6:15, Lenten Adult Study Time
6:15, Lenten Family Time

7:15, Lenten Midweek Service

Thursday:

9:00, A CaBELLa Ringers
10:00, Marquette CIM Team Mtg.
4:00, Praise Kids
6:15, Bells Angels
7:30, Senior Choir

Saturday:

9:30, New Creation Musical Workshop

Lenten Dinners – Taco Wednesday, 3/20! That's this week!

March 20's Lenten dinner will offer tacos and all the toppings, completed by vegetables and dip, fruit, and dessert. Dinner is served from 5:30 – 6:15. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children aged 3-10.

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

March 17, 24, 31

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans

The author writes: "Perhaps more than any other book I've written, 'Inspired' is intended to be read, wrestled with, discussed, debated, and creatively engaged with in the context of community. And that's precisely because the Bible invites us to do the same."

Each week Pastor Matt and Sue Swing will explore some of these stories and their impact on our faith lives.

Today: Wisdom Stories

Next Sunday: War Stories and Church Stories

March 31st: Fish Stories and Gospel Stories

Copies of the book are available for \$12 each. You can read for each class, but won't need to read fully to engage and find meaning in the conversation.

April 7 - Immigration

Guest Speaker -Tim Muth

What is causing the surge in immigration at our southern border? Who is in the caravans, and why are they leaving their countries?

These and other questions are at the center of a complex topic that often divides us as US citizens. At the adult forum on April 7th guest speaker Tim Muth will explore this issue, seeking to create understanding and dispel myths surrounding immigration. Tim has been in partnership with the Salvadoran Lutheran Church in El Salvador for many years, and writes a highly regarded blog about El Salvador.

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.

Easter eggs? Already?

Watch for the box outside the church office filled with bags of empty plastic Easter eggs. When you see it there, 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!)*

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 25

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

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.

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)

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 Al if you have any questions.

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."*

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.

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



Christ Caring • For People • Through People

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. Flowers are \$30 per arrangement; library books are \$20.

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.**

PeaBerry Coffee: A special treat for you, your family and your friends. Only 5% of coffee beans picked are peaberry. These are single beans that have grown within the coffee "cherry" where two beans normally grow. These single coffee beans offer a richer coffee taste while being less acidic than standard coffee. It has the wonderful flavor of Mt. Meru Premium Coffee but in a richer form!

The coffee is \$15 for a 12oz bag and is available at the coffee cart in the Upper Commons this Sunday! Only available in regular, drip or bean (but not decaf).

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.

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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: Many thanks to Deb Stolz and Ruth & Steve Mielke for serving, providing dessert, and making the dinner a joyous event on March 10. 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.

**Two theatre productions
you may wish to attend
featuring people we know:**

Is Murder Tax-Deductible? Come see a great mystery with a tangled “Who Done it?” featuring our own **Al Van Lith** in one of the roles. It will take place at Inspiration Studios, 1500 S. 73rd St., West Allis, WI. on these dates and times:

7:30 p.m. on March 15, 16, 22 & 23

2:00 p.m. on March 17 and 24

Tickets are \$20 for general admission (open seating), available online and at the door. Website is:

<https://www.creamcitytheater.com/>

“Thoroughly Modern Millie” is being presented by the Waukesha Civic Theater March 28 through April 14. Pastor Matt’s spouse, **Pastor Delaney Schlake-Kruse**, takes to the stage in this lively and exciting production. Tickets are available online at waukeshacivictheatre.org
A small town girl from Kansas, Millie arrives in New York ready to become a star. As she struggles to find employment and make a name for herself, Millie befriends Miss Dorothy, an ingénue; Jimmy, a similarly struggling city slicker and Muzzy Van Hossmere, together they uncover a plot to sell orphan girls to China!

Madison Action Day 2019: More than 1,000 people from all parts of Wisconsin will gather in Madison to celebrate our common values of fairness, solidarity, and racial and economic justice. We will rally together, and we will visit all our state Senators and Assembly representatives.

Tuesday, March 26 at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue. Cost is \$25 for breakfast, lunch, materials; \$10 WISDOM Madison Action Day T-Shirt; \$10 for the Bus (leaves at 7 a.m. from 2821 Vel Phillips Ave, Milwaukee. Ride the bus or meet us there.

What Issues will we talk about: Closing MSDF, Ending crimeless revocations, no new prisons. Money saved by reducing prison populations needs to be used for: more money for treatment, better mass transit, better schools, better health care, decent job opportunities for all.

How do I sign up? Call 414.831.2070 or email wisdomforjustice@gmail.com. We need your name, phone number and email address (if you have one).

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.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Children's Clothing Swap will be held on Sunday, April 28, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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).

Middle School Game Show Night, April 5th Have you ever wanted to be a Jeopardy contestant? To solve the puzzle on Wheel of Fortune? To Win it in a Minute? Well, now's your chance to give it a try at St. Matthew's Game Show Night for Middle School youth (grades 6-8) on Friday, April 5th from 7:00- 9:00. Join us for this night of fun where everyone gets to be a contestant! Friends are welcome.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Graders join us for the following KFC date: KFC Late Night: Saturday, April 6th 5 - 7pm

Bring a flash light for tag
We will have pizza for dinner
Friends are Welcome!
Cost \$5
RSVP: 414-774-0441

Lenten Family Time This Wednesday!

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

Wednesday evenings, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. through April 10

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

DOC Sleepover offered for 4th & 5th graders, Friday, April 12th, 7pm-8am

Fourth and fifth graders the time has finally arrived! You are invited to join us for the DOC sleepover. We will gather at 7pm to play games, have treats, do devotion and watch a movie. You will be picked up at 8am on Saturday morning. Please sign up in advance for this event. The cost for this event is \$5 and a snack to share. Sign up by calling the church office at 414-774-0441. **Please note that we will NOT be serving dinner. Things to Bring**

Sleeping Bags (We Will Sleep!!!)

Pillow

Flashlight (for flashlight tag)

Pajamas

Snack to Share

\$5.00

Signed Permission Slip

Friends (Friends must be 4th or 5th graders)

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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The Five Wednesdays in Lent are March 13-April 10
Make Lenten Wednesdays a Time for Lenten Worship



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.

Remaining dates: March 20 and 27; April 3 and 10

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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 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 April 10. *Sanctuary*

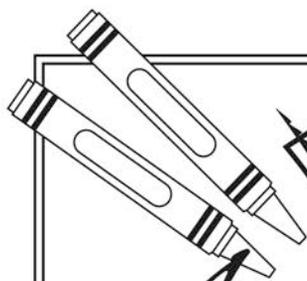
6:00-7:00 **New Creation Choir** meets earlier on Wednesdays during Lent: March 20, 27 & April 3 & 10 *Choir Room & Sanctuary*

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.

Lenten offerings are shared between **Lutheran Campus Ministry**, serving college students at Marquette and UW-Milwaukee, and **Street Angels**, serving the homeless in our city.



PUZZLE

A new creation

Just as spring brings beauty and renewal,
in Christ we, too, are made new.

Directions: Follow each flying butterfly to its correct number. Then write that word on the line with the corresponding number to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

10
8
12
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"Therefore, _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel March 17, 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.
- My 4th or 5th grader would like to attend the DOC Sleepover, Friday, April 12. We will bring our **permission slip** on that evening.
Name of friend, if bringing a friend: _____
- I want to sign up my child(ren) for **Kids for Christ (grades 1-3), meeting on Saturday, April 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
Name of friend, if bringing a friend _____
- I would like to sign up my middle schooler (grades 6-7-8) for the **Middle School Game Show Night** on Friday, April 5 from 7-9 p.m.
- 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