

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

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's  
July 28, 2019**



**Welcome.** We invite you to lay before God all cares and concerns and enter into worship, trusting him for all you need today. On this summer day, we come to praise God and receive his word for us, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introduction for the Day:** *Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the*

*baptized - to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord - is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

**Communion:** All baptized Christians who celebrate the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine are invited to the Lord's Table at the 8:30 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

**Altar Flowers** have been donated by Joanne Herman Ziarek in memory of her mother Nettie Herman's 103rd birthday.

**Prayer Cards are collected each Sunday during the Hymn of the Day.** You are welcome to fill out a prayer card for any prayer needs that you are aware of. Children are also welcome to participate in this. Please make sure you have permission from those you are listing by name on the prayer cards.

**Coffee Today?** Your donations at coffee time are directed toward the cost of the coffee. The price of coffee around the world is rising, so donations are more important than ever. Also, the Mt. Meru coffee we serve is a Fair Trade coffee from our partners in Tanzania which supports small farmers in the Mt. Meru region. There is a donation basket on the coffee table.

**Cross Lutheran Church meal this past Wednesday: Thanks to those people** who made and donated food and to those who came to serve at Cross. 242 people were served and all the food was gone at the end of the meal.

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - July 28, 2019



*It's just One Week away!*

**Vacation Bible School registration is open to all!** 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 Helpers are still welcome to sign up.** Youth helper sign-up has ended, and there are a sufficient number of youth helpers ready to work next week. Thank you!

**If you signed up to bring snacks for VBS,** we'd appreciate it if the snacks were brought in ahead of time, sometime next week.

### **Houston Adult Mission Trip Meeting**

We will have a meeting Sunday July 28 after the 10:15 service to discuss details. *Meet in Fellowship Hall.* Once again, we will again be partnering with the St. Bernard Project in Houston. We be flying out Sunday September 29 and returning Sunday October 6. The plan is to work Monday September 30 through Friday October 4. We will spend Saturday Oct 5 at the Houston space center. Any questions contact Al Land [mktval@wi.rr.com](mailto:mktval@wi.rr.com) or Al Van Lith [Al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:Al@stmattslutheran.org)

### **Summer Sundays Continue August 11th and 18th: Let's Talk Faithfully about race**

We will continue our summer conversations as we move from looking at how we're easily divided and separated with the help of Christena Cleveland, and begin talking through the ideas in her book. What makes us feel anxious? What is hard about acknowledging race? Bring a snack to share and a heart of openness and honesty, as we explore not just where we need change, but how God's grace impacts our work against socialized racism in our lives, our community, and and our churches. Pr. Matt is the study's discussion leader.

**St. Matthew's Men's Softball Team** continues 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 30 at 6:50 AND 7:40 vs. Bethany/Calvary and Our Redeemer at Hart Park**

**Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30 vs. Bethany/Calvary at Whitman Field**

**Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm vs. St. Bernard at Hart Park**

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, July 29

6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible St.

10:15, Staff Meeting

11:00, Program Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

7:30, Men's Softball at Hart Park

### Wednesday:

2:00, Organ Lesson

6:30, Social Ministry (off-site)

### Thursday:

9:00, VBS Set-up for Room 106

### Friday:

2:00, Office Closes

St. Matthew's Golf Outing at Kettle Hills

### 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](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net) 414-774-0441.

**Current Volunteers! Thank you for requesting a sub when you cannot be here on a scheduled date to serve!**

### \$8000 Match Offered to Cover Costs of Food Shipment to El Salvador!

A generous family at St. Matthew's has offered a match donation to help keep shipments of food going to El Salvador. All donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$8,000.00, the cost of one shipment. St. Matthew's goal is to send two shipments per year.

The current shipment should arrive in early August for distribution to communities served by the Salvadoran Lutheran Church – communities where hunger is a constant concern. In addition to the day-to-day struggles of poverty, residents of those communities are disproportionately affected by natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, droughts, and volcanic eruptions. All donations are greatly appreciated and will have double the impact. Please make checks to St. Matthew's with "El Salvador Food" in the memo line. (Donations can also be made on St. Matthew's website by selecting El Salvador Meals at the Donate Online link).

### Summer Worship Schedule is:

**7:30am, 8:30am and 10:15am**

through Labor Day weekend.

The 7:30 service in summer is 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.

YTD Financial Results as of: 07/21/19	
General Fund Receipts	\$539,693
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$7,008
Benevolence Disbursements	\$133,500
Mortgage Note Balance	\$164,971

### **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!!

### **You're invited to sing with the Summer Choir August 11:**

Here's a chance to sing with a choir on a short-term basis, on August 11. 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.

**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.

**Benedict Center's Women and Justice Luncheon and Morning Conference** will be held on Thursday, September 19 at the Italian Community Center. St. Matthew's will have a table at this event, so please mark your calendar if you'd like to attend. Sign-up will begin in mid-August.

**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: August 12 and 26

**Cross Lutheran Community Picnic** is set for Sunday, August 18. Watch the Voice and other publications for more details and plan to attend.

**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](http://www.stmattslutheran.org))

You can also watch most Adult Education classes.

**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, August 25**            **After the 10:15 service**  
**Sunday, Sept. 15**            **After the 8:30 service**

**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.

**Can you Sponsor a Child in Reformation's Summer Work Program?**

Just as St. Matthew's supports the educational costs of children in Tanzania and El Salvador through annual sponsorships, we are continuing our support of children much closer to home by asking for your help in sponsoring kids who participate in Reformation Lutheran Church's Summer Work Program for youth. Your donation of any amount will help to provide a place of safety and caring to the youth who will come together to learn work skills and life skills in a faith community.

From the end of June through July, the halls and streets of Reformation's Holy Ground will be alive with the sounds of young people ages 10 to 17, working and serving together. Youth in the summer program attend morning sessions at Reformation that include devotions, community service, and lunch. The experience also includes placements at work sites to introduce the teens to the real world of work.

For completing all the requirements of the program, each of the participants will receive a stipend to help with school expenses. Reformation is asking partner congregations to invest in the futures of these kids by supporting a student. Checks can be made to St. Matthew's and marked "Reformation Summer Program." **This program could not happen without the support of Reformation's partners. Thank you for your generosity!**

**Outreach for Hope  
Family Bike Ride –  
Sept. 7, 2019 –  
Ride for a Cause!**

Start recruiting your teammates and get ready for the 2019 Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride. Registration is open at [offbikeride.com](http://offbikeride.com). Choose from three ride locations: Waukesha, Ozaukee, or Racine/Kenosha County. Visit the website for more information.

**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 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](mailto: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***



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

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.



**Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service**

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.

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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.

## **Debt Reduction**

### **3-year Pledge period ends**

Thank you for the many people who gave to the Debt Reduction Fund each month. We are close to paying off that fund, sometime this year. Many of you are continuing to give to the Debt reduction fund through Simply Giving as you have been. Thank you. Please remember that your Simply Giving contributions are typically set up not to end. In order to stop or adjust a contribution, you will need to either contact the office (414-774-0441 or members@stmatt-slutheran.org) or go into your Vanco account and adjust the contribution. The Debt Reduction contributions will not stop unless you ask for the payments to end.

## **Lutheran Disaster Response**

It seems like each year as summer occurs, the need for Disaster Response Funding rises. Thanks to generous, undesignated gifts, Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, is already accompanying communities impacted by the earthquake with immediate relief needs.

You are invited to give prayerfully to support LDR and its work, by giving through St. Matthew's. Mark Disaster Response on your check or envelope, or give through the Kiosk. Learn more and be a part of the response by visiting online: <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>

## Reformation Lutheran Church's Neighborhood Store and Coffee Shop "Most Wanted List"

### **Clothes**

Infant/Toddler to size 6 clothes; underwear and swimwear for all ages

### **Baby/Toddler**

Strollers, toys, swings, large plastic outdoor toys

### **Linens**

Bath/hand towels, washcloths, beach towels, sheets, comforters, bed pillows

### **Home Goods**

Lamps, wall & alarm clocks, decorative pillows, waste baskets

### **Accessories**

Jewelry and Purses, men's belts and caps

### **Outdoor**

Small grills, swimsuits for all ages

### **Kitchenware**

Pots & pans, kitchen utensils and towels, silverware

### **Small Appliances**

Fans, coffeemakers, microwaves, blenders, electric frypans, irons, deep fryers, toasters, large crockpots, flat screen TVs, radios, etc.

If you have any of these items, please bring them to the Education entrance, the metal shelves marked "For Reformation Lutheran Church," and they will be delivered to Reformation's store.

## 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](http://jomministry.org) and click on "volunteer" - you can sign up right there!

**Guest House:** Many thanks to Laura Barker and the Ortner Family - Nick, Jen and Sam -- for preparing and serving the July summer cook-out dinner at the Guest House. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rcvetter1986@gmail.com). Next Meal: August 11

**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, August 28, 2019.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

# Vacation Bible School Registration Form

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

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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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>*

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.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32**

The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

<sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**Psalm 138**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15**  
[16-19] [not printed]

**GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone  
indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



## St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel July 28, 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'm interested in helping with **Cross Lutheran Church's Annual Picnic** on Sunday, August 18, helping to represent St. Matthew's.
  
- 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.
  
- I'm interested in attending the **Benedict Center "Women and Justice Luncheon"** on Thursday, September 19. Please reserve me a ticket.
  
- 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,  
414-774-0441 or [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org).



## 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](http://cwa19.org/volunteer-positions)) and visit the ELCA Churchwide Assembly page ([elca.org/churchwideassembly](http://elca.org/churchwideassembly)) to learn more.



**For more information and to volunteer:  
[cwa19.org](http://cwa19.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 Hauge
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 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