

St. Matthew's
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! It is our prayer that God would fill you with His grace and peace as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus. If you have questions about St. Matthew's or would like to speak to one of the pastors, please feel free to reach out to us using the contact information on the back cover.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Childbearing is excruciating. Yet each day countless women willingly become pregnant. They know that pain can be endured if it is temporary, with happier times coming immediately after. Likewise, the time between Christ's first and second coming is full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that it is temporary. Happier times are coming!

That truth is crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us. We have in mind all those who had faith in Jesus, both the heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

For Your Convenience

- ◊ A Hearing Loop system is available; switch your device to the "T" (telecoil) program to connect. Further instructions are available in the Church Office.
- ◊ Restrooms are located down the hallway on the left.
- ◊ A Parents' room is available in the back of the sanctuary for those with small children.
- ◊ A Mother's room, located in the parents' room, offers privacy for nursing mothers.
- ◊ Large Print Service Folders are available from an usher upon request.
- ◊ Please silence your cell phones before worship.
- ◊ View services on Charter 985 on Thursdays at 12PM and 7PM or Sundays at 10AM. You can also visit https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+matthews+oconomowoc
- ◊ St. Matthew's is on Instagram. You can follow us @St.MatthewsOconomowoc.

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THE SERVICE: SETTING FOUR

953:1-3 (Saturday) **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Anthem (Sunday) **Holy Forever**
Rejoice! with congregation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

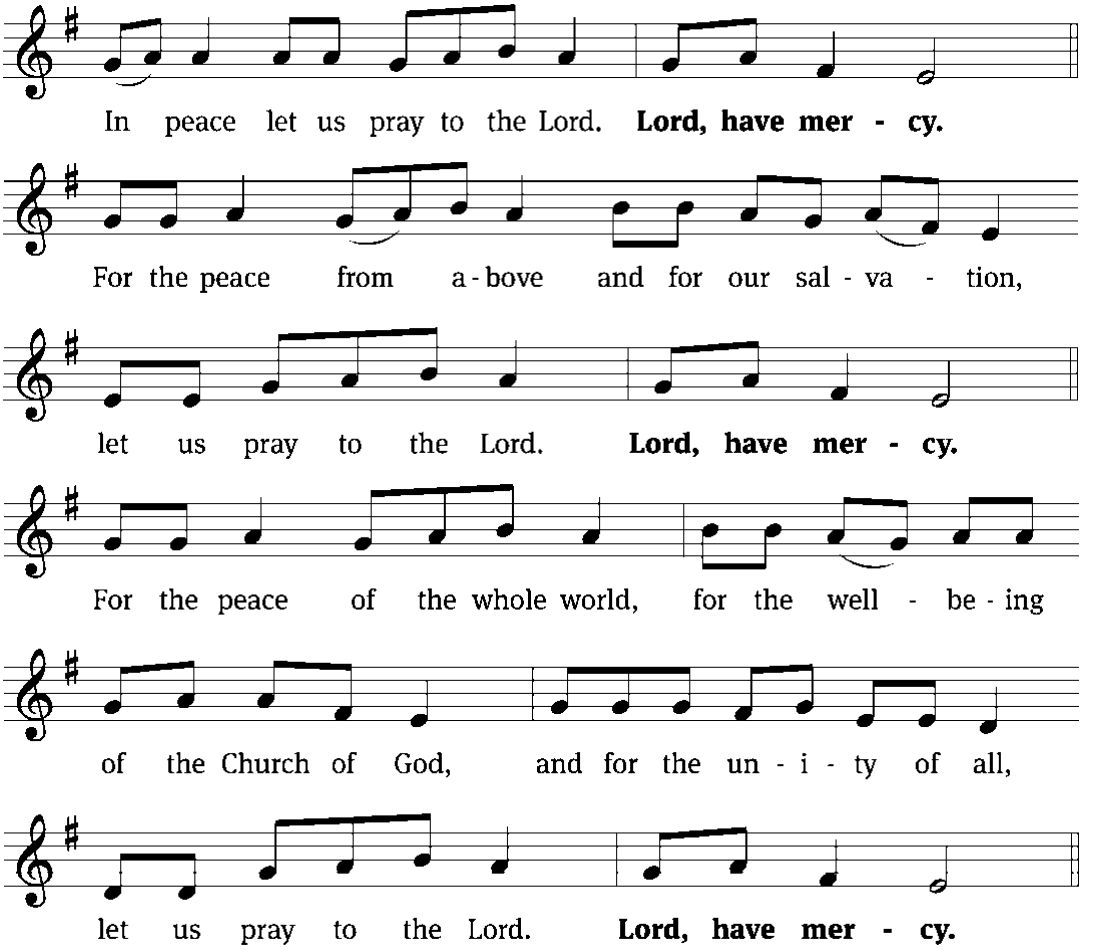
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

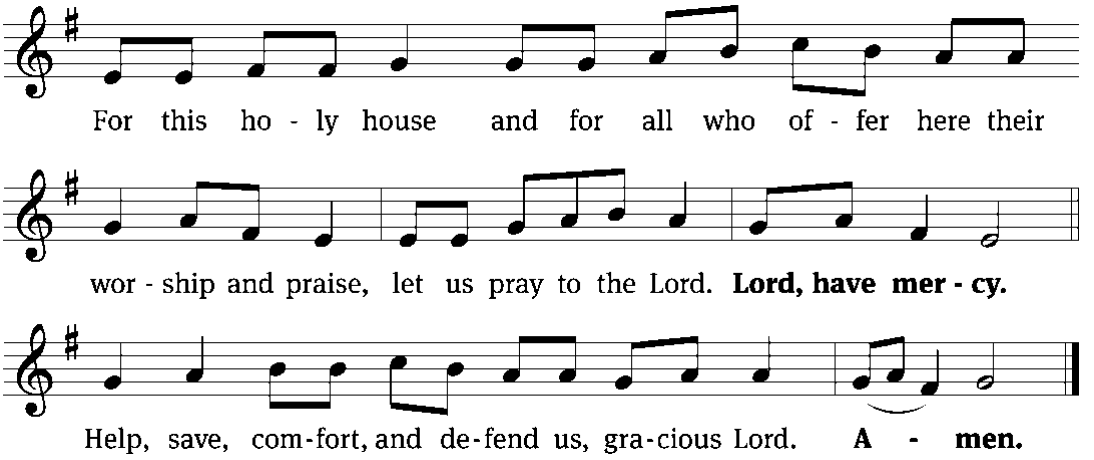
Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy





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953:4-5 (Saturday) **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

953 (Sunday) **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**
Sung by Rejoice! on Sunday

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Baptism (Sunday 10:30am)

We rejoice with Damon and MiKaela Gnewikow as their son, ***Lincoln Michael Gnewikow*** *is baptized in the name of our Triune God during our 10:30am service.*

Children's Message

First Reading *Revelation 7:9-17*

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven as a picture of our own future.

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.
10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did
they come from?"

14 I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
16 'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149A — Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Refrain: Sing to the LORD, sing a new song. Alleluia! Praise the LORD!

1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
let Israel be glad in their Maker and sing,
let all Zion's people rejoice in their King. (Refrain)

2 With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,
with dancing and song give praise to God's name;
for God in the faithful great pleasure will seek,
with robes of salvation adorning the meek. (Refrain)

3 In glory exult, you saints of the LORD;
with songs in the night high praises accord;
go forth in God's service, be strong in his might
to conquer all evil and stand for the right. (Refrain)

4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,
but over the earth their faith shall prevail;
all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sword—
thus God shows great glory, sing praise to the LORD. (Refrain)

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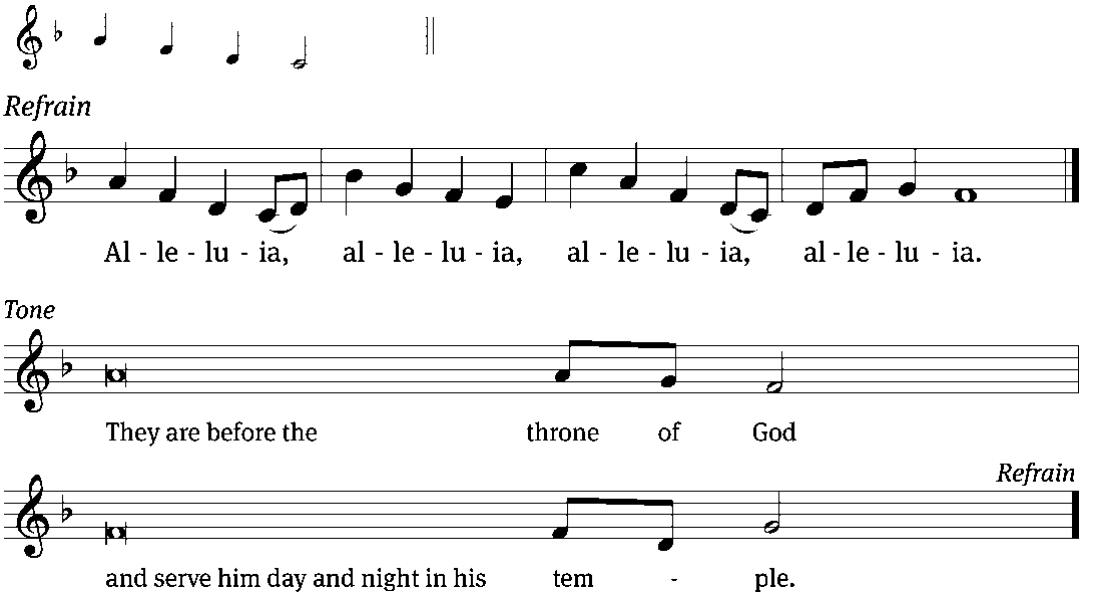
Second Reading (Sermon Text) — *1 John 3:1-3*

In love, God adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

[1]See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3]All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Revelation 7:15*



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Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Eternal blessings are on the way.

[1]Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, [2]and he began to teach them.

He said:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
[5]Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
[6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
[7]Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

[8]Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
[9]Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
[10]Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12]Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn 880 — For All the Saints

Verses 1-2 before the sermon
Verses 3-5 in the middle of the sermon
Verses 6-8 between the sermon and the Creed

Sermon — God's Child Now and Forever

Pastor Mark Voss

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Cards and Offerings

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today and we would love to stay connected with you. To help us do so, please fill out the Connection Card in the seat back. You may place it in the offering plate as the offering is gathered or hand it to one of the ushers. You also have the ability to record your worship or give a gift using the appropriate QR code below. Those who have downloaded the St. Matthew's App can check-in and give offerings directly through the app. You may also text GIVE to 833-921-6451.

Guest Form



St. Matthew's App



Give Online



WELS Connection

Prayer of the Church

Included in today's Prayer of the Church will be a prayer of thanksgiving to our gracious Lord for the victory he's given fellow believers now fallen asleep in Jesus. We'll specifically name members of St. Matthew's who have died in the past 12 months and are now enjoying rest in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 885 — There Is a Higher Throne

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Adult Bible Study at 9:15am
Join us as we look at **God's Faithfulness**. A promise is only as good as the person making it and the ability to keep it. Eternity depends on God's promises made to us in his Word and his faithfulness in keeping those promises. We are lost for eternity without them. We'll examine God's promises in Scripture and his faithfulness to them both in the lives of those in the Bible and our lives.

Men's Bible Breakfast – 2nd Saturdays of the Month
Calling all men to come for a great breakfast and a study of God's Word. Breakfast starts at 7:30am on the second Saturday of each month. Pastor Bigelow is leading the topic, "Connecting Sinai to Calvary."

Women in the Word – Thursdays at 8:30am
Join us **in the Gathering Space** for a new study "**Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles."** The devil works every day to turn us away from our faith in many ways: through exhaustion, temptation, worry, frustration, and many other ways that are all daily occurrences. God gives us the strength and equips us to stand against the devil's schemes. Discover how God equips us for the battle.

Sunday School and Teen Study
The children will begin in the sanctuary at 9:15am. You can pick up your children in their respective classrooms. Teen study is for students in 7th through 12th grade. Teens are studying Lutheran Worship, taking a look at our services from beginning to end and answer the question, "Why do we do that in worship?"

TWO New Bible Information Classes Underway
If you are interested in exploring membership at St. Matthew's, *this class is designed for you!* If you have questions about God and the Bible and want to learn more, *this class is designed for you!* Contact Pastor Bigelow and Pastor Hillmer to register and we'll see you there!

1) Monday's at 6:30pm – join Pastor Bigelow in the Church Conference room.
2) Wednesday's at 6:30pm – Join Pastor Hillmer in the Church Conference room.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study: *Bad Girls of the Bible*
Women's Ministry invites you to *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Higgs, being led by Angie Gabb. We'll explore the stories of Eve, Potiphar's wife, and Lot's wife and the lessons they offer for our lives of faith. **Wednesdays, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space.** Books are available for $5 in the church office. *The study resumes in January.*

St. Matthew's Calls Issued
Last Sunday, St. Matthew's issued three divine calls. Please keep these three people in your prayers as they consider where they may serve in the Lord's kingdom.

1) **Miss Alexandria Conrad – 2nd Grade.** Miss Conrad currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Manitowoc, WI.
2) **Miss Anna Hemmelman – 4th Grade.** Miss Hemmelman currently serves at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Omaha, NE.
3) **Mr. Kevin Bode - Music Coordinator.** Mr. Bode currently serves at Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe, AZ.

Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us

	This Weekend	Next Weekend – November 7 & 8
Ushers	**Saturday** – Tom Plitzuweit **Early –** Tim Taubenheim **Late –** Andy Rosenau	**Saturday** – Andy Andress **Early –** Eric Wegner **Late –** Eric Ziel
Greeters	**Early** –Curt Delie & Mary Beth Williams **Late** – Eric & Beth Ziel	**Early** – **Late** – Walter & Beth Gross
Hospitality	**Saturday** – Dwight & Janet Sandvold **Early –** Ralph & Tracy Schmidt **Late** – David & LeeAndra Dodge	**Saturday** – Kyle Bence **Early –** Tom & Beth Plitzuweit **Late** – Tom & Mary Thiele
Organist	Char Bouche	Pastor Jon Kehren
Special Music	Rejoice!	Handbells / Men's Choir
Flowers	Mark & Linda Smith – Bob Peregrine's Birthday	
Projection	**Saturday** – Krista / Sam D'Amore **Early –** Ethan Bergh **Late** – Kendra Lauersdorf	**Saturday** – Andrew Bessert **Early –** Lily Winkelman **Late** – Matthias Uttech
Sound	**Saturday** – Scott Heins **Early –** Joel Aldinger **Late** – Rik Krahn	**Saturday** – Scott Heins **Early –** Rik Krahn **Late** – Jacob Kopplin
Livestream	Nathan Bergh	Mike Bouche

This Week at St. Matthew's

Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 6:30 pm	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study Laudate Dominum Rehearsal
Monday	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board of Education Bible Information Class
Tuesday	7:45 am 6:30 pm	Grounded in God Board of Outreach
Wednesday	10:00 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Shorehaven Service Senior Fellowship Non School Catechism Meeting Board of Stewardship Bible Information Class
Thursday	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due Women in the Word Rejoice! Choir Men's Choir / Handbell Choir
Saturday	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study Laudate Dominum Rehearsal

Highlights and Announcements

Kids Winter Coat Drive: Help keep kids warm!
Cold weather will be here before we know it! As you're cleaning out closets and finding children's winter coats and gear that no longer fit, consider donating them to our **Kids Coat Drive** from **OCT 19–NOV 1** to support **New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers**.

SHINE Activities Team is collecting new or gently used washed children's:
Jackets & Coats | Hats | Gloves & Mittens in sizes **2T–Youth XL.**

Donation boxes will be available at **St. Matthew's Church, School, and First Steps**. *Thank you for helping provide warm winter clothing to children in need!*

ACTS Teen Movie Night
Join ACTS for a fun evening of movies, tacos, and fellowship on **Saturday, November 7, from 5–8 PM** at the Jump's House! We'll make tacos together, and each teen is asked to bring a side dish to share. Come ready for a great night of food, friends, and fun! **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Fall Landscaping Cleanup – Brown Street Campus
Please join us **November 7, 9 AM–Noon** as we prepare the Brown Street campus landscape for winter. Bring gloves, rakes, garden clippers, and weeding tools. An alternate date will be selected if weather interferes (hopefully no snow!). Questions? Contact Debby Kuklinski at 414-520-6642.

Elegant Farmer Pie Sale
Score big at your Thanksgiving table and support the Cardinals! St. Matthew's School is partnering with The Elegant Farmer to offer their famous baked-in-a-bag pies and other seasonal goodies, with $7 from every item purchased going directly toward new Physical Education equipment! Order online now through November 1.
Scan the QR code to see the available items and place your order.

NEW! Women's Basketball
SHINE is offering a new opportunity for women to get together for basketball! Join us **Thursdays beginning November 5 from 6:00–8:00 PM in the gym.** *All skill levels are welcome!* Bring a friend and come join the fun! Questions? Contact Stephanie Ryan at stephanie.koch.dpt@gmail.com

Help Decorate Our Church for Christmas!
Help us get our church ready for Christmas! Join us **Friday, November 27, at 8:30 AM** as we set up and decorate our Christmas trees. We need 5 men to set up the trees and 8 women to decorate them. Many hands make light work as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior! **Sign up at smls.org/events.**

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Soups & Sweets Fundraiser!
Join us **November 21 & 22 after services in the Commons** for our annual Soups & Sweets Fundraiser, hosted by the SHINE Activities Team! Take home and enjoy homemade soups, baked goods, and handmade crafts. Proceeds will support the church's historical timeline wall.
*Members are invited to donate soups, baked goods, snacks, or handmade crafts. **Soup containers and copies of the donation information are now available in the Gathering Space and at First Steps.** Donations can be dropped off at church on Saturday morning, November 21. *Monetary donations will also be accepted throughout the month of November.*

Advent by Candlelight - *Questions of Christmas*
Join us **Sunday, November 29, at 3:00 PM** for an afternoon of reflection and fellowship as we explore the familiar moments of the Christmas story and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Table decorations will be provided, and bringing a dessert to share is completely optional. Register at smls.org/events by NOV 15.

Live Nativity Committee Volunteers
The Live Nativity committee is looking for additional members to help with this special outreach ministry! The time commitment is minimal until the weeks leading up to the performances, and there are opportunities to serve based on your interests and skills. We especially need help with the **sound system and a co-leader for the general coordinator role.** New volunteers are also welcome to share fresh ideas!
For more information, contact Dawn Lauterbach at 262-313-7651.

Concert Announcement Laudate Dominum
You're cordially invited to ***Give Me Jesus,*** an evening of sacred music featuring singers from area congregations. Be assured that through life's joys and challenges, Jesus offers the comfort, hope, and peace our hearts need. **Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1650 Brown Street, Oconomowoc. A freewill offering will be received.
Please find us on Facebook/Instagram for additional updates.

Thank You! Thank you for the generous cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month. We are humbled by such generosity and love. We are truly blessed to partner together with you for gospel ministry.

Pastor Bigelow, Pastor Hillmer, Pastor Voss and families.

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St. Matthew's Blood Drive - November 14

Give the gift of life! Join us for a blood drive on *Saturday November 14, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the School Entry*. Your donation can make a life-saving difference—schedule your appointment today! Please use the QR code to register or you may contact Jennifer in the church office at 262-912-6350 or jmanssen@smls.org.



OUR MISSION *COMPELLED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST,*

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

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