

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
March 24, 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: *The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or cut it down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and*

come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is the good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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 8:30 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

Altar Flowers have been given by:

Leah Phillippi in memory of **Ellie Eichman**;

Sarah & Chris Kent in honor of **Ella & Liam's baptismal anniversary**.

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.

Lenten Cross Made by Many The cross hanging in the central staircase for the season of Lent is constructed of smaller crosses that were created with a yarn painting technique. Crosses were made by middle school classes, mission trip participants, and other art-loving volunteers from the congregation. We thank everyone who had a hand in this project.

Church Nursery Our staff Nursery Attendant, Kate Searing, is away from church on March 24 and 31. Volunteers are scheduled for 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00. If the volunteers are not present parents are welcome to remain in the nursery with their children.

Link to give online: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/>

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - March 24, 2019



Lenten Lunches -

March 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 under the direction of John Paradowski and Jeff Reeves.

Coming up this week:

Monday, March 25 *Spring Break Tosa*

6:30, Mon. Morn. Men's Bible Study
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers Support Group
1:00, Fallen Angels

Tuesday:

AARP Tax Help Host Site 9:30-3:00
9:30, The EmbELLishments
6:30, LCM Board Meeting
7:00, LAC Rehearsal
7:00, Stephen Ministry

Wednesday:

10:00, Cross Lunch volunteers
10:30, Morning Lenten Service
11:00, Lenten Lunch Gathering
1:30, Organ Lesson
5:30, Lenten Dinner - soup/salad/bread
6:00, New Creation Choir
6:00, Social Ministry Committee
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
10:00, Synod Substance Use Disorder
Task Force Meeting
4:00, Praise Kids
6:15, Bells Angels
7:30, Senior Choir

Saturday:

9:30, Quilting Ministry Blitz
2:00, Bach St. Matthew Passion Video

Lenten Dinner this week!

March 27's Lenten dinner will offer Soup, Salad and Bread. 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 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. 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.

Today: War Stories and Church Stories

Next Week: Fish Stories and Gospel Stories

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,

**Guided Tour of Un/Seen:
The Alchemy of Fixing Shadows
at Chazen Museum of Art**

Join us for a guided tour of Un/Seen: The Alchemy of Fixing Shadows at Chazen Museum of Art on Saturday April 6. Dr. Sarah Anne Carter, whose UW-Madison students curated the exhibit as part of Introduction to Museum Studies: Theory & Methods, will be discussing how early photographic processes were simultaneously science, art, and magic. The exhibit is located on the campus of UW-Madison at 750 University Avenue. Meet at church at 2 pm to carpool. Stay for Trivia Night at St. Matthew's that night at 6:30 pm! Contact Jennifer Wills at 262/483-1848 or jenniferwills1@me.com with questions or to sign up.

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.

**Mark Your Calendars for a Special
Wednesday Bible Study in Holy Week**

On Wednesday during Holy Week, Pastor Matt will host a special edition of the Wednesday Bible Study going through the history and narrative of Holy Week. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish Jesus scholar, has written a new book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, that will lead us through from Jerusalem toward Gethsemane, focusing on the teachings, meals, and parts of the story you always thought you knew, but with new context to bring these stories new life. Coffee, as always, will be provided!

**Three students at Wisconsin Lutheran
College**

are searching for a one or two bedroom apartment, in early or mid May. They are non-smokers, live a generally calm lifestyle, and don't have cats or dogs. If you know of a reasonable apartment near Wisconsin Lutheran College (between Bluemound & Wisconsin Ave, around 90th St., south of the medical complex), please contact Grace at get1617@yahoo.com
Thank you!

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?

There is a box outside the church office filled with bags of empty plastic Easter eggs. 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 at 9 a.m. 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.

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.

Did you know you can give online to St. Matthew's? Check it out. You can designate your donation on the Giving page. Here's the link:

<https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/>

**Looking Ahead: BLOOD DRIVE
at St. Matthew's on
Monday, May 6, 3:00-7:00pm**

Stephen Ministry

Today we celebrate one year of Stephen Ministry at St. Matthew's!

Did you know...

- **St. Matthew's is one of over 13,000 Stephen Ministry congregations in the world**
- **Our 15 Stephen Ministers have provided nearly 600 hours of high quality one-to-one care to hurting people in our congregation and community**
- **Stephen Ministers continue to learn and have received an additional 20 hours of continuing education in the last year**

We are so grateful to the pastors and congregation of St. Matthew's for the prayers and support. Because of you...

- **We all continue to grow in care and support for one another**
- **Our care receivers experience a closer involvement with our congregation and with God**
- **Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers experience the personal growth and enrichment of Jesus' ministry**

Please join us for a piece of cake in the Commons this morning or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center (across from the Library) to thank our Stephen Ministers or to learn more about how a Stephen Minister could help you or someone you know.

Or, contact Sue Swing, Pastor Ann or any of the Pastors at anytime to discuss Stephen Ministry.

"Love one another -- as I have loved you." John 13:34:b



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>

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

**Passionate about
Advocating for Hunger in
our community?**

You're invited to attend a special workshop offered by Hunger Task Force and Hunger Relief Federation on advocacy skills and Wisconsin's state budget! Wisconsin's budget will have a dramatic impact on hunger for over 400,000 families. So, we're holding a workshop in Milwaukee on Saturday, March 30th to give people an inside look and the skills to have an impact. RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/advocacy-hunger>.

Attendees will receive:

- an inside look at Wisconsin's budget process
- training from professionals on the advocacy tools you need to make a difference.
- the best ways to elevate your personal stories.
- BONUS: connect with other awesome people who care about ending hunger!

Details:

Saturday, March 30th

10:00AM - NOON

Hunger Task Force

201 S. Hawley Ct.

Milwaukee, WI 53214

***Snacks will be provided*

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 22 & 23

2:00 p.m. on March 24

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

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

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“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.
March 27 and April 3 & 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 been a lot of fun so far! 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)

Special Guests Sunday, Mar. 24 at Cross Lutheran Church:

U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore, Gov. Tony Evers, Lt. Gov. Barnes

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH WILL BE THE WONDERFUL TRIFECTA: CONGRESSWOMAN, GWEN MOORE, LT. GOVERNOR MANDELA BARNES & GOVERNOR, TONY EVERS.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR 9:30AM SERVICE AND A TEA RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE AT 11:15 P.M., WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH OUR DEDICATED OFFICIALS.

Congresswoman Gwen Moore was elected to represent Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District in 2004, making her the first African American elected to Congress from the State of Wisconsin. She is a member of the esteemed House Ways and Means Committee, which is the oldest committee of the United States Congress and has jurisdiction over the Social Security system, Medicare, the Foster Care System, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Unemployment Insurance, and all taxation, tariffs, and revenue-raising measures. She serves on the Oversight, Select Revenue Measures, and Worker and Family Support Subcommittees. The congresswoman is also an active member on the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, LGBT Equality Caucus, the Great Lakes Caucus, the Helsinki Commission, and the Democratic Women's Working Group. She was also a former member of the House Financial Services and Budget Committees and the former Regional Whip for the Democratic Caucus.



Mandela Barnes serves as Wisconsin's 45th Lieutenant Governor. He was elected on November 8, 2018 and sworn into office on January 7, 2019. He is the first African-American to serve as a Lieutenant Governor in Wisconsin, and the second African-American to ever hold statewide office.

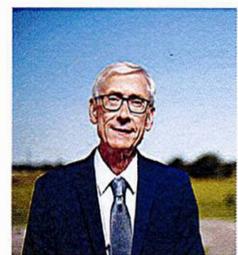
Born and raised in Milwaukee, Mandela is the son of a public-school teacher and a United Auto Workers member, to whom he credits much of his success. He grew up attending Milwaukee Public Schools and is an alumnus of Alabama A&M University. He worked for various political campaigns and in the office of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, eventually becoming an organizer for Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope, a Milwaukee-based interfaith coalition that advocates social justice. Mandela also worked for the State Innovation Exchange, a national progressive public policy organization.



In 2012, at the age of 25, Mandela was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, where he served two two-year terms. His tenure in the State Assembly included serving as Chair of the Legislature's Black and Latino Caucus and becoming a recognized leader on progressive economic policies and gun violence prevention legislation.

As Lieutenant Governor, Mandela will continue to fight for solutions that invest in opportunities and fairness for every child, person, and family in Wisconsin, regardless of zip code.

Governor Tony Evers- On November 6, 2018, the people of Wisconsin voted Tony Evers the 46th governor of Wisconsin. Prior to his election, he served as the Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction winning statewide elections in 2009, 2013, and 2017. With over three decades of public education experience, Governor-elect Evers has dedicated his life to fighting for Wisconsin's kids and serving the people of Wisconsin.



As a life-long educator, the governor-elect believes in bringing people together to solve the problems facing our state and putting the people of Wisconsin first. He began his career in 1976 and has served Wisconsin students, parents, and citizens all over Wisconsin in Tomah, Oakfield, Verona, and Oshkosh.

Born and raised in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Governor-elect Evers graduated from Plymouth High School and earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Kathy, an educator. They are parents of three adult children, all public school graduates, and have nine grandchildren.

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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 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 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 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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is
 not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run
 to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One
 of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have
 mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
 that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
 passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into
 Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the

same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual
 drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that fol-
 lowed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless,
 God was not pleased with most of them, and they
 were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us,
 so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not
 become idolaters as some of them did; as it is writ-
 ten, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and
 they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual
 immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three
 thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ
 to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed
 by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them
 did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These
 things happened to them to serve as an example,
 and they were written down to instruct us, on whom
 the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you
 are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No
 testing has overtaken you that is not common to ev-
 eryone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be
 tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he
 will also provide the way out so that you may be able
 to endure it.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
 him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
 mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them,
 "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered
 in this way they were worse sinners than all other
 Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you
 will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who
 were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—
 do you think that they were worse offenders than all
 the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but un-
 less you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree
 planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for
 fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gar-
 dener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking
 for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut
 it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He re-
 plied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig
 around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next
 year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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Reformation Lutheran Church
Neighborhood Store and Coffee Shop
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Reformation Lutheran Church Neighborhood Store Ministry
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- Baby/children's clean clothing to size 8 (no adult clothing/shoes)
- Infant blankets, crib sheets, strollers, walkers, bouncers, toddler large plastic play sets, etc.
- Bath/hand/washcloth towels, mirrors, waste baskets, shower curtains and rings
- Easter baskets and grass, Easter candy
- Gift items for adults (Mother's Day & Father's Day coming up!)
- Men's items including belts, cologne, gently-used/new men's underwear, wallets
- Jewelry and new watches
- Small lamps
- Pots & Pans, kitchenware & utensils, dish sets, silverware sets
- Sheet sets, bed pillows, bedspreads/comforters (no afghans, please)
- Small Appliances: toasters, deep fryers, coffee makers, microwaves, blenders, electric frypans, irons, crockpots, etc.
- Flatscreen TVs, converter boxes, antennas, radios
- Cans of coffee, homemade cookies, sugar and creamer

Questions? Call Thaurra Stallings, Neighborhood Store Manager at Reformation, 414/444-0440

If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the Collection shelves at the Education entrance of St. Matthew's. Thank you!

Please note that items not included on this list are not needed at this time, and that you may wish to donate those items elsewhere, such as Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.

Easter Flower Order Form

Celebrate the Risen Christ

Sunday, April 21, 2019



We will express our joy in the resurrection of our Lord on Easter by remembering our loved ones. We will blanket the altar area with a display of spring plants. In lieu of plants, a contribution may be given "in honor" or "in memory of" and will be contributed to St. Matthew's benevolences serving those in need.

All Easter plants and Easter benevolences will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Return the following form, with payment, to the church office or place in the offering plate. All plants may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 14, 2019.

(Please include payment with your order.)

Hyacinths (assorted)	@ \$12.00	_____
Daffodils (yellow)	@ \$12.00	_____
Lilies (white)	@ \$12.00	_____
Tulips (assorted)	@ \$12.00	_____
Azaleas (assorted)	@ \$22.00	_____
Hydrangeas	@ \$22.00	_____
Easter Designated Benevolences	@ \$10.00	_____
to Lutheran Campus Ministry & Street Angels		
	Total	_____

Donor's Name(s) _____

The flowers/benevolences purchased are to be listed in the bulletin as follows:

in honor of _____

or

in memory of _____



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel March 24, 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 Wednesday, March 27 at Cross Lutheran Church** on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- 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)*

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Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
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