



Autumn 2024



AUTUMN: LEAD ARTICLES

You can find Pastor Brian and Rev. Ryan's lead articles at the end of this packet! They can also be found at www.stmatthewavon.org/newsletter-articles

Welcome to the newest edition of *The Voice*! From now on we plan to distribute a seasonal newsletter which both highlights what has been happening at St. Matthew in addition to looking ahead at what's coming up. We want to thank Steve Smolnik for his faithful dedication to publishing *The Voice* for so many years. Steve's diligent work has been an incredible gift to our faith community. If you have any questions or comments regarding our new format feel free to let us know!

REGULAR OCCURANCES

Sanctuary Worship (9am)

- Every Sunday

Sunday School (10:20am)

- Every Sunday
- (Starting Sept. 15)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 9/5

- 10am: First Bible Study of the Program Year
- 6pm: Fantasy Football Draft

Sunday, 9/8

Adult Forum (10:20am)

- Every Sunday
- *(Starting Sept. 8)*

Confirmation Class (10:30am)

- Every Sunday
- *(Starting Sept. 15)*

Choir Rehearsal (7pm)

- Every Wednesday

Centering Prayer (2pm)

- Every Thursday
- Available to join via Zoom

Bible Study (10am)

- 1st and 3rd Thursday
- *(Starting Sept. 5)*

Men's Breakfast (8:30am)

- 3rd Saturday
- *(Starting Sept. 21)*

Livestream Service

Our worship service is
always available via
Livestream at

[www.youtube.com/
@stmatthewavon/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@stmatthewavon/streams).

Consider bookmarking our
YouTube page for easy
access!

• Rally Day!**Tuesday, 9/10**

- 1 - 3pm: Women's Fellowship

Saturday, 9/14

- 4pm: Music at Greenwood Concert Series - Sarah Schiener-Redenz Organ Recital

Sunday, 9/15

- 10:20am: Sunday School & Confirmation Orientation

Friday, 9/20

- 1:30pm: Grace Lutheran Friday Night Meal

Saturday, 9/21

- 8:30am: First Men's Breakfast of the Program Year

Sunday, 9/29

- 4:00: Ryan Heckman Installation Service

OCTOBER**Sunday, 10/6**

- 11:30am: Blessing of the Animals

Friday, 10/18

- 6pm: Harvest Dinner

Friday, 10/25

- 6pm: SMLC Trunk or Treat

Sunday, 10/27

- Stewardship Sunday

Tuesday, 10/29

- 6pm: Worship & Music Mtg.

NOVEMBER**Saturday, 11/2**

- 9am - 3pm: SMLC Tag Sale

Thursday - Saturday, 11/7 - 11/9

- Christmas Cottage
- 9am - 3pm *(Thurs. & Fri.)*
- 9am - 12pm *(Sat.)*

Sunday, 11/10

- 10:20am: Operation Christmas Child

Saturday, 11/23

- 4pm: Music at Greenwood:
Greenwoods Consort

WEEKLY UPDATES

SMLC ANNUAL FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

This year, we're excited to shake things up by hosting the draft at the Parsonage on **Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 pm**. Come enjoy food, snacks, drinks, and fellowship as we draft our teams. For those that are unable to attend in-person, an online option will also be available simultaneously.



We're also introducing a "Best Ball" league format, so there's no need to worry about setting your lineup each week—the app will automatically count your best scoring players!

Sign up in the Gathering Space or email the office to compete. All are welcome, including non-members. See you there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School will be starting its 2024-25 season this September and that means registration is officially OPEN!

You can pick up registration materials starting Sunday August 18th outside the main sanctuary doors. Registration forms are due to Pastor Ryan by Rally Sunday, September 8th. Turn them into

the front office (Pastor Ryan's mailbox is on the counter near the office door) or directly to Pastor Ryan. Sunday School Orientation will take place with families already registered and those interested on Sunday, September 15th after worship and our first class will be Sunday, Sept. 22.

ADULTS: Are you interested in being a Classroom Helper this year? Classroom Helpers will assist our teachers by being an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands in the classroom each Sunday. Your main responsibility is to be a joyful presence in the classroom and to help the kids with their project/activity. Let Pastor Ryan know if you're interested in being a part of the Sunday School in this important way!

If you have questions reach out to Pastor Ryan.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation is an exciting and fun educational opportunity and Pastor Brian and Pastor Ryan will start up classes again coming this September!

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Sunday, September 8th. You can turn them into the front office (Pastor Ryan's mailbox is on the counter near the office door) or directly to Pastor Ryan.



If you have any questions about Confirmation at St. Matthew, you can reach out to Pastor Ryan.



SMLC WOMEN

Tues., Sept. 10th | 1:00-3:00 pm

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to attend our first Women's Fellowship!

Don't bring a thing – just come and enjoy coffee and dessert and a time of getting to know one another better!



MUSIC AT GREENWOOD

Saturday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.

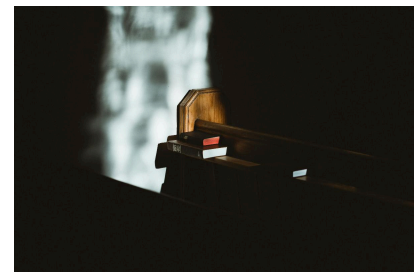
Sarah Schiener-Redenz, organ

The fourth concert in our 2024 season will feature St. Matthew's organist, Sarah Schiener-Redenz. Sarah will play a one-hour program of music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and others, displaying the variety of sounds that the pipe organ can produce. After the concert, please stay for a reception of light appetizers. An offering will be received at the door. We hope to see you there!

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: TRANSPARENT

Article Written by Dan Smolnik

We're happy to include another installment of "A View from the Pew" which is written by Dan Smolnik. He provides reflections on the idea of Transparency through a Biblical lens. This article is available later in this packet, and can also be accessed at www.stmatthewavon.org/newsletter-articles



Office Hours

Phone: 860-673-3301

Monday: Appt. or Phone Only

Tues. - Thurs.: 9-3

Friday: Closed

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