

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
September 2, 2018**



In the name of our creating, redeeming and empowering God, a warm welcome to members and guests who gather today for worship and Christian fellowship. May we be blessed as we bless God and one another.

Introduction to the Day: *Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

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

We welcome Mr. Matthew Thorne today who will be leading the congregation on Piano and Organ today while John is away. Matthew is a student at Carthage College in Kenosha. Please make him feel welcome.

Altar Flowers are given by John & Mary Yentz in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

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

Note from John Paradowski: I wish to take a moment to gratefully thank the congregation for your generous gift of time to renew and refresh during my Sabbatical time of September and October. In September Jeff and I will be traveling to Paris. Paris is a pilgrimage for organists due to the large number of famous Composers/Organists and of course many famous organs. The style of French organ building at the turn of the 19th Century has a history that changed organ building and organ music around the world. Our own pipe organ has influences from this French Organ Building Tradition.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - September 2, 2018



September

Sunday School Starts September 9th Education Hour runs 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for 3-Year-Olds through 8th grade begins on Sunday, September 9th 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. All children are welcome, so if you are not a member but would like your child to attend Sunday School, please call the office to register. If you have any questions about Sunday School, please talk to Gretchen Hauge.

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 September 9 - December 30 and is available on-line.

Sunday morning volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed in these 3 areas. You can be scheduled to serve when it is convenient for you!

Communion Preparers - Work in teams of 3 to prepare communion and clean up after.

Coffee Hosts - Prepare coffee and set out treats in between 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Ushers (11:00) - Greet worshipers and help with collecting the offering.

If you would like to become part of the Sunday morning volunteer ministry please contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net 414-774-0441.

Wednesday Bible Study resumes September 5th!

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume at 10 a.m. on September 5th! We'll be reading through a few more books of the "Apocrypha," the books between the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament.

New readers are welcome--please join us in the Upper Room.

We'll begin the fall reading excerpts from the Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach. There will be extra copies of the text if your bible does not have the apocrypha.

We will meet each Wednesday at 10 a.m. Coffee and snacks are shared.

****Special Note--**Because of the SAINTS Field Trip on the 19th, there will be NO Wednesday Bible Study.

Week of September 3-8

Monday:

Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday:

10:15, Staff Meeting

11:00, Program Staff Meeting

7:15, LAC Rehearsal

Wednesday:

10:00, Bible Study with Pr. Matt

7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Big Group & Parent Night

7:00, 9th Grade Confirmation

(Parent Mtg., first twenty minutes)

Thursday:

7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Saturday:

9:00, Diocese of Meru-Synod

Committee Meeting

9:30, Lutheran A Cappella Fall Ret.

Deborah Circle will meet on

Tuesday, September 11 at 12:30

p.m. in the Upper Room.

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

Live Streaming of Sunday Morning

Worship: The Live Streaming should be working each Sunday for 8:30 and 10:15 services. You can link from our website: www.stmattslutheran.org; then click on "Live Stream". For replays, go to our Youtube page: www.youtube.com/StMattsTosa and search for the date of the worship service you wish to view. Click on "videos" to see all the choices. Questions? Ask one of the pastors, or contact the church office.

Sunday, September 9th -

10:00-10:45 in the Upper Room

As we gather on Rally Day and begin the Programming Year, Pastor Matt and Sue Swing invite all adults, especially those who volunteer as greeters, welcome center hosts and ushers. We'll have treats and talk about the ways we welcome well, ask for your feedback, and talk about the reasons it is so very vital to have a corps of volunteers with friendly faces each week! Current volunteers, those interested in learning more and anyone who wants to be part of our welcome ministry...please join us!

September 16 - 9:45-10:45

Writing Our Faith Story

with Connie Malloy and Katrina Ubell

Our faith stories, and our stories of faith, shape our lives and inform our behaviors. Sharing these stories can be powerful for both the giver and the receiver. Writing these stories, through journaling or storytelling, can bring us to an even deeper understanding of our faith journey. Katrina Ubell and Connie Malloy will share their stories, and discuss both the benefits and the process of bringing such stories to life through writing. Connie is a professional dancer, teacher and writer. Her first book has just been published! Katrina is a physician who inspires and assists others with her business, "Weight Loss for Busy Physicians."

Let the Guatemalan Children Walk a Mile in YOUR Shoes:

Time and Talents for Children is collecting gently used (or new) children's shoes to take to Guatemala for the impoverished children. Please bring shoes to St. Matthew's by September 23. Contact Anne Papke if you have questions. (414-477-4765 or 414-477-4198) Sport shoes, dress shoes, crocs, sandals, cowboy boots, gel shoes are acceptable. Please no adult shoes. Cash donations for shipping expenses will be appreciated. *Look for the blue barrel outside the church office for collecting the shoes. Please tie them together in pairs.*

St. Matthew's member invites you to attend launch of new book "Tornado Dreams"

Join St. Matt's member Connie Malloy on Thursday, September 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Firefly Room of the Wauwatosa Public Library for the launch of her upcoming book, **Tornado Dreams**, A Memoir. For survivors of childhood trauma or any reader seeking to restore emotional health, Tornado Dreams is a captivating tale of survival, perseverance, and ultimately personal triumph. Come to the event on September 6 and learn more about her story!

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, September 30 after the 8:30 service

New Member Classes Start in September!

God has given us the gift of Christian community. It provides for two of our most basic needs. The church can be a place to belong and a place to become. If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's please consider attending our membership classes in September and October.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Dates are September 23, 30 and October 7. New Members will be received on Sunday, October 14th at the 8:30 service. Childcare is available in the Nursery on all class dates.

RIDE WITH US! in the Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride on Saturday, September 8. This year's event takes place in two locations: St. Bruno Parish in Dousman and Grace Lutheran Church in Grafton. Both rides offer an out and back trail for families - distance is your choice, plus longer rides for more experienced bicyclists. Your participation by riding a bicycle, volunteering, or donating will enrich the lives of so many people of faith as we support after-school tutoring programs, Breaking the Chains (prison ministry), parish nurses or medical clinics, meals and food bag distributions, Urban Internship Fund (seminary interns) and so much more. *Sign Up on registration Website: ofhbikeride.com*

SAINTS UPCOMING EVENT: September 19 Wednesday: Day Trip!

9:00 a.m. – Meet at St. Matthew's to load bus. Enjoy tour of the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences on Lake Michigan. Eat Lunch at Harbor House restaurant.

2:30 p.m. – Return to St. Matthew's

Pick up a Saints Flyer for the event at the Welcome Center or across from the church office. Sign up with meal choices and write a check for \$44/person. Form & payment due by Sunday, September 9. You can write one check for multiple people, but please fill out a registration form to choose your lunch for each person.

When do Choirs Start?

All are welcome to join in singing or ringing. Take a look at the choir schedule and join in praising our Lord.

Senior Choir

Each Thursday at 7:30-9:00

New Generation Choir (7-12 grades)

Wednesdays starting 11/7 at 6:00

New Creation Choir (3-6 grades)

Wednesdays starting 10/3 at 7:00

Praise Kids! (4/5 year olds/1-2 grades)

Thursdays starting 10/4 at 4:00

Bells Angels (Adults)

Thursdays starting 9/20 at 6:15

The EmBELLishments

Tuesdays starting 11/6 at 9:30

Righteous Ringers (7-12 grades)

Tuesdays starting 9/25 at 7:00

Godsbells (4-6 grades)

Wednesdays starting 10/3 at 6:00

Live Streaming of Sunday Morning

Worship: Recently we've had some problems with our live streaming on Sunday mornings. We believe the problem has been resolved, so try it again if you aren't able to make it to worship. The good news is that you can still watch the services after they are over, as they are being recorded. Go to our Youtube page: www.youtube.com/StMattsTosa and search for the date of the worship service you wish to view. Click on "videos" to see all the choices. Questions? Ask one of the pastors, or contact the church office.

Meditation Moment

"Ten Minutes Matter"

An Invitation for silence & reflection

If you are interested in learning more about the practice of mindfulness meditation and Christian contemplation please join us. We are learning and growing together. Questions are encouraged and all are welcome. September 9 & September 23 on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room.

8:00 Greeting

8:10 Silence Begins

8:25 Reflection

8:30 Worship

2nd Graders to Receive Bibles - This year's 2nd graders will be presented with Bibles at the 8:30 worship service on September 16th. Following the service, 2nd graders and their parents will attend a class on using their new bibles. If you want to be sure your second grader is on our list, check with the church office or Gretchen.

St. Matt's First Fridays Book Club

reveals Reading List for year The St. Matthew's book group, which usually meets on the first Friday of each month beginning in October, has shared their 2018-19 reading list. It is available at church at the Welcome Center. Here are the first three books for the year:

Oct. 5: [All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel](#) by Anthony Doerr (531 pages)

Nov. 2: [When Breath Becomes Air](#) by Paul Kalanithi (228 pages)

Dec. 7: [When the English Fall](#); David Williams (256 pgs)

Faith in the Medical Community:

As members of St. Matthew's, one of our neighbors is the community (really the small city) of physicians, residents, students, professors, nurses, care assistants and other caregivers at Froedtert and the Medical College. As a part of exploring our congregation and evangelism, I am excited to explore how we might best serve a) our own members and friends working in the medical field as care providers and b) what spiritual and faith needs are most important to those who work in the medical-care industry. If you are a nurse, physician, therapist, care assistant, and work in the medical field, I'd love your input as to where you see your faith and spirituality connect with the work of healing and caring. I'd love to hear your stories. - Pastor Matt

Empathy: A Way to Peace, Saturday, September 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Linda Gaughan, at the Siena Retreat Center, 5637 Erie St., Racine - call 262-898-2590 for more info or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org. People have a basic need for connection, yet, today, many people have become disconnected from themselves and each other. Participants will be invited to reconnect during this day, which will include guided self-connection exercises, interactive presentations, sharing, and facilitated group discussions. Come prepared to participate in exploring a peaceful way of being! Cost: \$45 includes \$10 non-refundable deposit and noon meal.

Stephen Ministry - We all need a concerned, caring person at difficult times in our lives but during those times it seems that everyone has advice. Most often, it isn't advice we need -- it's just someone who will listen and help us sort things out. Our congregation has 15 trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at St. Matthew's. They are prepared to provide care simply by listening instead of telling you what to do. The conversations are completely confidential. Being heard can bring a great sense of relief and clarity to a situation or relationship.

To ask a few questions and learn more talk with a Stephen Leader, Pastor Ann or visit the Stephen Ministry Center and talk with a Stephen Minister from 9:45-10:45 any Sunday. Or, write your question and contact info on a blue prayer card or on the Stephen Ministry card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Women and Justice Seminar and Luncheon: The Benedict Center is hosting a Women and Justice seminar and luncheon on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018** at the Italian Community Center. During the morning seminar, the speakers will discuss critical issues facing women in the criminal justice system, including adequate housing, safety, mental health and addiction, education, employment, and trafficking. Deon Haywood, Executive Director of Women with a Vision. For 25 years, Ms. Haywood has been an ardent defender of women in the New Orleans. Ms. Haywood will share her vision for defending and uplifting disenfranchised and struggling women in the post-Katrina era. The morning seminar is free. St. Matthew's has sponsored a table for the Noon luncheon. The cost for the luncheon is \$30. If you are interested in attending the seminar and/or luncheon, please talk to Pr. Matt.

Senior Choir meets on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Senior Choir has begun rehearsing for this season. You are still invited to join them. All vocal parts are welcome! The adult choir sings just about every Sunday and is a great opportunity to share your talents with the congregation. Come to also be part of the festive Christmas Pageant in December. For more information contact Dave Mohr. davemohr@me.com or by phone, 414-477-6430.

Mum's the Word:

Annual Chrysanthemum Sale Sept 9th. Our Greater Tosa Interfaith representative, Anastasia Murken, will be selling potted mums before and after all services. The flowers are in 8-inch pots and sell for \$8.00 each, or two for \$15.00. These beautiful plants are great for Altar Flowers, Memorials, fall gardens, or as a gift. New this year, help to uplift congregation members who are isolated in their home's by purchasing mums to be delivered to their homes by the clergy. All profit goes directly to maintaining Greater Tosa Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach which is a program supporting older neighbors to allow for greater independence. Our congregation supports this program. If you have any questions, call the Greater Tosa Interfaith office at 453-5750.

Sunday Morning Worship Times Change beginning Rally Sunday, September 9: We return to the 7:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship times, with the Education Hour running 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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: Three to four volunteers are needed each month to prepare and serve a dinner for 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up. *Now Seeking volunteers for **October 14 and November 11.***

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; rvcvetter1986@gmail.com.

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 10:45 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:30 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, September 26, 2018.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

Alice's Garden needs

volunteers to help install a 20,000-gallon underground cistern that will collect rainwater to irrigate Alice's Garden! Lake Park is forming a team to be a part of the installation event! Who: Elementary age children (accompanied by an adult) up to adults are welcome to volunteer. When: Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Where: Meet at Alice's Garden, 2136 N. 21st St., Milwaukee Come and go as you are able. Food will be provided for volunteers. Registration is required. Speak with Pr. Matt for more information.

Senior Safety and Scam

Prevention: Tuesday, September 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Linden Room. Seniors have always been the target of those seeking to cause physical emotional and financial trouble. How can we and our loved ones best avoid harm? The Wauwatosa Police Department will discuss things seniors and their families need to watch out for, how to spot senior scams, and ways seniors can protect themselves should danger arise. RSVP to 414.434.1768 or LutherManor.org/rsvp

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee - Join the dialogue. Change your life. Transform the world.

WE NEED YOU... to host an Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogue. We are scheduling dinners for September - December 2018. If you have participated in an Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue, you are invited to "pay it forward" and host one of your own! Amazing Faiths is possible because of the generosity of our volunteer hosts and moderators. Hosts provide a space and light vegetarian meal for 8-12 people. Dinners generally take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. or on Sunday afternoons/early evenings. Dates available are: Sunday, Sept. 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in hosting or serving as a moderator, contact Rhonda Hill at Interfaith 414-276-9050.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin is Saturday, October 6!

Consider walking in this great event, the state's largest HIV fundraising event to support ARCW (The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin).

AIDS Walk Wisconsin has been raising crucial funds to support the ARCW, which serves the entire state. ARCW provides life-saving medical, dental and mental health care, as well as social service programs like food pantries and housing assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. People with HIV in Wisconsin live longer than in any other state in the nation because of organizations like ARCW. More than 91% of our patients live below the poverty level and the cost of providing HIV health care and services at ARCW will reach \$3 million. One hundred percent of funds raised stays in Wisconsin, and 93 cents of every dollar benefits clients directly.

You can register online at aidswalkwis.org or call 800-348-WALK. It will be a fun day!

If you are busy on October 6, and can't participate in the walk, you can sponsor Mary Thomae, a member of St. Matthew's. Look for her on the aidswalkwis.org website and consider pledging toward her fundraising goal.

El Salvador Visit Planned for January- Sign-up Deadline is October 31st

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for January 8th- 17th and is open to adults and college-aged youth. The trip will include experiences with our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten. We will also participate in various ministries of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, and visit cultural sites.

If you would like to be part of this eye-opening, heart-opening, and perspective-expanding experience, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Pastor Chris.

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 Dates: September 10 & 24

Illegal: Presenting a special evening with Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin, and Giovanni Rigano, creators of *Illegal*, a powerful graphic novel that explores the true tales of migrants and asylum seekers, at Boswell Books, 2559 N. Downer Avenue, Milwaukee, Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. This event is cohosted by Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Please register at colferdonkin.bpt.me

Are you interested in plunging deeper into your faith? Eager to learn what you never did or have forgotten from junior high? Wanting to nurture your understanding of God and scripture? Are you new to Lutheranism and want to learn more?

Consider participating in a new learning opportunity: Faith and Theology Basics (Confirmation 2.0)

Over 12 Tuesday evenings in the Fall, join Pastor Matt and other guest presenters in exploring the meaning of God, faith, sacraments, worship, sin, after-life, hope, suffering, scripture, discipleship, and so much more. We will gather to wrestle to learn, and to ponder together the power of God's love and grace, and what Lutheran Theology has to share with us as we live our lives in the world among God's faithful people. If you are interested in beginning this fall, or have any questions, please let Pastor Matt know.

South Central Wisconsin Synod addresses the flooding disaster:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I would like to take a few moments to remind you and your congregation of our efforts. We are LUAD (Lutherans Assisting after Disasters) and are affiliated with the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. With all the rain we have had and the resulting flooding, we would like to remind you of our mission to help disaster survivors bridge the gap between emergency response and long term recovery rendering necessary services, donated items, supplies assistance, and social, emotional and spiritual support. We ask that you and your congregation extend your prayers for our work.

-- LUAD Executive Committee
Todd Long, President

**Cross Tutoring is starting again
on Tuesdays and Thursdays
beginning on September 18
*New Director Alicia Barr shares this
invitation:***

Each year our partners have blessed our students with wonderful tutors and mentors. Tutors help not only with academics but also provide a stable mentoring experience for our children. All of the students will undergo assessments and will have a plan to help them improve their skills. This will help ensure that what we are doing with our students is helpful but also ensures that students will have something to work on even if they have no homework. As before tutoring will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. The program is flexible about the days each tutor can meet. It's possible to volunteer only one day a week or both days. The program begins on Tuesday, September 18th with a meeting between the new tutor coordinator and all of the tutors so everyone can get to know each other and to discuss the goals for the upcoming school year. The sessions with the tutors and students will begin on Thursday, September 20th.

If you are interested in tutoring one or two days a week, contact Pastor Matt or the church office.

Serenity Inns' Annual Cookout

You are invited to the Serenity Inns Annual Cook-out! The Alumni Association and residents of Serenity Inns want to say "thank you" to all of the volunteers and neighbors. Get the latest news on what Serenity Inns is doing and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun. The date is September 15 (Saturday) from 3-6 p.m. at 2825 W. Brown Street. RSVP to Ellen Blathers at 414-873-5474 or siellen@att.net by September 7, 2018. Looking forward to seeing you here!

2019 Youth Mission Trip

"So, where are we going next year?" Come to the information meeting on Sunday, September 30th at 12:15 to learn the answer to this frequently asked question. The trip will take place next June and is open to all high school youth. Plan on attending this meeting to learn all the details! This annual service trip is a great faith and community building experience as we work together to use our hands to do God's work, our minds to learn more about God's creation, and our hearts to reach out in compassion. Come to the info meeting to find out about next summer's experience!

**Youth, want to be part of our
Youth Services Directory?**

St. Matthew's produces a Youth Services Directory almost every year, and it's time to produce a new one! This is an opportunity for youth in grades 6 and up to advertise their services and willingness to work as a pet sitter, lawn mower, yard work helper and/or babysitter. Many families in our congregation make good use of this directory to find young people to help out with these jobs.

There is a form to fill out for the youth workers, and turn in to the church office. We will make this form available at church, of course, but will also email it out on request, and include it in the weekly bulletin email which is sent out at the end of each week. The deadline for inclusion is Friday, September 28th.

What is the Sunday Worship Schedule?

September 2 - Summer Schedule

Worship at 7:30
8:30 and
10:15 a.m.

Rally Day!

September 9 - Fall Worship Schedule

Worship at 7:30
8:30 and
11:00 a.m.

Education Hour begins 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School begins on September 9



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St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel September 2, 2018

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'd like to attend the **Women & Justice Luncheon to benefit the Benedict Center** on Wednesday, September 12 at the Italian Community Center. Number of \$30 tickets needed _____

Yes, I'd like to help on **Sunday mornings** in these areas where **volunteers are needed:**
_____ **Communion Preparers** (*work in teams of three*)
_____ **Coffee Hosts** (*prepare coffee and set out treats between 8:30 & 11:00 services*)
_____ **Ushers at 11:00 service**

I'd like to make sure that my child is signed up for **Sunday School**. *Please note: if your child attended St. Matthew's Sunday School last year, they are enrolled for this year. Sunday School begins Sunday, September 9, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.*

Name of child _____

Sunday School grade _____ Date of Birth _____

My email address for office staff to communicate with me _____

Yes! I'm interested in participating in an **Adult Confirmation Class - Faith and Theology Basics** with Pastor Matt on Tuesday evenings this fall.

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.

SAINTS

Tour - UWM School of Freshwater Sciences
+
Lunch - Bartolotta's Harbor House Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2018

Schedule

9:00am – Meet at St. Matthews to load bus
Tour UWM School of Freshwater Sciences
Lunch at Harbor House Restaurant
2:30 – Arrive at St. Matthews

Cost

\$44 per person - includes bus, tour, lunch, & gratuity
Checks payable to St. Matthews Lutheran – "SAINTS" on the memo line

(Note: One form per person. Check may include multiple people.)

Name: _____

Mobile phone: _____ Email: _____

Appetizer – circle one

Petite Mesclun Greens
Cup of Clam Chowder
Cup of Crustacean Bisque
2pc Shrimp Cocktail

Entrée – circle one

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
Spaghetti and Mussels
Fried Clam Po'Boy
Cavatappi Pasta with Asparagus

Dessert – circle one

Flourless Chocolate Cake
Sorbet
Ice Cream
Carrot Cake

FORM AND PAYMENT DUE BY SUNDAY, Sept. 9.
Submit form/payment to church office or Information Center.

Youth Services Directory Sign-Up

Sign Up for Services you are willing to offer.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email address: _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Your Age _____ Grade in School _____ Do you drive? _____

I am willing to:

Babysit

(For babysitting, please add the following information)

Previous Babysitting Experience:

Newborn to 6 months

From 6-12 months

I can take care of two or more children at a time

I have taken a babysitting course.

I am CPR certified

Take care of pets

Rake leaves

Mow lawns

Shovel Snow

Take on general yard work

Additional Information you wish to add about yourself:



Youth for Hire

This Form is Due to the St. Matthew's Office by Friday, September 28th, 2018

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look

at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

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