

St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
September 9, 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: *James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he*

speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

We celebrate Rally Sunday today, marking the beginning of our educational programming year and a return from summer activities!

Nametag Sunday: Please find a nametag at the table near the entrance to worship and help us to learn more people's names today.

Altar Flowers today have been given by Trudy Zauner.

A DVD has been given to the church library by Abby Chiesa in honor of her sister Emily Chiesa's 20th birthday.

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.

Please welcome our musicians who will lead worship while I'm away. I am happy to report that your weekly Sunday worship will be led by highly qualified musicians. Julia Murphy will assist at the 7:30 service as needed. Then on the organ and piano bench will be Rob McWilliam and Larry Wheelock who will share their talents on Sunday mornings. I know you will make them feel very welcome.

I encourage all to join a choir or raise your voice or instrument in praise of our God.

**Worship Service Times
Change to Fall Schedule:
7:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Education Hour is
9:45-10:45 a.m.**



Rally Day!

Sunday School Classes Begin Today - 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday, September 9, 2018



Sunday School classes begin today for 3-year-olds through 8th graders. All children should report to the locations listed below at 9:45 a.m. ***First through 5th graders will meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.*** Sunday School ends at 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Sunday School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
Three-year-olds	Cindy Weiland-Wehrley & Ben Wehrley Kristin Mainville	Room 101 Room 103
Four-year-olds	Brie MacIntosh Michele Wolaver and Emma Gifford	Room 104 Room 105
Senior Kindergarten	Nancy Artus and Anjeni Kirchner Megan Reuter and Emily Storm	Room 107 Room 106
Sixth Grade	John Stolte and Joel Freeborn	Rm. 207 (across from Choir Rm.)
Seventh Grade	Al Van Lith & Lisa Winters	Choir Room
Eighth Grade	Chris Lange	Room 100 (near kitchen)

Rotational Sunday School, grades 1-5

Location: Fellowship Hall

1st-5th Grade Shepherds:

1st Grade	Joy Meier
2nd Grade	Sarah Zello and Jen Neideen
3rd Grade	Erin & Rob Weileder & Annie DeArmond
4th Grade	Nichole Herrell and Anne-Marie Nickel
5th Grade	Patti Foley and Teresa Wooster

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Questions about Sunday School? Contact Gretchen Hauge, 414-774-0441, ext. 2900.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Bulletin Announcements - September 9, 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 have been sent to preschool and Kindergarten classes the first week of September with class assignments. There is a Sunday School Info table on the lower level not far from the church office, in the hallway toward the kitchen.

If you have any questions about Sunday School, please talk to Gretchen Haugse or Jennifer Dugan.

Sunday Morning Worship Times Change

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.

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.

Today - 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!

Week of September 10 - 15

Monday:

6:30, Men's Monday Bible Study
9:30, LaLeche League Mtg.
10:15, Staff Meeting
11:00, Program Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers' Support Group
6:00, Library Committee Meeting
6:00, Youth Committee
6:00, Stewardship Committee
7:00, Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

12:30, Deborah Circle Meeting
7:00, Mt. Meru Coffee Project
7:00, Stephen Ministry
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

Thursday:

9:00, Stephen Ministry
7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

7:00, 7th/8th gr. Confirmation Ret.

Saturday:

10:00 7th & 8th gr. Retreat ends

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

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Sunday, September 9th - 10:00-10:45 in the Upper Room

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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."

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 in the Upper Rm.

8:00 AM Greeting

8:10 Silence Begins

8:20 Reflection

"May the memory of Jesus be united to your breathing, and then shall you know the usefulness of silence." St. John Climacus; 7th century Christian monk

Wednesday Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday mornings! Each Wednesday at 10 a.m., 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.

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

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

**Next Sunday, September 16:
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.

**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.

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 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Meet at Alice's Garden, 2136 N. 21st St.

Come and go as you are able. Food will be provided for volunteers. Registration is required. Speak with Pr. Matt for more information.

Fall Quilt Blitz comes up on Sat., Sept. 22

St. Matthew's Quilting Ministry "Stitches of Love" will hold a Quilt Blitz on Saturday, September 22 beginning at 9 a.m. All women who are interested in quilting, even if you aren't experienced, are welcome to attend. There will be projects you could work on, or you could bring your own project and spend some time working on it among other quilters. Questions can be directed to Bev Etzelmueller through the church office. Bring your lunch if you wish. There are often some shared snacks.

New Member Classes Start Sept. 23!

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. If you have any questions, please contact 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.

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.

Confirmation 2.0: Tuesdays this Fall Let's start at the very beginning—A Very Good Place to Start!

This fall, in response to a desire to have deeper refreshers on understandings of Lutheran teaching and bible interpretation, join Pastor Matt for a deeper look at the beginning of the Bible, Genesis.

We will look at different interpretations of the stories, how we as Lutherans look to understand scripture, and explore these foundational stories. As we do, we'll look at how they reveal what it means for us to live as Lutherans and how we might use these stories in our understanding of God and one another. We'll look at how Luther also interprets Genesis.

We'll meet 6:30—8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning October 2nd;

We will use the book, Genesis: Translation and Commentary, by Robert Alter. It is available both new and used from Amazon. If you'd like a copy from St. Matthew's, they will be \$13.00.

Classes will be held on: October 2nd, 9th, 16th; November 13th and 20th; and December 4th and 11th

Men's Breakfast scheduled for last Saturday in September, the 29th

Men of St. Matthew's, mark this date on your calendar to come to church at 7:30 a.m. for a full breakfast and great fellowship with other men. The speaker for the day was not available before printing this newsletter, but watch for further information on Facebook and in the Sunday bulletin announcements. We finish the event by 9 a.m. Friends are welcome!

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

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)

Fellowship event

Come have a tour of Apt. 4 at John Michael Kohler Arts Center Sunday, October 14

Sarah Carter, Curator and Director of Research for the Chipstone Foundation in Fox Point, is giving a tour of Apartment 4: Iris Häussler and The Chipstone Foundation at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan. The exhibit is a collaborative representation of how fictitious artist Florence Hasard turned her modest Milwaukee apartment into her home and studio. "The space is informed by Florence's dark, introspective art practice that allowed her to work through the personal trauma she experienced as a nurse during the First World War. In addition, Apartment 4 gives hints to what her life in Milwaukee may have been like in the 1940s." We will meet at church at 12:30 and carpool to the museum. ***Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to attend.*** Call or email Jennifer Wills at (262) 483-1848 or jenniferwills1@me.com for more information.

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 Hauge or Pastor Chris.

Music Ministry

Praise Kids! New Season starts October 4 at 4:00 to 5:00

We wish to offer you an invitation for your little one(s) to join in the music making here at St. Matthew's—Praise Kids! 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.

Praise Kids is held on Thursday afternoons, starting October 4, from 4:00 to 5:00. This opens the door for non-Wauwatosa school children to join us after they get out of school. Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt lead our singers in age appropriate music education activities and singing. The Schedule:

4:00-4:15: Gathering Time and snacks

4:15-5:00: Age appropriate music 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, JDReeveswk@yahoo.com

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

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.

Needed:

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.

The St. Olaf Band is coming to Milwaukee! Their 2018 Fall Tour brings them to Pius XI Catholic High School in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 14 for a 2 p.m. concert. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stolaf.edu/tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Pius High School is located at 135 N. 76th St., Milwaukee.

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.

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@cdsmith.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; rcvetter1986@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.

Women's Ministry

**Women's Wednesday Evening
Book Discussion 7:00-8:00pm
October 3 - November 7...Come
when you can!**

(If there is interest we may also select some Sunday mornings or daytime meetings for discussion).

"An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith" by Barbara Brown Taylor
"A field guide to spiritual practices which can lend meaning and richness to our lives."

Here are some of the "Practices" from the book that we will discuss.

- The Practice of Waking Up to God (Vision)
- The Practice of Paying Attention (Reverence)
- The Practice of Saying No (Sabbath)

Sign up at the Welcome Center today or contact Sue Swing; sueswing@sbcglobal.net

**Greater Milwaukee Synodical
Women's Organization Fall
Gathering to take place Saturday
Oct. 13**

This is always a wonderful event to come together with other women from our Synod, the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Renew old relationships and establish new ones.

The gathering will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI. The theme is "Women Create Change." Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

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.

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

Youth Ministry

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.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation continues each week

Class meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please note that there will be an overnight retreat on Friday, September 14 at 7 p.m. thru Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.

9th Grade Confirmation continues each week

Confirmation for 9th graders began this past week, and will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30, ending on Tuesday, October 30th. In these nine short sessions, led by Gretchen Hauge and Pastor Matt - we will explore what it means to live out your faith. The 9th graders will be confirmed at a special worship service on **Sunday, November 4th at 1:30 in the afternoon.** If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Hauge.

Breakfast Prep for Tosa Cares: Sunday, September 23rd, 12:00

Your help is needed to prepare breakfast for clients of the Tosa Cares Food Pantry. We will make breakfast sandwiches that will be frozen for the following week’s pantry. Watch for an email with sign-up link.

We will help at the Tosa Cares Food Pantry distribution day on Saturday, September 29th, 8:00-11:00 a.m. Volunteer to serve breakfast or work in the food pantry. Watch your email for sign-up link.

Middle School Corn Maze Adventure: Sunday, October 7th, 12:00 - 4:00

What could be more fun on a brisk autumn day than to get lost in a corn maze - and hopefully find your way out of it! Middle school youth and friends are invited to take that challenge on Sunday, October 7th as we head to Basse’s Corn Maze after lunch at St. Matthew’s. Cost is \$15 (scholarships available).

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

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.*

Walk to Defeat ALS at Greenfield Park in honor of the late James Moore

Sunday October 7th. Registration opens at 8 AM and 2k walk starts at 10.

10:30-1 Party with food and live music.

Team name is Team Fuzzy (James Moore)

Sue Bisswurm-Team Captain

Check out Susan Bisswurm's fundraising page for The ALS Association Wisconsin Chapter - <https://donate.alsawi.org/fundraiser/1551648>

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee

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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. Pick up a flyer for further info from the Welcome Center.

Serenity Inns' Annual Cookout

You are invited to the Serenity Inns Annual Cookout! 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!

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

Social Outreach Ministry Opportunities

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.

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.

Chocolate and Coffee for Sale: LWR Fair Trade Chocolate available at St. Matthew's: "Divine Chocolate" - Chocolate made with Fair Trade certified Cocoa beans grown by a farmer owned cooperative in Ghana, is available for purchase the **2nd & 4th Sundays of each month** at the Mt. Meru Coffee/LWR Chocolate Project table, in several delicious flavors. **Large Bars are \$3.50 each and small bars are \$1.50 each.**

Mt. Meru Coffee - Mmmm...

Delicious Mt. Meru coffee is available for sale each 2nd & 4th Sunday. This product which is purchased at a fair price from the local farmers who live in the area of Tanzania where we have a partnership relationship. Stop by the display in the Commons and see! K-cups for single cup coffee brewing (like Keurigs) are also available.

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become

a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

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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



St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel September 9, 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 am/We are interested in **joining St. Matthew's** in the next class. Please send information on the new member classes. (Provide name(s) & address below.)
- I'm interested in the **Partnership Trip to El Salvador** on January 2019.
- Yes! I'm interested in participating in an **Adult Confirmation Class - Faith and Theology Basics** with Pastor Matt on Tuesday evenings this fall.
- I am a youth (in grades 6-12) interested in signing up to be in the **Youth Services Directory**. Please send me a form to fill out. (Please provide email address below)
- 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.



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
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Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
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Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
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