

St. Matthew's
 **Weekly** *Bulletin Update*

Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
March 31, 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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are*

those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away ... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Communion: All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at the 7:30 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

Child for Baptism: (11:00 service) **Eloise Clara Yentz**, child of Casie & Derek Yentz, Wauwatosa, was born May 29, 2018. Sponsors are Allison Yentz and Teddy Walsh. Eloise's paternal grandparents are John & Mary Yentz of our congregation.

Altar Flowers have been given by Pastor Ed & Gloria Weiskotten in memory of Rev. Herbert & Mary Weiskotten and in memory of Frank & Gertrude Bauman.

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 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/>

Next Sunday, April 7! The annual New Creation Choir Musical presented at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. This year, the musical is the story of "The Three Trees." Don't miss it! It's always an exciting Sunday when our children in grades 3-6 present a story with a message told through drama and song.

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.)

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| 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 _____

ELCA Votes!

Take a moment today and sign the Voting Pledge Poster if you have already voted or pledge to vote on Tuesday, April 2nd!!

Tuesday is Voting Day in Wisconsin, and many jurisdictions are holding School Board Elections. There are also elections for some statewide judicial offices, and all voters will vote for the State Supreme Court Justice. These are important roles, and this is the opportunity you have to share your voice and your values at the voting booth. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The up-to-date details and sample ballots are available at myvote.wi.gov.

The logo for ELCAvotes! features the text "ELCAvotes!" in white, sans-serif font against a dark blue rectangular background.A graphic with the text "TUESDAY APRIL 2" in white, bold, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

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

If you have an updated name or address change since you last voted, Wisconsin allows for same-day registration. You can register at your polling place; to help election workers, you can fill out your registration form online and bring it with you, completed, to the polling place!

What Can I Use As Photo ID To Vote?

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 2018 election):

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

What does civic engagement mean for the church?

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

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - March 31, 2019



Ten Minutes Matter-- Mindfulness Meditation

Next Sunday - April 6

10:00-10:30 - Bride's Chapel

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

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

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, April 1

- 6:30, Mon. Morn. Men's Bible Study
- 10:15, Staff Meeting
- 11:00, Program Staff Meeting
- 1:00, Fallen Angels
- 6:30, Friendship Force Board

Tuesday:

- AARP Tax Help Host Site 9:30-3:00
- 9:30, The EmbELLishments
- 3:20, Destination Imagination Group
- 6:30, Exodus Class
- 7:00, LAC Rehearsal
- 7:00, Education Ministry

Wednesday:

10:30, Morning Lenten Service

- 11:00, Lenten Lunch Gathering
- 1:30, Organ Lesson
- 2:20, Destination Imagination Group
- 5:30, Lenten Dinner - baked potato bar
- 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
- 4:00, Praise Kids
- 6:15, Bells Angels
- 7:30, Senior Choir

Friday:

- 7:00, First Fridays Book Group
- 7:00, Middle School Game Show Night

Saturday:

- 9:30, New Creation Dress Rehearsal
- 5:00-7:00 KFC Late Night
- 6:30, Trivia Night (Fellowship Event)

Lenten Dinner this week!

April 3's Lenten dinner will offer a baked potato bar, salad and fruit. 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 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: 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, and writes a highly regarded blog about El Salvador.

Cross Meal fed 180 people this past Wednesday. Thank you to those who provided food and helped to serve at the meal.

**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 at **10 a.m.**, 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? 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. April 11 and 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

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.

Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday (4/18) and Easter Sunday (4/21) - Please sign up on-line (if you are already a Sunday morning volunteer) or check the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. *Everyone is encouraged to help -- No experience necessary!*

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)

Three Sides Podcast: African-Descent Lutheran History

By most accounts, the black Lutheran church began as early as 1620. In the latest episode of "Three Sides," host Shanna Crawford speaks with Lutheran historian Dr. Richard Stewart, Pastor Lucille Mills and Pastor Albert Starr about the early years of African-descent Lutherans, what's happening in the church today and what the future holds. Listen now at LivingLutheran.org/podcast.

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

We are celebrating 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**

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**

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.

Women Together in Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 4th!

Join us as we welcome Pastor Delaney Schlake-Kruse of St. Paul's, Milwaukee! Pastor Delaney will help us to explore what it means to be women of faith through the lens of women's friendships in the Bible. Come with your ideas of how to expand our thinking beyond personal spiritual practices and check-lists of time spent in prayer, to engage the wider gift of a scriptural basis for the power of women's friendships rooted in faith. All are welcome!

Lenten Lunches - 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!

Give your passion a purpose.

Home Instead Senior Care is hiring CAREGivers! Get paid for your passion of helping Seniors within their own home. Flexible part and full-time scheduling. Comprehensive training and support. All ages and backgrounds are encouraged to apply-even retirees! Apply online at HomeInstead.com/315/home-care-jobs or call (414) 882-8821.

The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

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

Guest House: Two or three volunteers are needed each month to prepare and serve a dinner for 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by emailing johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up.

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

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

Cross Lutheran Lunch Program We serve 300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's at 10:15 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, April 24, 2019.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

People of Faith United For Justice Equipping You for the Work

Are you someone who cares about children? Who knows that safe, clean drinking water matters to children's development? Who knows how crucial the first five years are for children's future success? Who understands that all children and their families need reliable access to health care?

Your elected representatives need to hear from you. Your voice matters. Your story is needed. Come to People of Faith United for Justice!

The Wisconsin Legislature is beginning to work on the state budget for 2019-21. Your legislators need to hear stories that show how the decisions they are making affect the lives of their constituents - you and your neighbors.

Making sure that children have what they need to grow up healthy is an essential concern for all communities and a fundamental moral obligation for any society. We are called as faithful advocates to speak up for the children in our state, to ensure that this budget provides them with the supports they need to grow up to become healthy, thriving adults. That is why, on **April 11**, people of faith will come to the State Capitol and ask our legislators to:

- * Ensure there is access to clean drinking water in every part of our state;
- * Accept federal funding to expand BadgerCare so more low-income families can afford health care; and
- * Support more affordable early childhood education for working parents, as well as education and better pay for child care workers.

Will you join us in speaking up for a better future for Wisconsin's children? Pastor Matt has registration information, as does the previous issue of the VOICE!

**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.

"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!

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)

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: 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*

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: 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.

Reformation Lutheran Church
Neighborhood Store and Coffee Shop
NEEDS SPRING 2019

Reformation Lutheran Church Neighborhood Store Ministry
3806 W. Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee

- 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.



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel March 31, 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.
- 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'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.

***Can you help at a Maundy Thursday Service or on Easter Sunday?
Check out the volunteer sign-up list at the Welcome Center and add your name today!***

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office,
414-774-0441 or office@stmattslutheran.org.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalms 32**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled

to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

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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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