

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

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's  
August 11, 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:** *Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning - to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

**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.

**Altar Flowers** have been donated by Rob Sholl & Jill Wickham in honor of their children's birthdays.

**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.

**Sunday, August 25 -After the 10:15 service**

**Sunday, Sept. 15 - After the 8:30 service**

**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.

**NEW!! Square Card Reader Kiosk** Look for the cart and the green signs in the Upper Commons. Make a payment, or give an offering; follow the directions at the kiosk.

Questions can be directed to Al Van Lith, financial administrator.

*See additional announcements on inside back panel.*



# Friday Closing Worship



You are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary on Friday at 11:15 for our closing worship and slide show. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We hope that they are having fun learning about Going Beyond Faith, Boldness, Thankfulness, Kindness, and Hope!

A free will offering basket will be available on Friday outside the Sanctuary. Donations are greatly appreciated! Thanks so much for your participation in this program!

The VBS Staff



How much food can you bring?!

Let's go **BEYOND** expectations!



### VBS Food Pantry Shopping List

- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruits (in their own juice)
- Macaroni and Cheese (or other pasta or rice mixes)
- Cereal
- Healthy Snacks (like fruit snacks or granola bars)



St. Matthew's VBS  
Food Collection 2019

All food will be donated to Cross Lutheran  
and Tosa Cares Food Pantries.

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - August 11, 2019



### Ten Minutes Matter Mindfulness Meditation Today

9:45am-10:15am; Upper Room  
Sunday, August 11

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

### Serving Partners and Dessert Makers needed for Cross Picnic on August 18th

As a part of the celebration of Cross' Community Block Party and Picnic, you are encouraged to sign up and be a part of the day by helping to serve desserts or make desserts for our role in the community outreach fair.

If you are able to help set-up, serve, and clean up, we'll have shifts from 11:30-12:30 and 12:30-2. Talk with Pastor Matt if you are able to help. Sue Swing is helping to coordinate desserts, which will be variations of Scotcheroos and Rice Krispie Treats this year. Speak with Sue Swing for more details.

Thanks for your support of our partnership!  
Pastor Matt

### Summer Sunday Conversations Continue with New Book on August 11th and August 18th! starts at 6:30pm "Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism"

Join us for hard but necessary conversations about the way white people think about race, how our identity is formed, and feelings of anxiety we have when addressing racism. Carolyn Helsel's book will be a helpful guide as we wade into these deep, and necessary waters of conversation. Please join us, and bring a snack to share if you desire!

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

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, August 12

6:30, Monday Morn. Men's Bible St.  
9:30, LaLeche League Meeting  
10:15, Staff Meeting  
11:00, Program Staff Meeting  
1:00, Caregivers Support Group  
6:00, Youth Committee  
6:00, Human Resources Comm.  
6:30, Friendship Force Board Mtg.  
7:00, Church Council Meeting  
7:00, GIA Choral Reading Session

### Tuesday:

9:00-4:00, Irish Fest Summer School  
6:30, Men's Softball at Hart Park

### Wednesday:

9:00-4:00, Irish Fest Summer School  
2:00, Organ Lesson  
6:00-8:00, Social Ministry Meeting  
7:00, 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Info Meeting for those new to the program; for students and parents

### Thursday:

9:00-4:00, Irish Fest Summer School  
Use of Upper Room all day by IFSS  
9:00, RPMs in Library  
11:30-1:00, Women of Faith, Upp. Com

### Friday:

9:00-12:00, Irish Fest Summer School  
2:00, Office Closes

### 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.

### \$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.

### Fall Worship Schedule begins September

**8**, with worship services at 7:30, 8:30 and 11:00 and Sunday School/Education Hour running from 9:45-10:45am.

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

**Sunday School Teacher Meeting, August 29th** There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers, shepherds, and assistants on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00. We will go over the schedule and other details for the upcoming Sunday School year. If you are one of our great Sunday School volunteers, please plan on attending!

**Volunteer Needed:**

To provide occasional rides for appointments for a St. Matthew's member. Contact Sue Swing (sueswing@sbcglobal.net) if you can help.

**Outreach for Hope  
Family Bike Ride –  
Sept. 7, 2019 –  
Ride for a Cause!  
Can You Believe  
it's August Already?**

You are running out of time to register for the 2019 Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride! Register at [Ofhbikeride.com](http://Ofhbikeride.com). Riders will get a t-shirt if they sign up by Sunday, August 18. Online registration will still be available until Sept. 4th.

Because registration fees defray (but don't completely cover) our event expenses, please consider making your own gift when you register.

**The Bike Ride Needs Volunteers!**

We need 20 or more volunteers for jobs such as checking in our riders, serving lunch, cheering and directing bike traffic. Volunteering is free and you will receive a t-shirt, but first you need to register at [ofhbikeride.com](http://ofhbikeride.com) (and register by Aug. 18 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

## **Change for Change! Donate your spare change to help St. Matthew's!**

How many of you carry actual cash with you in the same way you did in the past? And even if you do get coin change, and even save up that coin change as you may have in the past, most banks are no longer accepting coin currency. You have to find another location to take your change to, and have it converted to paper. St. Matthew's would like to help you with this problem, and at the same time do ministry with your donation. Just bring in your change and place it in the large coin jar in the Upper Commons. We'll do the heavy lifting, and get the coin converted, so that it can support our mutual ministry. That's what you call that a win - win!

## **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. If you are interested, contact Pr. Chris or Darla Hium or sign up on the bulletin insert.

## **SAINTS Next Meeting - Children & Youth Invited, too! Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 11:30am**

**Title: "Let's Talk Trash!"**

**Speakers: Bill Lewis & Angie Karpfingher from Advanced Disposal**

Bill Lewis and Angie Karpfingher from Advanced Disposal, the company that picks up and processes St. Matthew's recycling, will give us the dirt on all things plastic, glass, aluminum, paper, and cardboard. Right recycling means "clean" recycling. Find out what is acceptable, what is unacceptable, and the common mistakes to avoid. We will also learn exactly how recycled materials are separated and ultimately re-used. Understanding the separation process and the machines used to separate the material sheds new light onto how, why, and what to recycle. Let's make our recycling decisions flawless – know before you throw! School age children and teens are invited to join us for the presentation and lunch. Children and teens may attend with an adult or be paired with members of the SAINTS when they arrive. There will be activities and prizes for the children. Registration before the event, either at the Welcome Center or through the church office, is required.

### **Program:**

- 11:15am – Children and teens should arrive at St. Matthew's, check in, and get a name tag**
- 11:30am – Presentation begins**
- 12:30 – Lunch**
- 1:00pm – Pick-up time for children and teens**

Please consider joining us for this intergenerational event!



## Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton among faith leaders speaking out against Christian Nationalism.

Last week, many faith leaders across denominations, traditions, and practices endorsed a public statement denouncing the values of Christian Nationalism and claiming one's Christian identity as being separate from one's national identity. Part of the statement notes, "As Christians, our faith teaches us everyone is created in God's image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy — Christian nationalism."

**REV. ELIZABETH EATON, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), wrote the following:** "Christian nationalism identifies a human government with God's will and seeks privilege for Christians from the state. Lutherans teach that government should be held accountable to God but not ever identified with God's will. The ELCA is committed to strengthening public space as a just place for all regardless of religion or worldview and will defend the full participation of all in our religiously diverse society. This common statement is an important witness on these matters."

To sign the statement as a Christian, to learn more, and to read the full statement, visit [ChristiansagainstChristiannationalism.org](http://ChristiansagainstChristiannationalism.org)

## 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





# Children's and Youth Ministry

## **Sunday School Starts September 8th**

Sunday School for 3-Year-Olds through 8th grade begins on Sunday, September 8th during the education hour from 9:45 – 10:45. There will be a special celebration for Sunday School children at the 8:30 service on that day.

Letters will be sent to preschool and Kindergarten classes the first week of September with class assignments. If your child attended Sunday School last year, or if you are a member, your child will automatically be registered for Sunday School.

## **7th & 8th Grade Confirmation begins September 4th**

### ***Info Meeting for 7th Grade families, Aug. 14***

Attention 7th and 8th graders and parents! It's time to plan for fall activities, and we want to make sure that you know about Confirmation class at St. Matthew's. Confirmation class meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm beginning September 4 with Pastor Chris Manke and adult small group leaders.

***If you are a 7th grader or are new to the Confirmation program, you and a parent are asked to attend the Info Meeting on Wednesday, August 14 for one hour in the sanctuary.***

## **9th Grade Confirmation Classes Begin September 11th**

Confirmation for 9th graders begins this fall on Wednesday, September 11th and continues each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 through November 6th. In these nine short sessions – led by Gretchen Haugse and Pastor Matt - we will explore, through various activities and discussions, what it means to live out your faith. *The first session on September 11th will begin with a short meeting for parents and 9th graders from 7:00 – 7:20 to go over the detailed schedule and expectations.*

## **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 Ortnier 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.

**Volunteers Needed: The Benedict Center *Sisters Program* is seeking dedicated volunteers to offer their time and service in the following areas:**

Drop-In Center: Meal prep, light housekeeping, laundry

Donations: Organizing, Scheduling Pickups, Requests

Creating a Healing Space: Inside the Center and in the Center's Garden.

Join us for an Information session on August 20 from 1-4 pm at the Benedict Center, 1849 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Refreshments provided. RSVP Kathy by Monday, August 19 at kbauer@benedictcenter.org or 414.347.1774

### **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.

**Envisioning Our Senior Centers: Aging Advisory Council Seeks Your Ideas** The Milwaukee County Dept. on Aging is holding a series of Community Conversations to hear from older adults about your vision for our senior centers. Please join us for one of the following session and help spread the word.  
**Friday, August 23, 9-11 am at Clinton Rose Senior Center, 3045 N. MLK Drive, Milwaukee**

**Tuesday, September 3, 12:00-2:00pm Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee**

### **Online Survey**

If you are unable to join us at one of the Community Conversations, you can also fill out an online survey at: [county.milwaukee.gov/aging/envision](http://county.milwaukee.gov/aging/envision)

If you have questions or would like to learn more about this project, check out our website or contact us at 414-289-6546.

### **Luther Manor Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Position Available:**

The volunteer coordinator carries responsibility for the orientation, training and coordination of all volunteers, volunteer program management and development in all service areas. This is a part-time position, 20 hours per week. Job Description available from [cwenson@luthermanor.org](mailto:cwenson@luthermanor.org)  
Luther Manor is a great place to work!

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Psalms 33:12-22****SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as

good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

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## St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel August 11, 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 at the dessert table.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11:30-12:30      \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30-2:00      \_\_\_\_\_ I can make a dessert
- I could provide **occasional rides to appointments** for a St. Matthew's member.
- I'm interested in attending the **Benedict Center "Women and Justice Luncheon"** on Thursday, September 19. Please reserve me a ticket.
- 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,  
414-774-0441 or [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org).



# St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

**Vision Statement:** Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(What we want to become)*

**Mission Statement:** Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name. *(What we are going to do)*

**Values:** We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. *(Who we want to be)*

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen 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