

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
June 30, 2019**



Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to this time and space apart, where we can turn our focus from self to God and from fear to faith. May you sense God's gentle touch.

Introduction for the Day: *We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.*

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.

Vacation Bible School registration is now open to community members! If you know of a family who might be interested, but they're not members of St. Matthew's, they are welcome to register! There is no fee for St. Matthew's VBS program. Sign up by August 2! The dates are August 5-9, from 8:45-11:45 am., and it is open to children going into 4K through 5th grade (the grade they'll be in this fall). Registration forms at the Welcome Center and also on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/StMattsVBS2019>

Adult Volunteers are still needed for Vacation Bible School. If you can help, even just for 2-3 days, please sign up. Older youth are also welcome to volunteer their time. Deadline for youth volunteers is July 21. Sign up today! Forms are available at the Welcome Center and across from the church office, as well as on our website.

You're invited to sing with the Summer Choir June 30 and August 11:

Here's a chance to sing with a choir on a short-term basis, on June 30 and August 11. On either of those Sunday mornings, stop by the Choir Room (2nd floor, south side of building) at 9:30 a.m., learn a piece of music for the 10:15 a.m. service, and then present it on the very same day. No long-term commitment. Youth welcome. The summer choir director is David Mohr.

Thank you to those who contributed to the Cross lunch meal this past Wednesday. Approximately 180 people were served. What a great variety of salads, fruits, and desserts we had. Thank you for taking time from your schedule to remember those in our community who are "food-insecure." And thank you to those of you who brought food for the first time! We hope you will consider it again on one of our Cross Wednesdays.

Summer Sunday Nights with Pastor Matt begin next Sunday, July 7th.

We'll meet for conversation and light snacks and dessert from 6:30-8:00

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like.

Though we may think we know why this happens, Christena Cleveland says we probably don't. We'll gather for discussion, study of scripture, and explore the themes of the first 4 chapters of her book, *Disunity in Christ*. You don't need to have read to participate, but it may be helpful.

**A Word Concerning Immigration from our
ELCA Office of Advocacy and AMMPARO**



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has a strong history of welcoming the stranger. Through AMMPARO, this has been strengthened. The commitment of the church to welcome migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families has been strengthened by our relationships with companion churches and our partnership with Lutheran and faith-based organizations, particularly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) in the United States and globally through the Lutheran World Federation.

Family unity and the acknowledgment that there is God-given dignity in all people has been a cornerstone of advocacy by the ELCA, and we know that tearing families apart and disrupting communities goes against our Social Statement and fair and humane immigration policies.

Further, we encourage you to stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. Please do express appreciation for all existing immigrant support efforts in your locales when you call and do urge police non-cooperation with ICE in the anticipated terrifying raids upon our neighbors.

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If you feel moved to give in support of the work of LIRS and AMMPARO, you are invited to give through St. Matthew's. Simply indicate LIRS or AMMPARO on your check.

When you give to LIRS, you help the only organization that sees refugee and migrant children through the entire process of family reunification. Your donation helps when they are released to us. Your gift helps LIRS find safe places for the children to stay. Your contribution helps to reunite children with their families. And your gift helps find safe, loving foster families to care for the children who cannot be reunited with their parents or a family member.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - June 30, 2019



(for those receiving the bulletin by email on Thursday)

Saturday 6/29: 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

Mia Stein-Kodzick and others lead a neighborhood clean-up starting at Reformation Lutheran Church, 3806 W. Lisbon Ave. Join us!

Sunday 6/30: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Street Angels Meal Prep

Join Nancy Bowen as we prepare hot meals and sack lunches for the Street Angels Homeless Outreach Ministry. Welcome for children 12 and up. Wear closed-toed shoes if possible. Meet in the Church Kitchen. Join us! We're walking the talk.

Summer Worship Schedule is:

7:30am

8:30am and

10:15am

through Labor Day weekend.

The 7:30 service, during the summer only, will be a shortened 30-35 minute prayer service with a Gospel message and music, celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays of the month.

St. Matthew's Men's Softball Team con-

tinues each Tuesday evening as part of the church league, rotating locations between Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut, Wauwatosa and Whitman Middle School, 11100 W. Center St., Wauwatosa. Michael Kruse manages the team.

Tuesday, July 2 at 9:30pm vs. Mount Carmel at Hart Park

Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30pm vs. ChristKing/St. Jude at Whitman Middle School

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm vs. St. Bernard at Hart Park

Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30pm vs. First Congregational at Whitman North

Youth Mission Trip to be focus of Worship Services on July 14th

The group of teens and adults who recently returned from rebuilding hurricane damaged houses in Houston will share the stories of their experience at the 8:30 and 10:15 worship services on July 14th. We look forward to sharing the highlights of our week of serving through word, music, and images. Plan on being there to hear the story!

Coming up this week:

Monday, July 1

6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible St.
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday: *Voice deadline for July 21*

8:30, Men's Softball at Hart Park

Thursday: **Independence Day**

Church Office Closed

Friday:

Call ahead - may have limited hours

Summer Office Hours now in effect:

We close earlier on Fridays, at 2 p.m.
Monday through Thursday, the office is open 8:30am to 4:30 pm. **Call ahead if you're coming over the lunch hour to be certain someone is present.**

St. Matthew's 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 May 5 - September 1 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.

Current Volunteers! Please request a Sub if you cannot be here on a scheduled date to serve!

Did you know how easy it is to Give Online? Go to this website link: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/>

You can designate your donation by choosing one of the options, or filling in the open choice. Questions can be directed to Al Van Lith, financial administrator.

Letterboxing Event sponsored by the Fellowship Committee is planned for

Sunday, July 7 at 12:30pm

Letterboxing combines artistic ability with delightful "treasure-hunts" in beautiful, scenic places that the whole family can enjoy. Letterboxers seek out hidden boxes by following clues, and then record their discovery with hand-carved stamps. Come join us to learn more and hunt for some local letterboxes! Please dress to be in the woods and on trails! We'll meet in Fellowship Hall to start. Hope to see you there!

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 on the home page, just above the four boxes toward the bottom of the page. (www.stmattslutheran.org)

You can also watch most Adult Education classes.

YTD Financial Results as of: 06/26/19

General Fund Receipts	\$476,830
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$6,243
Benevolence Disbursements	\$119,783
Mortgage Note Balance	\$178,081

**Come to the Splash Bash,
Saturday, July 6, 10-noon!
Celebrate Alice's Garden
Green Infrastructure/
Rain Water Harvesting System!**

People of all ages are invited to join in the celebration of the completion of the Rainwater Harvesting system. The system includes the bioswale which filters the water, the underground cistern which will hold 20,000 gallons of water for watering crops and the solar power system which will power the pump. Thanks to all our partners who joined together to fund this \$259,000 water conservation project. The morning includes: 10-noon Ongoing tours, refreshments and activities with the Celebration Ceremony at 10:30. Alice's Garden 2136 N. 21 st St. (entrance gate on 21 st St between Garfield and Brown Streets)

**Wednesdays in July at
Alice's Garden Labyrinth;**

Open to all interested visitors

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools. Join Alice's Garden Spiritual Caretaker Cheri M. Johnson as she creates a special labyrinth walk intention each Wednesday evening. Alice's Garden Urban Farm is not far from Cross Lutheran and is located at Alice's Garden, 2136 N 21st St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53205

**St. Matthew's
Golf Outing Fundraiser:**

Jim Bowen is seeking donations for the Golf Outing that can be used for the Hole Event prizes or raffle prizes. Any items like gift certificates, shirts, event tickets, or other items will be appreciated and used to make this event a success. Donations will be needed by July 21 and could be dropped off at church marked "Golf Outing." Any questions, call Jim Bowen at 414-614-2799 or the church office. Your donation is greatly appreciated by the golfers and the youth who participate in the Mission Trip. ***Remember, the St. Matthew's Golf Outing is now open to men and women; we hope you're planning ahead and keeping the August 2 date on your calendar!***

St. Matthew's Golf Outing:

Friday, August 2, 2019 is the 8th Annual St. Matthew's Biehn/Ireland Memorial Golf Outing which benefits the youth mission trip. The event will be held at Kettle Hills Golf course. The outing is open to all golfers, both men and women. The fees for the outing is \$80/person and includes 18 holes with cart, cabana lunch ticket (sausage & snack) and domestic beverage ticket. There are golf incentive holes for prizes, purchase raffle tickets for various prices and a 50/50 raffle both events after the golf. The event is lots of fun for everyone. Bring a friend along! See Jim Bowen or call 414-614-2799 if you have questions. Sign up at the Welcome Center!!

Centennial Celebration - Volunteers Needed St. Matthew's will be celebrating two 100th anniversaries in the next two years. Our congregation was organized in 1920 and the first church was opened in 1921. So, we have a lot of planning to do for us to celebrate in style. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee and five subcommittees: Historical - including updating the 75th Anniversary Book and developing and producing several videos; Visioning - developing our congregational goals; Fund Raising - to finance upgrades in the Sanctuary; Events - including a co-celebration with Cross Lutheran (they are celebrating 125 years) and a St. Matt's celebration; and finally Guest Speakers - including adult education, guest preachers, inspirational speakers and interfaith relationships. We will begin meeting in July. If you are interested, contact Pr. Chris or Darla Hium or sign up on the bulletin insert.

Interested in an Adult Mission Trip to Houston in the fall of 2019? Hurricane Harvey was a Category 4 storm that hit Texas and made landfall three times in six days. At its peak one-third of Houston was underwater. Once again, we will partner with the St. Bernard Project in Houston. SBP provides safety gear, training and supervision. We plan to leave Sunday, September 29 and return Sunday, October 6 with direct flights. We complete our visit by touring the Houston Space Center. If you are interested in more details, contact the St. Matthew's church office (414-774-0441) to be added to a list of interested participants. Al Land and Al Van Lith will collaborate on leading the group.

Healing Service Schedule: 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. Your concern can be general if you don't wish to share specifically.

Sunday, July 21, 2019	During 10:15 service
Sunday, August 25	After the 10:15 service
Sunday, Sept. 15	After the 8:30 service

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.

Young Man for Hire:
"I am a college student home for summer looking for some work to fill in my hours when I am not at my part-time internship. I was Co-Valedictorian at Tosa West in 2017 and a National Merit Scholar and I am available for tutoring. I am a Red Cross certified babysitter and have references who will attest to how fun I am. Finally, I am not afraid to get my hands dirty and do yard work. Email me at AdamFendos@gmail.com or text me at 414.403.9585."

Summer Special Music at St. Matthew's

Would you like to share a musical offering with the congregation during worship this summer? We would love to hear the talents that God has given you to share with all, vocal and instrumental. See John Paradowski to sign up or go to the Sign-Up panel in the bulletin for a time to share your gift with the congregation and give praise and thanks to God through your music.

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will be holding auditions soon for its upcoming season. Singers in all voice parts are welcome to audition to join our 40-voice choir, singing the very finest in sacred choral literature for the past 82 years. Auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th from 7-8:30pm, Tuesday, Aug. 6th from 7-8:30pm and Saturday, Aug. 10th from 10-11:30am, and will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, where the choir also rehearses. To schedule an audition time, and for more information about the choir or the audition process, email director@lutheranacappella.org. Singers not able to audition on any of the three dates may make arrangements with the director to schedule another mutually convenient day and time.

Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is:

- A trained lay volunteer
- A good listener
- Trained in confidentiality
- Supervised for quality care
- Ready to offer God's love through a caring relationship

What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

- Listens
- Encourages
- Keeps confidence
- Prays
- Supports
- Walks beside a hurting person

How to learn more?

- Talk with a Pastor
- Visit the Stephen Ministry Center in the commons
- Write your interest on a blue prayer card and place it in the offering basket

We don't know your need unless you let us know!

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



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. Check it out at the Coffee and Chocolate cart.

You can also buy the regular blend Mt. Meru in regular, decaf, whole bean, drip and Kcups varieties.

Speak to Rosie Haas if you would like to special order something or if you have questions about the products.

Prayer Walk Group meets on Monday mornings and we are enjoying walking outside. Find out where we start by contacting Anne DeWitt for details: 414-840-8222.

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.
Next meeting: June 10 and 24

Cross Lutheran Community Picnic is set for Sunday, August 18. Watch the Voice and other publications for more details as time goes on!

**It's so easy.... to give online:
Link to give online: <https://www.stmattslutheran.org/give/>**

Women's Retreat at Imago Dei Village in Clintonville: This year's theme is "Lead us not into Temptation." The dates are Friday August 16 through Sunday August 18. The weekend worship and bible study leader is Pastor Kelly Taylor Schaus, giving a program "Why is 'the devil made me do it' not a valid excuse?" There are a few registration forms at the Welcome Center, or call the church office if you'd like to have a form emailed to you. There is an optional book discussion on "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. Call Amber Anderson, 262-751-0914 with any questions, or email her at: aejmand32501@gmail.com. Scholarships are available by contacting Nancy Sack, 414-545-5434 or nsack@att.net Marilyn Day of our congregation will be helping with the music at weekend worship services. She could also tell you more about the retreat.

Would you like to volunteer with our partners at Cross Lutheran?

VBS IS COMING

WHY WATER IS WORTH IT!

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

& ECOLOGY

Cross Lutheran Church, Milw.

July 8th – July 12th

Evenings 5:30pm – 8:15pm

(includes dinner)

Registration now open for K4 - 8
Applications will be available in the
Cross church office.

Adults and high school age youth
are encouraged to volunteer to
make this a wonderful time for all.
Please contact Pastor Michelle,
Vicar Isabelle, or Peggy Drana to
volunteer. Thanks!

First Fridays Book Group reveals new year of books!

First discussion begins in October
Fred Heim and Mary Thomae have
collaborated and compromised on a
schedule as varied as it has ever been.
The first book for discussion in October
is: **The Accidental President: Harry
S. Truman and the Four Months that
Changed the World by A.J. Baime (448
pgs)**

Whether or not this piques your
interest, at least one or two from the
remaining schedule probably will. Pick
up a schedule at church (Welcome
Center or table across from church
office) or find it on our website at this
link:

[https://tinyurl.com/
FFBookClub2019-20](https://tinyurl.com/FFBookClub2019-20)

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: Special thanks to Mary and Jen
Elliott, Gretchen Haugse, and the Youth Group
for preparing and serving the dinner on June 9.

Two or three volunteers are needed for the
August 11 summer cook-out. We serve dinner to
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; rcvvetter1986@gmail.com. Next Meal:
July

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, July 24, 2019.** Pick up a
card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal
to donate food.

Cross Bread of Healing Clinic Receives OTC medications too!

Thanks to all who have donated unused and expired medications to be received by the pharmacy at the Bread of Healing Clinic! There is a box in the office to drop off unused or expired medications--please bring in bags and in original containers with original RX information.

In addition, the Bread of Healing Clinic is always in need of and will receive over-the-counter medications, including allergy medications (Zyrtec, Allegra, etc), pain relievers, and other OTC drugs. They have encouraged price club shoppers (Sam's/Costco) to purchase these sorts of drugs to save the most on donated OTC drugs.

Thanks also to Tom Wilke, retired pharmacist, who volunteers at the clinic and serves as a driver to safely transport things to Cross.

Survey to help support Campus

Ministry: The Siebert Lutheran Foundation is conducting a listening process to help support campus ministries by asking Lutherans to share their experiences and memories of campus ministry and the impacts it has had on their faith and lives. The more people who complete the survey the greater the learnings will be! It will take about 4 minutes to complete and answers are confidential. Go to www.Siebertsurvey.org

Participants will have an opportunity to be included in a random drawing for three Amazon gift cards! Thank you!

Repairers of the Breach Immediate

Needs: If you would like to donate any of these items, bring them to the ROTB (Repairers of the Breach) collection box outside the church office. Thank you!

Individual oatmeal variety packs

Sturdy Paper plates

Diabetic sugar (equal, sweet'n low)

Paper bowls

Assorted cereal 8 oz. paper cups

Plastic spoons and forks

Napkins/papertowels Fresh Fruit

Laundry Detergent

Men's boxers (Large, XL, 2 XL)

Deodorant Pine-Sol

Bleach Air Freshener

Men's Jeans (waist 32-42)

Women's jeans (sizes 9-16)

You can order these items through AmazonSmile. Select Amazon Smile when ordering and have your purchases sent directly to Repairers of the Breach. AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your sale back to Repairers to you are really donating twice for each purchase!

Repairers of the Breach

**1335 W. Vliet St. Milwaukee, WI
53205**

Thanks to Dick Olson for transporting donations to ROTB as well as delivery of the ROTB bag lunches twice a month.

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

August 5 – August 9, 2019 from 8:45-11:45 a.m.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

414.774.0441
FAX 414.774.0989
Email: office@StMattsLutheran.org

Registration for St. Matthew's members begins now and will be open to nonmembers on June 15th. We may need to cut off registrations, if class sizes get too big (especially K4 & K5). **Registrations will not be accepted after August 2nd.**

Family Information:

Name of Parent: _____ Email _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact:

Please note our class offerings and register your child for the grade he/she will enter in Sept. 2019: K4; K5; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Child's Name	Grade	Birth date	Health Concerns/Special Needs
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Parent Signature _____

Any other pertinent information: (Use other side if needed)

If your child desires to be with a certain friend please list on form. K4 & K5 classes will not be able to be rearranged on the first day.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School 2019

Join the adventure August 5 - August 9, 2019
from 8:45-11:45 a.m.

VBS at St. Matthew's is an incredible experience for the children of St Matthew's and a fantastic outreach for the children of our community. Each year we continue to draw a large attendance number, which requires a good number of adult volunteers. **Adults, we ask that you prayerfully consider signing up to teach VBS or be a Tour Guide.** Please feel free to give me a call if you have questions or schedule limitations.

Questions contact: Donna Gardner Manke 414-813-7077

****Turn in forms to the office****



Adult Volunteer Form

Please check the areas you are interested in helping with...

- Team Teach Jr. K or Sr. K (plan and implement lessons)
- Team Teach 1st-5th grades (plan & teach one lesson taught to 1st-5th grades)
- Tour Guide (take attendance, lead the campers to classes, help teachers w/ crowd control)
- Teacher Assistant (work in a classroom with teachers)
- Nursery Leader (spend time caring for the children of our volunteers)
- Kitchen Helper (prepare snacks - limited number needed)

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Youth Volunteer Form

Please note we may have to limit the number of youth helpers this year. Your preferences are taken into consideration, but some flexibility may be required. **Must sign up by July 21, 2019.*

- Tour Guide (lead children to different sites and help out in the classrooms)
- Teacher Assistant (work in a classroom with teachers)
- Prefer 4 & 5 year olds Prefer 1st-5th grades
- Nursery Leader (spend time caring for the children of our volunteers)

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____



2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

Volunteer Opportunities Available for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is excited to be the host synod for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We need YOU to help this event run smoothly.

About 600 volunteers will be recruited in the coming months to usher, iron albs, provide technology assistance to voting members, monitor doors, greet visitors and much more.

Please read about all the ways you can help on our volunteer positions page (cwa19.org/volunteer-positions) and visit the ELCA Churchwide Assembly page (elca.org/churchwideassembly) to learn more.



**For more information and to volunteer:
cwa19.org**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Then the LORD said to [Elijah], "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalms 16**SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you

want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel June 30, 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 am interested in being part of the **Centennial Celebration Planning**, serving on the Steering Committee or on one of the sub-committees.
- I am interested in **sharing my musical talent in worship** this summer.
- I am interested in the **Adult Mission Trip to Houston** being planned for September 29 - October 6, 2019. Please add my name to the list of interested people.
- 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.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office,
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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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Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
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Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Sunday School Support	Jennifer Dugan
Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
Library Coordinator (Volunteer)	Linda Wunderlich
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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
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