

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
March 3, 2019



Transfiguration
SUNDAY

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: *Witnesses to the glory in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.*

We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We put aside the "Alleluia" at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Communion: All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at all services. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

Flowers at the altar have been given by Pastor Ray W. Stubbe in loving memory of his paternal grandmother, Augusta Stubbe's, March 5th birthday.

A Library Book has been given to the church library by Dee & Don Birschel in honor of Ellen & Matt Bratz's wedding anniversary.

Why are some people wearing nametags? We wear nametags on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in order for us to know more people on Sunday mornings.

Hunger Baskets to be passed today: When the offering plates are passed later in the service, it is followed by a basket for a special collection. This second collection will be directed toward local and world hunger. Thank you for your faith-filled response to this opportunity.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - March 3, 2019



Thank you for the Cross food donated this week for the meal on Wednesday. A large number of people were served and were appreciative of the variety.

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?

Prayer Cards Thank you for using the blue prayer cards for concerns to be lifted before the congregation, pastors and prayer chain. Please make sure you have permission from those you are listing by name on the prayer cards.

Exodus Class: The next Exodus class will be on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services will be held this week on Wednesday March 6: A morning service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and the evening service will begin at 7:15 p.m. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. We hope that you will participate in this opportunity to seek forgiveness and begin a good Lenten journey. Wednesday services will continue at those times (10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.) on five Wednesdays March 13 - April 10. Lenten devotional materials will be available for your personal devotional practice at a table in the Upper Commons.



Catching Up With the SAINTS

There will be no regular meetings during March and April.

Lenten Lunches -

March 13 - 20 - 27 - April 3 - 10

The SAINTS will be sponsoring delicious weekly lunches following every 10:30am Lenten service excluding Ash Wednesday. 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!

Coming up this week:

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday:

AARP Tax Help Host Site 9:30-3:00
9:30, The EmBELLishments
7:00, LAC Rehearsal

Wednesday:

10:30, Ash Wednesday Service

followed by a Healing Service

1:30, Organ Lesson
6:00, New Generation Choir
6:00, New Creation Choir

7:15, Ash Wednesday Service

8:15, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

9:00, A CaBELLa Ringers
4:00, Praise Kids
6:15, Bells Angels

Friday:

7:00, Middle School Mission Overnight

Saturday:

9:00, Diocese of Meru - Synod Comm.
12:30, Middle School Mission Overnight ends

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.

Adult Education Today,

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

March 3 - Healing Prayer Ministry

Come join the Healing Prayer Team for a conversation on what healing and wholeness means to you. Learn about how the Healing Ministry at Saint Matthew's works and get a peek at a Lenten project for the whole congregation.

Coming in March!

***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.

Join us on Sunday mornings in March for this exciting conversation!

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.

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

**Ten Minutes Matter--
Mindfulness Meditation
Sunday Mornings, 10:00-10:30
Bride's Chapel (*adjacent to the
Sanctuary*)
March 10
April 7**

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

Consider a CSA subscription for the growing season - Known as CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture), there are a number of sites around the Milwaukee area that offer "shares" in their farm in exchange for boxes of produce throughout the summer. Sign up for the 2019 season has begun. Once again the home of Kristen and John Charlson (St. Matthew's members) will be a drop off for TIPI Produce CSA. For more information on the TIPI farm check out www.tipiproduce.com. There are options to get a box every week or every other week. Joining a CSA is a good way to support local farmers and enjoy organic fresh seasonal vegetables. If you have any questions feel free to contact either Kristin Charlson (jkcharlson@gmail.com 414-476-5578).

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 Isaiah had a twofold mission. The first was to announce to the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem the consequences of their failures. The second was to assure the people that judgment was not God's last word - beyond judgment there will be redemption for Jerusalem. 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

A reminder: The Hop is now in full operation and stops on the corner of Jackson and Kilbourn going both ways, just a short walk to the garden entrance to the Cathedral Atrium.

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.

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 help us cut costs on our 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**

Without givers like you, our church cannot have an impact or influence in our community as we do today.

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>

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

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!

Lost and Found:

Did you lose something at church? It might turn up on the Lost and Found table, across from the elevator on the lower level, down the hallway from the church office. Jewelry and other small valuables might end up in the office for safekeeping. People leaving jackets or coats may find them hanging on the coatrack where they were left. Good luck finding your lost items!

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: March 10

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.

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.**

Mount Meru Coffee wants you to try the new 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).

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.

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.

Wednesday, March 6;

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

Thursday, April 18, Maundy

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

Simply Giving: St. Matthew's Stewardship Committee partners with Thrivent Financial for electronic transfer of contributions from parishioners' checking or savings accounts directly to St. Matthew's bank account. For more information or to request enrollment documents, contact Al in the church office, 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org

Gifts of Stock are Welcome

Gifts of stock are always welcome at St. Matthew's. Our brokerage account is with Robert W. Baird here in the Milwaukee area. The contact person is Curt Brewer, 262-523-5644. He can arrange to have your gift transferred directly from your account to St. Matthew's brokerage account. Consult with your tax advisor to see if this has significant advantages for you. As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office with questions.

Children's and Youth Ministry

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Starlight Rodeo Dinner Auction a Success Thanks to You! A huge thank you to all those who supported the youth dinner auction by donating items, bidding on items or attending the dinner. This is our biggest fundraiser for the mission trip, which helps keep the experience affordable for the youth who participate. We are so grateful to the congregation for your ongoing support of these impactful service experiences.

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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 Mission Overnight is Coming up on March 8th!

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Middle School Mission Overnight, beginning at 7:00 on Friday, March 8th and ending at 12:30 on Saturday, March 9th.

Friday night activities will include games, an interactive hunger simulation, and meal prep for area agencies that serve those who live in poverty. On Saturday morning, kids will go to different volunteer sites - including the Tosa Cares Food Pantry. Groups will return by 11:30 for lunch and debriefing.

Please sign up at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MissionOvernight>.

If you have questions, please talk with Gretchen Hauge.

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 our 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!

Ash Wednesday Services
this week, March 6
with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion
Morning Service at 10:30
Evening Service at 7:15
Each is followed by a
Healing Service



Together we can
SO **ve**
hunger.

1 in 6 Children



doesn't know where her next meal is coming from.

Learn what can **YOU** do about it
at the

Middle School Mission Overnight

7:00 PM, Friday, March 8th - 12:30 PM, Saturday, March 9th

Friday Night:

Games, hunger simulation, & breakfast prep for Tosa Cares Food Pantry.

Saturday Morning:

Beakfast, volunteer time at Tosa Cares & other agencies, lunch & debriefing.

Cost:

\$5.00 for snacks & breakfast, plus non-perishable food items for Food Pantries.

Questions? Talk to Gretchen.



Sign up at link below.



<https://tinyurl.com/MissionOvernight>

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We

have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

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Tracks 1 and 2
ELCA-R

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!



Begins March 13! The Five Wednesdays in Lent are March 13-April 10

Make Wednesday Night a Family Night at Church

**Please note: This starts on March 13,
NOT on Ash Wednesday.**



LENT

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*

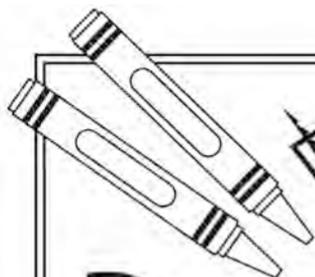
6:15-7:00 Adult Education: "Praying the Psalms" Join us as we use Psalms 91, 27, 63, 32 and 126 together on these five Wednesdays. *Upper Room*

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**





PUZZLE

POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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anxious
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eagle
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purple
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prayer | 4
Paul
petition
Peter | 5
taste
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thanksgiving |
| 6
rest
requests
relax | 7
God
George
Greg | 8
puddle
peace
pond | 9
transcends
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truck | 10
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| 11
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Philippians | |

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in
 _____² situation, by _____³ and
 _____⁴, with _____⁵,
 present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And
 the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹
 all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹
 your _____¹² and your _____¹³
 in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel March 3, 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.

- 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.
- 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 for a few months.

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