

# St. Matthew's Weekly Bulletin Update

## Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's September 22, 2019



**Grace to you** and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to Worship! We praise you, Mighty God, for your voice in rustling leaves and your handiwork in nature's changing colors.

**Introduction for the Day:** *As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers [rather than owners] of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, ... gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing – we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

**Join us for Holy Communion:** All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine at the 8:30 service. St. Matthew's welcomes children to receive the sacrament with parental support. Children or others not communing are always invited forward for a blessing. If you are seated in the chapel and wish to come forward for communion please leave the chapel and join the center aisle line at any time during distribution. 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.

**A Library book is given to the church library** by Chris Herte and Larry Herte in memory of Shirley (Lentz) Herte.

**A Library book is given to the church library** by Leslie & Pat Gardner in honor of Paige's birthday.

**Flowers at the altar** are given by Marian Benz in memory of her sister Carol Pearce.

**Prayer Cards are collected** by the pastors at the time of the Hymn of the Day (after the sermon). If you want the pastor to include your prayer request at the time of the prayers, you may wish to prepare a card now so that it is ready at the time they are picked up. Please make sure you have permission from those you are listing by name on the prayer cards.

**Coffee and Chocolate available today** at the display cart in the Upper Commons. Your purchases of these items support sustainable and fair trade products that are also delicious! Thank you.

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - September 22, 2019

**Sunday School is now underway.** If you would still like to enroll your child(ren), stop into the church office and we'll get you registered.

**Family Movie Night: Friday, October 4th** Join us for Family Movie Night on October 4 at 6:30 pm when we watch Lego Movie 2. Join us as we follow the citizens of Bricksburg as they face a dangerous new threat when LEGO DUPLO invaders from outer space start to wreck everything in their path. We'll be serving Papa Murphy's pizza, movie treats, freshly popped popcorn, and a variety of beverages. Everyone is welcome to wear pajamas and bring pillows and sleeping bags. Suggested donation is \$5 per person/\$20 per family. Contact Jennifer Wills at 262-483-1848 or [jenniferwills1@me.com](mailto:jenniferwills1@me.com) for more information. Sign up through the church office today!

**AIDS Walk Wisconsin & 5K run is Saturday, October 5.** Join in raising crucial funds to support the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. AIDS Walk Wisconsin serves the entire state with 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. Register online at [aidswalkwis.org](http://aidswalkwis.org) It will be a fun day!



**A Baptism Class** will be held on Thursday, October 3 from 7:00-8:00 in the Upper Room with Pastor Chris. If your family is planning a baptism in the next 3-5 months, it would be great to come to this. Babies are welcome. Letters will be sent to those who have recently had or scheduled a baptism. If you have already attended a class you don't need to attend again. Please let the office staff know of your plans to attend.

**New Member Classes begin September 29!** God has given us the gift of Christian community. 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 29, October 6, and October 13. New Members will be received on Sunday, October 20th at the 8:30 service. Childcare is available in the Nursery on all class dates. If you have any questions, please contact [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net), the pastors or the church office. A mailing has been sent to those known to be interested in joining St. Matthew's. But you are welcome to attend even if you didn't receive a mailing about it.

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, Sept. 23

6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study

10:15, Staff Meeting

11:00, Program Staff Meeting

1:00, Fallen Angels

### Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:30, The EmBELLishments

7:00, Righteous Ringers

7:00, Stephen Ministry

7:00, Lutheran A Cappella Rehearsal

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

9:30, Visitation for Bill Dermody

10:00, Wednesday Bible Study

10:00, Cross Lutheran servers leave

10:30, Funeral Service for Bill Dermody

6:00, Godsbells

6:00, New Generation Choir

7:00, New Creation Choir

7:00, 9th grade Confirmation

7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Fellowship Night

### Thursday: Sept. 26

9:00, A Cabella Ringers

9:00, Retired Pastors in Ministry

6:15, Bells Angels

7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday:

9:00, Luth. A Cappella Choir Rehearsal

Afternoon: Wedding

**Next Wednesday Pastor Matt's Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship Hall.** Those who wish to attend the visitation for Bill Dermody can do so in the Upper Room starting at 9:30; Those wishing to attend the service may do so and leave early at 10:30. We're continuing our reading of Mark 6.

## Adult Education Classes Every Sunday 9:45-10:45am

### Sunday, September 22

#### Meeting Adam and Eve All Over Again

Everybody knows the story of Genesis 2-3, but Jews and Christians have been reading this text for millennia yet reaching very different conclusions. Christians believe the story of Adam and Eve is a crucial scripture about original sin and the fall of man. Jewish scholars treat it as a minor text that makes no mention of original sin. Who is right? What does the Bible actually say? And why have the two faiths split so decisively over this story? **Led by Dan Bice**

### Sunday, September 29

#### Feast of St. Michael and all Angels *Dipping a Toe into the Waters of Life in Revelation*

On September 29th, we'll hear about St. Michael and all angels, including the story of Michael, God's messenger, from the book of Revelation. Join Pr. Matt as we read and explore how we as Lutherans can find truth, hope, and simply figure out what's going on amid the vivid and grand imagery of Revelation, and how we might read it in our current age.

**Need help with home repairs, maintenance or pre-sale preparation?** St. Matthew's member John Kuhlmann is owner of FOCUS Handyman Services, and is looking forward to making your project his top priority. Please call John at 414-617-1471, or email [focushandymanservices@gmail.com](mailto:focushandymanservices@gmail.com).

# St Matthew's Music Ministry

## When Do the 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 started** *Thursdays*  
7:30-9:00pm

**Bells Angels started** *Thursdays,*  
6:15-7:25pm

**New Creation Choir [3-6 grades]**  
*Wednesdays at 7:00*

**Godsbells [4-6 grades]**  
*Wednesdays at 6:00*

**\*\*\*STARTING THIS WEEK\*\*\***

**The EmBELLishments**  
*Tuesdays starting 9/24 at 9:30*

**Righteous Ringers [7-12 grades]**  
*Tuesdays starting 9/24 at 7:00*

**New Generation Choir [7-12 grades]**  
*Wednesdays starting 9/25 at 6:00*

**Praise Kids! [4/5 year olds/1-2 grades]**  
*Thursdays starting 9/26 at 4:00*

### Come join us to RING!

You've seen them in action and are thinking, "I want to try that." We have the chance for you to give it a ring. The Tuesday morning handbell choir, The EmBELLishments, is always looking for new ringers to join the handbell fun. Have you ever wanted to give it a try? See what this handbell stuff is all about? This is your chance. This handbell choir meets **every Tuesday at 9:30-10:15, starting September 24**. No experience needed! We have fun as we learn new music and the techniques of handbell ringing.

If you have any questions or would like a private lesson in ringing handbells to find out what it is all about, please talk with John Paradowski at the church. 414-774-0441 or JRP-muzik@yahoo.com

**Praise Kids! New Season starts Sept. 26 at 4:00 to 5:00** Our youngest members of our church can join in singing praises to our Lord. Praise Kids! offers all children who are age 4 [Jr. Kindergarten] through 2nd grade a chance in being part of the children's ministry of the church. This group helps to teach our youngest about God, the Church and Family through musical games, activities, learning time and singing. The 4 and 5 year-olds move about and learn basic musical skills through songs and games. The 1st and 2nd graders learn about musical concepts and terms in chairs as in a classroom setting all while having a good time singing. **Praise Kids! is held on Thursday afternoons, starting September 26, from 4:00 to 5:00.** Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt lead our singers in age appropriate music education activities and singing.

**WHY PRAISE KIDS? Praise Kids nurtures** ♪ musical growth ♪ spiritual growth

♪ understanding of self and others ♪ a relationship with God

♪ ...and Praise Kids is just plain fun!

The group will sing for worship once a month through Christmas, and then break until Mid-January. For more information please contact Jeff Reeves at the church.

**This week we will celebrate the life of Bill Dermody** who died on September 7. On Wednesday, Sept. 25, visitation will begin at 9:30am in the Upper Room, and then the service will begin at 10:30am with Pastor Chris Manke as officiant.

**Cross Youth Choir 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Cross Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm**

This concert will include selections from the current Cross Youth Praise Team, an Alumni Choir made up of former singers from the original group, as well as special guests. We will be honoring Mrs. Gloria Wright, founding director, and look forward to having a great time in the Lord! We would be delighted if you could join us for this occasion. A 50th Anniversary only comes around once in a lifetime! Cross Lutheran Church is located at 1821 N. 16th St., Milwaukee.

**\$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.

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.

**Women's Book Discussion  
Wednesday Nights -  
7:00-8:00 PM**

**October 2 - November 6  
PRAYER**

**Does It Make Any Difference?  
by Philip Yancey**

Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? Does it change God's mind or ours or both? This book is an invitation to communicate with God who invites us into an eternal partnership through prayer. Polls reveal that 90 percent of people pray. Yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time of the believer's day, can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery.

*Is God listening?*

*Why should God care about me?*

*If God knows everything, what's the point of prayer?*

*Why do answers to prayer seem so inconsistent?*

*Why does God sometimes seem close and sometimes seem far away?*

*How can I make prayer more satisfying?*

Sign up today at the Welcome Center or contact Sue Swing; [sueswing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sueswing@sbcglobal.net)  
The book is available for purchase in the church office for \$17.

**Lead Free Summit, Thursday,  
September 26 at Hephatha  
Lutheran Church, 6:00-7:30pm**

In Milwaukee's poorest zip code (53206) 19.9% of children tested at over the limit of safe levels of lead. Long time exposure has resulted in higher lead levels for Milwaukee than Flint, Michigan. In 2018 parishioners and pastoral leaders at Hephatha Church, partnered with Interfaith Earth Network to start a lead education program which grew to include advocacy, action and related workforce development, becoming the Coalition on Lead Emergency (COLE). Health Commissioner Kowalik and City Alders will be present to respond to a city budget proposal for free lead filters and education kits to birthing mothers in Milwaukee. The address is 1720 W. Locust St. Doors open at 5:30; choir at 5:45; Summit at 6 pm ; and refreshments and info at 7:30pm.

**Ongoing Collection for Guest**

**House:** We have a list of ongoing needs for the Guest House. Please consider picking up one or two of these items when you're shopping and drop them off in the box outside the church office. Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

<b>Spray deodorant</b>	<b>Shampoo</b>
<b>Body Wash</b>	<b>Foot Powder</b>
<b>Cologne or aftershave</b>	<b>Laundry Bags</b>
<b>Men's watches</b>	<b>Men's wallets</b>

**Cross Lutheran Bridges Tutoring Program needs you! Make a meal or build a tutoring relationship with a young student.**

As the Bridges Tutoring Program prepares to start a new school year, you are invited to consider serving as a partner and relationship builder with a young person at Cross Lutheran. Tutoring Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and tutoring follows until 8 p.m.. It is possible to tutor one night or both. The responsibility of tutors is to help students learn, review content, and explain how to problem solve and check completed work. You can be a positive influence on helping students develop study skills and organization techniques to help improve their academic performance.

The program begins in earnest on September 12th--it's not too late to meet with Coordinator Isabelle Barry and learn about the goals for this year's program. Please contact vicarisabelle@crosslutheranmke.org or call her at 414.349.2716

We also are **committed to make meals for the 2nd Tuesday and Thursday** of each month beginning in October. **If you'd like to make a meal for 20 to share, contact Pastor Matt.**

**Interested in large-print Sunday bulletins?** Do you have vision problems, or is someone you know dealing with that challenge? We create a large print bulletin each week for the Order of Service - the part of the bulletin that lists the parts of the worship service. If this sounds like something you or someone you know would use, call or email the church office to state your interest and which service you generally attend.

# Children's and Youth Ministry

**Children's Ministry Groups are BACK!**  
**Come be a part of KFC/DOC for fun at church with your friends!**

All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to be a part of Kids for Christ (grades 1-3) and Disciples of Christ (grades 4-5), along with friends. At these meetings, we usually eat pizza (bring \$5), play games and talk, and have a devotional time. **DOC: Today, 9/22, 12:15-2pm**

**KFC: Sunday, Oct. 6, 12:15-2:00 p.m.**

**DOC: Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:15-2:00 p.m.**

These groups are led by Donna Gardner Manke. Come and join us! It is helpful to sign up by calling the church office, 774-0441, so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

## **7th & 8th Grade Confirmation meets weekly.**

Confirmation class meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm with Pastor Chris Manke and adult small group leaders. See Pr Chris if you have any questions.

**October 2 - Big Group (Of Tents & Kings)**

**October 9 - Big Group (Psalms & Wisdom)**

**Oct. 16 - BigGroup (Prophets)**

**Oct. 23 - Servant Night (Food Collection)**

## **9th Grade Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation for 9th graders is now underway 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.

## **Be Part of our Youth Green Team!**

**Info Meeting THIS SUNDAY, September 22 at Noon** Help us make a difference at St.

Matthew's by reducing our carbon footprint.

How much can we reduce, repurpose, reuse, and recycle? We want your ideas! The group is open to middle and high school students.

To get more information and share your ideas, come to the info meeting on September 22nd at noon. Please bring your ideas and \$5 for lunch!

## **2019 Youth Mission Trip**

**“So, where are we going next year?”**

That's a great question! To learn the answer, **come to the information meeting on Sunday, October 6th at 12:15.** 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! Come to the info meeting to find out about next summer's experience!

## **Youth Drama Workshop, October 13th**

If you are a middle or high school student who loves drama, then our Youth Drama Group is a great place for you! We will begin our year with a workshop on Sunday, October 13th from 12:15 – 2:30. We'll start with lunch and then move on to improvisation activities, drama games, and, finally a preview of dramas that will be presented in worship during the year.

## **High School Youth Forum meets weekly**

All high school students are welcome and encouraged to come to youth forum on Sunday mornings during the education hour (9:45 – 10:45). We meet in the youth room for conversation, service activities, and, of course, snacks. You and your ideas are always welcome!

**Wednesday Bible Study  
meets each week at 10am in the Upper  
Room.**

**"I've never realized there's so much in the Bible that helps me to understand what it's saying."**

**"This group is vital to my life, not just because we read the bible together, but are community."**

**"I didn't know Bible Study could be FUN"**

These are just a few things shared with Wednesday Bible Study Participants with Pastor Matt. Coffee and snacks are a part of our routine, too!

Any and all are welcome! We look forward to hanging out together and reading God's Word. Bring your own bible--any translation you like!

**Cross Lutheran Church Monthly Meal**

**Servers:** Please know that we need 10-12 servers each month to help with the Cross Meal. If you haven't helped before, you are welcome to come; training provided on the spot. It's the fourth Wednesday of each month, leaving St Matthew's by 10:00 or 10:15. You could also meet the group directly at Cross, 1821 N. 16th St. by 10:45 am. The next meal will be on September 25.

**Looking for a house sitter this Winter?**

If you're looking for a house sitter while you stay in your Winter home, I'm your person! I've been an active member of St. Matthew's since 2008 and house sitter since 2017. I'd be happy to stay in your home, bring in the mail and handle other tasks for as long as you need. References available upon request. Contact Jennifer Wills at [jenniferwills1@me.com](mailto:jenniferwills1@me.com) or 262-483-1848.

**El Salvador Visit Planned for January  
Information Meeting September 29th**

The next congregational visit to El Salvador is planned for early January, 2020 and is open to adults and college-aged youth. This trip will include new experiences and connections as well as service at our partner ministry, Casa Esperanza, which continues to serve those who are overlooked or forgotten.

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

**To Access St. Matthew's wi-fi**, find the network "St. Matthew's Wifi" and use the password **Welcome!**

**First Fridays Book Group reveals new year of books!**

***First discussion begins in October***

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

Whether or not this piques your interest, at least one or two from the remaining schedule probably will. Pick up a schedule at church (Welcome Center or table across from church office) or find it on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FFBookClub2019-20>

**Did you know there are over 194,000 caregivers of people with dementia in Wisconsin alone?** The Wauwatosa Health Department and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin are working together to provide education to the community. Please join us at **Wauwatosa City Hall** in the Lower Civic Center to learn more. **Wednesday, September 25, 7:00-8:00pm**; Know the Ten Signs: Why Early Detection Matters and **Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:00pm**; Healthy Tips for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research. All are Welcome.

### **Confirmation 2.1 continues this fall!**

Beginning in October, deepen your own faith and your understanding of what it means to be Lutheran as we explore the Small Catechism and the basics of Lutheran Theology. We'll be using a helpful guidebook, David Lose's *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*. Copies are available through St. Matthew's for \$13.00, or purchase your own through Amazon. A full fall schedule will be released soon.

### **Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed in these three areas:

- **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 Al Van Lith; [al@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:al@stmattslutheran.org) or 414-774-0441.

## **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 14 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.



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

### **Clothes**

Infant/Toddler to size 8 clothes;  
underwear and for all ages;  
Winter coats, snowsuits, snow pants

### **Baby/Toddler**

Strollers, toys, swings

### **Linens**

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

### **Home Goods**

Lamps, wall & alarm clocks, decorative  
pillows, waste baskets, curtains and  
drapes, shower curtains/liners/rings

### **Accessories**

Jewelry and Purses, men's belts and  
Sports caps, wallets

### **Kitchenware**

Pots & pans, kitchen utensils and  
towels, silverware

### **Small Appliances**

Coffeemakers (including Keurigs),  
microwaves, blenders, electric frypans,  
irons, deep and air fryers, toasters,  
large crockpots, flat screen TVs, etc.

### **Hospitality Supplies**

Coffee, Keurig K-Cups, creamer, sugar

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

**Guest House:** Many thanks to the Youth Group  
for organizing volunteers to serve dinner on  
September 8: Jennifer Wills, Ben Wherley, and  
the Andreas Family (Jennifer, Shad, and Rowan).  
We greatly appreciated Pastor Chris joining  
us to share his talents with the kitchen and the  
camera! Two or three volunteers are needed  
on the second Sunday of each month to serve  
dinner to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless  
shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking volunteers for the  
December 8 dinner. Please contact Carl Johnson  
by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by  
emailing johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com to sign-up.

**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 around  
10 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and  
returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal:**  
***Wednesday, September 25, 2019.*** Pick up a  
card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal  
to donate food.

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

**Serenity Inn:** Volunteers prepare and serve 6-8  
residents the second Sunday of each month.  
Volunteers carpool meeting at church at 5:15  
returning at 7:15. **Coordinator:** Rachel Vetter;  
rcvetter1986@gmail.com. Next Meal: October 13.

**Just One More:** Volunteers assemble packaged  
meals to be picked up by area churches and  
programs **each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m.**  
Call the JOMM office at 414-292-5112. They  
are moving and may be adjusting their usual  
schedule.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response:**

The path of Hurricane Dorian has caused severe damage, unpredictable wind speeds and impact, and continues to impact the lives of many, especially those grieving the loss of loved ones and homes.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working to provide relief and recovery to survivors of recent hurricanes, and stands ready for other storms the season may bring. Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. What you can do:

#### **Pray**

Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

#### **Give**

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

#### **Connect:**

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

### **Have you lost a loved one? New grief group forming in October**

Join us for a special program presented jointly by UNITY Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. How do we get through that loss? Who can help us as we go through the tough times? Together we can explore our own grief and hear about others' experiences as well. It will be held on four Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00pm, October 1, 8, 15, and 22 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd in Menomonee Falls. To register contact Debbie Riederer at [debbie@unitybrookfield.org](mailto:debbie@unitybrookfield.org) or 414-587-2625 or Deacon Ellie Schmidtke at [cedellie@yahoo.com](mailto:cedellie@yahoo.com) or 262-251-2740.

### **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: Sept. 23; October 14 & 28

### **Photo Scavenger Hunt Event - Join Us!**

Join us on Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 for some good-natured competition and creativity. We'll meet at church and separate into teams to "collect" photos from around the Village and neighborhood. When time's up, return to church to show off your creativity while enjoying snacks and treat. Bring your energy, a smart phone or digital camera and a snack to share. Sign-up coming soon. Contact Heather Deaton at 414.704.0247 or [hdeaton@wi.rr.com](mailto:hdeaton@wi.rr.com) for more info.

**Blessing Sunday at Reformation  
October 6, 10:00am**

**The address is 3806 W. Lisbon  
Ave., Milw**

Being in partnership with Reformation Lutheran Church enriches and inspires us in many ways. One way in particular is the “blessing” language that permeates their ministry and relationships. They are always mindful, even in the midst of brokenness, of blessings in their lives and as a congregation.

One blessing that we share with them is the blessing of partnership, a blessing that Reformation proclaims and celebrates each fall on Blessing Sunday by inviting partners to share worship and a celebration with them. This year’s festivities are on Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 AM and include worship and a reception. We hope to have a big group from St. Matthew’s attend this special event. If you are interested, please let the office know. If you have questions, please contact Gretchen Hauge.

**Women: You’re invited to attend  
the 32nd Annual Convention of  
the Greater Milwaukee Synodical  
Women’s Organization,**

“Choose to Make a Difference” on Saturday October 12 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, W156N8131 Pilgrim Road Menomonee Falls. Registration begins at 7:30am; Opening Worship begins at 8:30am.

Special offer for First Time Attenders: Registration fee is \$35. Others will pay \$60. There are no registration refunds, but you can transfer your registration to another person.

To sign up, pick up a form at the Welcome Center (or the table outside the church office), fill it out and send it to Karen Hoffman as directed on the form. Child care will be available but you need to let them know ahead of time the ages of your children.

**1 in 4 people age 65 and over has a fall each year. Don’t be one of them!**

Take control of your life to remain independent in your home by enrolling in a Stepping On workshop. You’ll learn strength and balance exercises to reduce your chance of falling. Learn from experts about how medication and vision impact your risk of falls. Also learn about mobility in your community, how to do a home safety assessment, safe footwear and improving your sleep.

JOIN US:

Hart Park Senior Center

Fridays, October 4 through November 15, 11:30am-1:30pm

Cost: FREE (Optional \$20 to purchase ankle weight)

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**September 22, 2019**  
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# What Does Sanctuary Church mean for the ELCA

Since the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly enacted a memorial declaring the ELCA a "Sanctuary" church body, there have been questions and concerns raised across the ELCA and at St. Matthew's as to what this means. We include Bishop Erickson's response to this issue in this week's bulletin. If you desire to have further conversation on what this means, please reach out to any of the pastors.



## **A Pastoral Message on Becoming a Sanctuary Church Body**

(excerpted) One of the more controversial decisions of last week's ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held here in Milwaukee, was the decision to "declare the ELCA a sanctuary church body."

The topic of immigration is certainly a controversial one in today's political climate, one that seems to divide us into increasingly polarized camps, and there are those who believe that these recent actions have placed us firmly into one of these partisan camps.

My deepest hope is that we can remember that our most fundamental call as followers of the risen Christ is to love our neighbors. As I wrote [previously in a letter on immigration], "our call as the Church is simple: we are to love our neighbors. All of them. We are to make that love concrete, risking our own security and privilege to stand with all who are in need. We are to be the Church, reminding one another that we are never alone."

That's what I believe this declaration of being a sanctuary church body is all about. Making our love of neighbor concrete and specific. Some congregations may be in a position to offer physical sanctuary to those seeking refuge from a broken and capricious system; some may be in a position to offer support to those congregations; others may only be in a position to advocate for changes in our immigration laws and policies.

The action by the Churchwide Assembly does not and cannot mandate any synod or congregation to engage in any specific action; it does, however, call us to make our love of neighbor real.

Additional information on Sanctuary Congregations is available from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services at <https://www.lirs.org/united-sanctuaries-america/>.

I encourage us all to step back from the rhetoric and partial truths that populate social media and the cable news networks to ask this basic question: What does love look like? It cannot simply be an emotional or intellectual response; Jesus invites us to risk concrete, specific acts of love. My prayer is that this question will guide us all as we explore together what it means to be a church clear about our purpose in this conflicted and challenging world.

Bishop Paul Erickson

**FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain;  
 and the sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel  
 great,  
 and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**Psalms 113**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications,  
 prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be  
 made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in  
 high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and  
 peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This  
 is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our  
 Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to  
 come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For  
 there is one God;  
 there is also one mediator between God  
 and humankind,  
 Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
 —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I  
 was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am tell-  
 ing the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the  
 Gentiles in faith and truth.

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a  
 rich man who had a manager, and charges were  
 brought to him that this man was squandering  
 his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to  
 him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give  
 me an accounting of your management, because  
 you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then  
 the manager said to himself, 'What will I do,  
 now that my master is taking the position away  
 from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and  
 I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to  
 do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,  
 people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So,  
 summoning his master's debtors one by one, he  
 asked the first, 'How much do you owe my mas-  
 ter?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'  
 He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly,  
 and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And  
 how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred  
 containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your  
 bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master com-  
 mended the dishonest manager because he had  
 acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are  
 more shrewd in dealing with their own genera-  
 tion than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell  
 you, make friends for yourselves by means of dis-  
 honest wealth so that when it is gone, they may  
 welcome you into the eternal homes.  
<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faith-  
 ful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a  
 very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you  
 have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,  
 who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And  
 if you have not been faithful with what belongs  
 to another, who will give you what is your own?  
<sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will  
 either hate the one and love the other, or be de-  
 voted to the one and despise the other. You can-  
 not serve God and wealth."

**Next Sunday's Readings: Michael and All Angels** Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20 **OR 16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Amos 8:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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# St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel

## September 22, 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 **joining St. Matthew's congregation** and would like information on the classes starting next Sunday. *(Please provide either email or home address)*

I/We plan to attend the **baptism class** on Thursday, October 3.

Yes, we plan to attend **Family Movie Night on October 4.**  
 Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to attend **Blessing Sunday at Reformation Lutheran Church** on October 6 at their 10 a.m. service. *(There may be opportunities for carpooling.)*

We'd like to sign up for **KFC on October 6**, 12:15-2pm Number of people \_\_\_\_\_  
 We'd like to sign up for **DOC on October 20**, 12:15-2pm Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in helping to serve on Sunday mornings in the following area:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Communion Preparer (11:00)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coffee Hosts**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ushers at 11:00 am service**

A **large print order of service bulletin** would be very helpful to me on Sunday mornings. Service I attend: \_\_\_\_\_7:30 \_\_\_\_\_8:30 \_\_\_\_\_11:00

I am a college-age student or an adult interested in participating in the **El Salvador mission trip** in early January 2020.

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.



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

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

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

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
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Custodian	Marsha Olson
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson