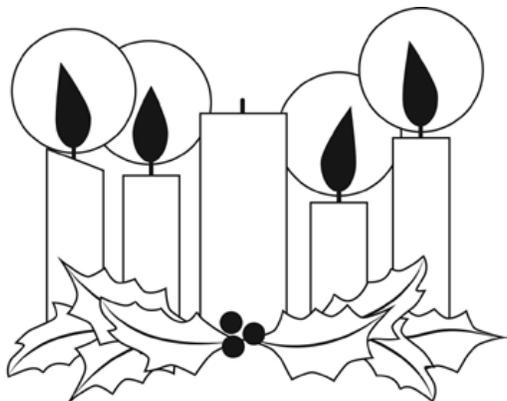


St. Matthew's
Weekly *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's
December 22, 2019**



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we continue the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

Introduction for the Day: *Introduction for the Day: Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," beloved hymn based on ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday in Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.*

Advent Reflection for the Week – The Gift of God's Family *The Gospel of Matthew begins with a family tree from Abraham to Jesus. We also*

hear the story of God at work in our world from generation to generation. This season highlights the significance of all families and friends in our lives. We witness Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and the shepherds together tending their flocks. As God's children, we become part of the God's family tree.

Child for Baptism: (11:00) **Patrick Henry Noll**, child of Hillary & Daniel Noll, Brookfield, was born May 18, 2019. Sponsors are Bridget High and Julia Otto. Patrick's maternal grandparents are members of St. Matthew's; Patrick & Leslie Gardner. Great grandparents of little Patrick are Bob & Joyce Gardner, also of our congregation.

Flowers at the altar are given by Pam Stokke-Ceci and Joseph Ceci to the glory of God.

A Library Book has been given to the church library by Leslie & Pat Gardner in honor of Hillary's birthday.

Celebrate Christmas Worship with your St. Matthew's Faith Community:

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, Worship at **4:00** (Family Service), **7:00** and **10:00**
Traditional Services with Holy Communion and special music.

Wednesday, Christmas Day Worship at **10 a.m.** with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29, 1st Sunday after Christmas, Worship at 8:30 & 11:00am (No 7:30 service)



Celebrate the Joy with Christmas Worship at St. Matthew's



Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. Children and Family Service: This service includes the sights and sounds of Christmas (including the sounds of many children) with carols, readings, children's choir and messages, a sermon and children's participation.

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service A special liturgy, handbell music, children's choir, a St. Matthew's orchestra and communion. Fifteen minutes of prelude Christmas music begins at 6:45 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service Similar to the 7:00 service with music by the Senior Choir, and a small St. Matthew's orchestra. Prelude musical selections begin at 9:45 p.m. Holy Communion is also offered at this service.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. A quiet reflective service is offered on Christmas Day with the text being John 1:1... the order follows the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book and communion is celebrated. Traditional hymns are sung throughout the service.

*Note that on **Sunday, December 29**, there will be two worship services, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church Bulletin Announcements - December 22 - 29, 2019



Year-End gifts still being accepted:

Thank you to the many people who have made special blessing year-end gifts to St. Matthew's ministries. 2019 gifts will be accepted through December 31st at 4:30pm. If you have questions about designating any gifts or anything else in regard to your giving, speak with AI in the church office.

First Fridays Book Group meets again

January 3, 2020: Fred Heim and Mary Thomae are the co-leaders of the group. Come join us on the first Friday at 7pm in the Upper Room.

January 3, 2020: Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans (266 pages)

February 7, 2020: We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel, by Georgia Hunter (416p)

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>

Blessing Bags for Homeless Available in Commons

With the help of congregation members who generously donated socks, gloves, handwarmers, snacks, and other cold weather necessities, preschool and kindergarten Sunday School classes have made blessing bags for the homeless, whose challenges are even greater in the cold weather. These bags can be kept in your car and given to people you see who are looking for assistance. They are meant to meet immediate needs and, just as importantly, to provide human contact and concern to people who are often ignored. If you are someone who sees homeless individuals in your daily life, please take a bag and spread the blessing. Bags are available in the Library Commons.

The Next BLOOD DRIVE at St. Matthew's is scheduled for Monday, January 27 from 3-7pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet beginning in the new year. We hope you can donate!

YTD Financial Results as of: 12/15/19	
General Fund Receipts	\$944,638
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$12,269
Benevolence Disbursements	\$262,966
Mortgage Note Balance	\$84,667
Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$64,312

The Next Two Weeks!

Monday, December 23

6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study
10:15, Staff Meeting
1:00, Caregivers' Support Group
1:00, Fallen Angels
6:00, MICAH Meeting
6:00, Property Committee
7:00, Synod El Salvador Meeting

Tuesday, December 24 - *Christmas Eve*

4:00, Christmas Eve Family Service
7:00, Christmas Communion Service
10:00, Candlelight Christmas
Communion Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - *Christmas Day*

10:00, Christmas Day Comm. Worship

Thursday, December 26

Office Hours 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30pm

Friday, December 27

Office Hours 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30pm

Sunday, December 29

NO 7:30 Service

8:30, Worship w/ Baptism of Graham S.-A.
9:45, Coffee and Social Time
11:00, Worship Service

Monday, December 30

10:15, Brief Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 31

Last Day of Fiscal Year;
Office Open 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday, January 1st

Office Closed for New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2nd

Office Open 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday, January 3rd

7:00, First Fridays Book Group Meeting

Saturday, January 4th

9:30-11:30, LAC Auditions

Sunday, January 5th

7:30, 8:30 & 11:00 Communion Worship
9:45, Sunday School
9:45, Adult Educ. Immigration - Dan Bice
12:15, Youth Mission Trip Meeting

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

December 22: The Genealogies

of Matthew Join Pastor Matt for an exploration of the birth narratives of Matthew's first chapters...focusing on just who Matthew sees is a part of Jesus' family. No prior reading or experience is necessary—come and explore what these “family trees” show us about God, ourselves, and the ministry and life of Jesus the Messiah! If you'd like to bring your own bible, please do!

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Coming January 5, 2020!

“The Immigration Debate: Immigrants, Refugees and the Bible”

Those supporting President Donald Trump's immigration policies and those opposing them have taken to the Bible, especially the Old Testament, to make their case. We will look at the scriptural passages being used in the debate and try to put them in ancient and modern context. The discussion will be led by **Dan Bice**.

Gifts of Stock are Welcome

Gifts of stock are always welcome at St. Matthew's. Our brokerage account is with Robert W. Baird here in the Milwaukee area. The contact person is Curt Brewer, 262-523-5644. He can arrange to have your gift transferred directly from your account to St. Matthew's brokerage account. Consult with your tax advisor to see if this has significant advantages for you. As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office with questions.

Many thanks for the generous donations of the past eight weeks to help our social ministry partners! Your generosity for the Giving Tree and Undie Sunday are much appreciated!

Financial Peace University Coming to St. Matthew's in February 2020

Save money if you sign up in November using the link below

FPU.com/1105733

Did you know that 78% of workers are living paycheck to paycheck? Nearly 3 in 4 workers say they are in debt. More than half think they always will be. Shocked? I was too. But there's HOPE! And that hope is Financial Peace University (FPU). FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, you will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. Sign up as a family to learn through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability. Cost is \$109. Come and join us starting February 2nd at 12:30 – 2:00 here at St. Matthew's. Contact Michael Reinicker at 262-893-1117 with any questions.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew's is scheduled for Monday, January 27 from 3-7 pm. Signup will begin in the New Year.

Planning to Make a Year-End Contribution?

There are three ways to have your year end contribution to St. Matthew's count toward the 2019 tax year.

- 1) Bring your offering to the church office in person on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 by 4:30 p.m.**
- 2) Place your offering in the plate at any of the services on or before Sunday, December 29, 2019.**
- 3) Mail in a check dated 12/31/19 or earlier, however, the envelope must bear a postmark of 12/31/19 or earlier.**

As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office at 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org with any questions.

Items Needed for We Care Packages for the Homeless

A St. Matthew's small group will be taking on the project of We Care Packages for distribution to homeless individuals, and we'd appreciate your help in filling the packages. We are in need of the following items:

- * Hand and foot warmers
- * Warm socks (new or gently used)
- * Gloves (new or gently used)
- * Scarfs (new or gently used)
- * Hats (new or gently used)
- * Band-aids
- * McDonald's gift cards -\$5
- * Bus tickets
- * Protein packs of meat (tuna or chicken)
- * Beef Jerky
- * Granola bars
- * Snack packs of nuts/berries or trailmix
- * Lip balm
- * Small (travel size) Kleenex packages
- * Large ziploc bags (2 gallon size)

If you are willing to help, please place donations by the church office in the container marked "We Care" packages. Since homelessness is an ongoing challenge, this collection will continue. Look for the collection boxes near the church office.

City Tins: We have some extra City Tins for sale that are for Milwaukee restaurants and another one for Lake Country restaurants at a cost of \$30 each. These are available in the church office. Checks can be made out to St. Matthew's.

Fair Trade Holiday Time!

This is a great time to order coffee and chocolate! Here are some ideas:

- Mt. Meru Holiday Gift Packs (\$18.00)
- Peaberry Roast Premium Mt. Meru Coffee (\$15.00/bag)
- Mt. Meru K-cups for Keurig machines
- Divine Chocolate Large bars (\$3.50) and Small bars (\$1.50) in lots of flavors (for the large bars)

And... a discount if you order ten or more
Look at the display in the Upper Commons.
There is also an Order Form for multiple bar orders, also available in the office. Contact Rosie Haas for questions: rmhaas1@gmail.com or by phone at 414.259-1747.

“Prepare the Way of the Lord!”

Advent Art in Center Staircase

The Advent display in the Center Staircase was made by middle school Sunday School classes, using a foil relief technique. Advent and Christmas Symbols were traced in glue, overlaid with foil, and colored with markers. The symbols used are similar to the Chrismons that adorn our Christmas trees and are symbols for Christ or the story of his incarnation – the word made flesh. Thank you to Renee Mabie for overseeing the project.

As Cold/Flu season intensifies,

please understand that during the sharing of the peace, it is acceptable to give a friendly wave and choose not to give or receive any unwanted germs. Handshakes and hugs are still wonderful - but discretion is perfectly fine, too.

Children's and Youth Ministry

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.

- Dec. 25: NO Class - Christmas Break**
- January 1: No Class - NY's Day**
- January 8: Big Group (Revelation)**

Do We Have Sunday School This Week?

NO Sunday School - Dec. 22

NO Sunday School - Dec. 29

Sunday School resumes Jan. 5

We will start up again on Sunday, January 5th. There will be a big group on that day for 1st – 5th graders.

Next Monthly Meeting for Youth Mission Trip is January 5th

The next monthly meeting for the 2020 Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans will be Sunday, January 5th at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. All youth planning on going on the trip should plan to attend. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study to Resume on January 15th

After a holiday hiatus, Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Matt will resume on Wednesday, January 15th. Gather along as we pick up the final chapters of the Gospel of Mark and as we continue to explore how the messianic secret of Jesus' identity is unveiled for more and more who follow him. Coffee and snacks are provided, as always!

Envelopes will be available soon - Our 2020 Contribution Envelopes will be available as soon as they are shipped to us and labeled. There are some changes to next year's envelope boxes. First of all, if you give electronically, via Vanco Simply Giving, credit cards or direct from your bank, you will not be receiving envelopes for 2020. For those who will get envelopes, the boxes will be a little different. There will not be extra envelopes for Debt Reduction or Communion. If you are contributing to those funds, please use the normal weekly envelope and write in your fund on the blank line. Finally, if you do not see a box of envelopes and you are expecting one, let the office know and AI will get you a box of envelopes.

Credit Card Kiosk I hope most of you have seen our new Credit Card Kiosk in the main commons area. You can now pay via a credit card. There are many categories already entered, like Contributions or Coffee. We will also have buttons when we are doing a special ask for a specific fund. It is really easy, you choose your fund, your amount and then either swipe or dip your card. If you have used Square before and have requested a receipt via email, you will automatically be sent a receipt. If you have not used Square, it will ask you if you want a receipt emailed to you. One word of caution, if you use your Apple Pay function on your phone, the office will not get the name of cardholder. So, if you use your tap to pay function, let the office know, so you can get proper credit on your annual contribution report.

AI Van Lith, Financial Administrator

Stephen Ministry

Are you going through a difficult time? Would it help to have someone listen to your concerns? Stephen Ministers can help!

Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a challenging situation or going through a tough time. They will not pressure you to resolve your concerns quickly or try to fix things for you. They will pray for you and honor confidentiality. To learn more talk with Pastor Ann, Sue Swing or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Commons on a Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45.

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34



The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry

Guest House: Many thanks to the Ortner Family (Nick, Sam and Zach) for serving a fabulous pizza dinner on December 8.

Two or three volunteers are needed on the second Sunday each month to serve dinner to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking volunteers for the January 12 and February 9 dinners. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by email johnsoncr@cdmsmith.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 around 10 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, January 29, 2020.** 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) or the church office 414.774.0441.

Serenity Inn: Volunteers prepare and bring a warm meal for dinner fellowship with up to 12 residents the second Sunday of each month. Plan to arrive at the Inn at 5:50. Coordinator: Rachel Vetter; rcvetter1986@gmail.com

Just One More: More information on their new location and volunteer needs when available.

Reformation Ongoing Collection for their Neighborhood Store:

- Baby/children's clean clothing to size 8 (no adult clothing/shoes)
- Infant blankets, crib sheets, strollers, walkers, bouncers, toddler large plastic play sets, etc.
- Bath/hand/washcloth towels, mirrors, waste baskets, shower curtains and rings
- Gift items for adults
- Men's items including belts, cologne, gently-used/new men's underwear, wallets
- Jewelry and new watches
- Small lamps
- Pots & Pans, kitchenware & utensils, dish sets, silverware sets
- Sheet sets, bed pillows, bedspreads/comforters (no afghans, please)
- Small Appliances: toasters, deep fryers, coffee makers, microwaves, blenders, electric frypans, irons, crockpots, etc.
- Flatscreen TVs, converter boxes, antennas, radios
- Cans of coffee, homemade cookies, sugar and creamer

Immigrants in our own Synod in need of support: One of the ELCA congregations in our Greater Milwaukee Synod is hosting an immigrant family in sanctuary. The church is asking for some assistance with the physical needs where the family is staying. (Sanctuary is a term for when a church provides temporary free housing for an immigrant while they are seeking additional legal assistance with documentation.)

The following list has been recently updated to reflect current needs:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44A5AE29A1F49-support>

Once you sign up, you will be contacted with more information about where and when and how to donate. You can always email pastor. kelly.elca@gmail.com for more information.

Repairers of the Breach Homeless Outreach Center has these ongoing needs. If you are able to help with them, please bring them to the collection box outside the church office:

Face towels & Bath towels

Garbage Bags (13-, 33- and 55-gal)

Liquid and/or powdered laundry soap

Coffee cream, sugar and Equal packets

Paper Towels

Cleaning supplies (Fabuloso, bleach, Pine sol)

Coffee and hot chocolate

Canned soups

Disposable paper cups, plate, bowls and utensils

Gifts Cards, Back packs, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer

NEXT SAINTS Gathering:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020:

“LOCAL HISTORY,

INTERNATIONAL IMPACT:

WWII Era Milwaukee”

Featuring speaker, journalist, author
Meg Jones

Long before Japanese bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor, Milwaukee was the “Machine Shop to the World.” Thanks to the city’s large industrial base, factories quickly retooled and mobilized for wartime production. Harley-Davidson produced thousands of military motorbikes, and Falk Corporation churned out gears that turned the propellers on hundreds of ships. Locals sacrificed their lives for the cause—Mayor Carl Zeidler went missing at sea, USS Arizona captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh refused to leave the bridge of his burning battleship and Mildred Harnack joined the Nazi resistance movement and was executed on direct orders from Hitler. Embedded with German and American troops, Milwaukee journalists H.V. Kaltenborn, Louis Lochner and Dickey Chapelle sent dispatches from the front lines. Through past interviews and archival materials, author Meg Jones reveals these and other patriotic stories.

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 Library. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next meetings: Dec. 23; January 13 and 27

A Note About your Valuable Items:

A reminder to our members and guests that each week as you come to church, any valuable items should be kept with you and not left in coat pockets or in an unlocked space. As with any other parking lot, please be sure to lock your vehicles also.

GUNLOCKS Available Free for Milwaukee residents

In an effort to promote gun safety and reduce accidental firearm discharges, the Milwaukee Police Department is providing free gunlocks at each Milwaukee Police District Station. Individuals wishing to receive a free gunlock can do so by requesting one at their local MPD police district station.

Choir? Me?

Yes, you! St. Matthew's Senior Choir is starting its winter-spring rehearsals on Thursday, January 9 from 7:30-9:00. We meet each Thursday evening at that time. Being a part of choir is a great way to meet people, learn interesting and diverse music, and serve your church. People who have sung in choir say this:

- **“It’s one time during the week to do something I enjoy... focusing on the music is a great outlet.”**
- **“I feel like I get so much more back from it than I’m giving.”**
- **“My faith is enriched by the music... I remember scripture because I’ve sung it!”**
- **“It’s fun to be a part of the worship service in this way.”**

If you'd like to try choir, then come to any Thursday night rehearsal and we'll set you up with a folder of music and seat you next to some welcoming people. Any questions may be directed to Dave Mohr, choir director, at 414-774-1775, or the church office, 774-0441.

Flower/Book Sign-Ups Needed

Your Sign-Ups are needed for the altar flower/library book/DVD sign-up notebook! Want to honor a loved one or show someone you care? Designate altar flowers for them, or a library book. Sign up in the Binder at the Information Center. For a donation of \$35.00 (new price for 2020), you may designate altar flowers, or for \$20.00 a library book or a DVD for an occasion of your choosing, and this occasion will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. The Library Committee will select the book and a bookplate will be placed in the front of the book. The church office staff orders the flowers from *Rose's Flower Shop* each week. It is best if you pay for your donations on the designated Sunday or before. Place a check in the offering plate and mark its purpose of payment, or drop off your payment in the office during the week. Thanks.

Jose's Blue Sombrero Certificates Available in Office

Did you know that Jose's Blue Sombrero is coming to Wauwatosa? With plans for a second story balcony overlooking the new streetscape, Jose's will occupy the space that was formerly the Chancery, opening this summer.

Like the Chancery, Jose's will offer \$5 fundraising certificates, available from St. Matthew's. Each \$5 certificate is good for \$5 at the restaurant and earns \$1 for the Youth Mission Trips. This is a fundraiser that doesn't cost you extra! Certificates are good now at the Jose's on Bluemound in Brookfield as well as the Tosa location when it opens this summer.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

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St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✝ ELCA

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

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

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

Ministers	The People of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Ann Williams
Music Minister/Organist/New Generation & Adult Handbell Choirs	John R. Paradowski
Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Education Coordinator	Gretchen Hauge
Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education	Sue Swing
Director of Older Adult Ministries	Julia Murphy
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Donna Gardner Manke
Sunday School Support	Jennifer Dugan
Technology Coordinator	Brian Smith
Library Coordinator (Volunteer)	Linda Wunderlich
Senior Choir Director	David Mohr
Youth Handbell Choirs	Jeffrey Reeves
New Creation Choir	Jeffrey Reeves and John Paradowski; Heide Hughes, accompanist
Praise Kids! Directors (Jr. K-2 grades)	Jeff Reeves and Amy Dankwardt
Financial Administrator	Al Van Lith
Office Assistant	Jill Due
Communications Secretary	Sonja Mohr
Custodian	Marsha Olson
Janitor	Robert Gardner
Janitor	Dave Fagerberg
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Gary Erickson