

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

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• JULY-AUGUST 2021 •

From the Files of Pastor Matt

Q: Who is your favorite bible character?

A: Mary, the mother of Jesus

Yes. Mary is my favorite bible character. As a young adult, I often found myself drawn to Mary's encounter with the messenger Gabriel. She hears and receives the words of Good News we all need to hear all the time (*Do not be afraid. God is with you.*). Mary receives a promise of God's favor that we see in our own baptisms (*You are mine. You are good enough!*) And, my personal favorite, she responds, in good musical theater fashion, with a song: *The Magnificat*. Mary's first-person testimony of all that we can trust God to do to bring change and new life in God's relationship with us: *Showing mercy, breaking spiritual pride, casting down the mighty, exalting the lowly, authoring trust and giving all creation good things*

I share "adoration" and love of Mary with you because as a church, we are looking forward to my installation as Adoration's pastor on August 15th -- which, by a coincidence of the Holy Spirit happens to be the day we celebrate Mary, the Mother of our Lord and Bearer of God to the world!

I think it will be a great day to celebrate, not only because we'll sing some of my favorite hymns, but also because Mary is the biblical character who connects us most closely to God becoming human, to entering our brokenness, and toward the personal, relatable, accompanying love of God we celebrate each day in the gift of Jesus. Mary, more than anyone else, knows the importance of God becoming flesh, of God reaching out to us, and of God using us in ways that we might not ever expect.

Please join us for this festive Sunday of worship, as we give thanks for God's presence with Mary, as she bore God to the world, and as she calls and invites us to bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.



*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

ELW 723
(The Canticle of the Turning)

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A Very Special Day: Pastor Matt's Installation August 15 at 9 a.m.

Adoration welcomes St. Paul's Lutheran for a morning of joint worship

On Sunday August 15, we will celebrate with festive joy the installation of Pr. Matt Schlake-Kruse as Adoration's pastor (a few months delayed)! Pastor Jennifer Arnold of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will preside at the Rite of Installation.

We are delighted to worship together and be the Body of Christ together with Pr. Matt's wife, Pr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse, and her congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran. St. Paul's will worship with us as we give thanks for the gift of God's presence among us and for the promise God gave Mary so long ago--"Do not be afraid, The Lord is with you!"

ADORATION CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The council held its regular meeting on July 13

The council approved recommendations from the BIB Committee regarding contact tracing, music, and upcoming special services.

The council agreed to resume in-person meetings beginning in August.

The council approved dates for the Book Sale: August 19-20-21, 2021.

The council approved hiring, with gratitude and thanksgiving, Barbara Regent as choir director.



Adoration received many hand-written thanks from Katie Schmidt and the children of Vieau School in Milwaukee, who were the recipients of the items collected during a drive-thru Communion earlier this year. When school reopened, students were told not to bring anything, which of course left the burden on the school and teachers. "EVERYTHING Adoration donated went to the students who returned to in-person learning, which helped immensely!"

Please update your directory listing

Your help is wanted: We realize it hasn't been long since you were last asked to update your contact information with the church office, but even just since Pastor Matt arrived, we have learned of several address, phone and email changes among our members. So, we are providing several easy opportunities for you to either confirm existing info or update whatever needs updating -- please do one of these as soon as you're able:

Mark your listing in the directory in the narthex with your changes and/or a checkmark to confirm that everything is correct and complete

Send an email to the church office with your updated info: adorationlutheran@gmail.com

Call the church office and leave a message with your updated info: [414-281-0414](tel:414-281-0414)

(If you don't have a current photo and would like Pastor Matt to snap one on a day when you're at church, just let him know!)

Mark your calendars

JULY 21-25: Adoration is partnering with Thrivent to host a book drive to support Next Door Foundation's Books for Kids program. This program is celebrating its 30th birthday this year! We are asking for **donations of new or gently used children's books** on Wednesday, July 21 or Sunday, July 25. Cash donations are always welcome and will be used to purchase books. / For book suggestions or to order books online, visit Niche Book Bar's online shop at www.bookshop.org/lists/children-0-8. The book bar is run by a Milwaukee bookseller who strives to support and showcase Black authors. By choosing to shop Niche Book Bar, we shop local and make a double impact in the community. / The Books for Kids program has collected and distributed over 2 million books to children in Milwaukee. Research shows the number of books available to a child may surpass all other variables in predicting their long-term success in school. / For more information on this program and others offered at Next Door Foundation visit www.nextdoormke.org/programs/books-for-kids/

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AUGUST 7: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Wayne Duris will take place at Adoration on Saturday, Aug. 7 with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. and service at 10:30 a.m.

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AUGUST 15: Adoration's next opportunity to serve Divine Intervention's SOS bagged lunches is Friday, Aug. 13. Food donations and volunteer help will be appreciated – watch for more info and/or contact Sandy Eigner with questions: sameigner@yahoo.com / 414-852-2903.

AUGUST 19-21: While you're sifting through the children's books for donations, you can also bring donations of all other genres to be sold at Adoration's Book Sale, scheduled for Aug 19-21.

SEPTEMBER 25: Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk, a family FUNraising event is Sat, Sept 25! Register at ORHRRW.org to participate in (or volunteer at) one of the four event sites in Waukesha, Ozaukee, Racine/Kenosha or Milwaukee counties OR do a virtual ride, run or walk on your own between now and Sept. 25.

OCTOBER 9: Women of the ELCA convention is Saturday, Oct. 9 at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 12012 W. North Ave, Wauwatosa. Register now by contacting Karen Hoffman, 414-421-9249 / ksh3231gw@sbcglobal.net



Pastor Matt, Pastor Steve, and cousin/nephew Ethan, the family's biggest NBA fan!

FRIENDLY WAGER: When the Bucks clinched a berth in the NBA finals, Pr. Matt's uncle in Arizona, Pastor Steve Kruse, asked Pr. Matt to make a "friendly wager" to support a ministry that is doing important work! Pr. Matt put \$100 on the line for Lutheran Disaster Response, the ELCA's ministry in response to hurricanes, wildfires, storms, drought and earthquakes across the globe. With the wildfire season underway, we wish the Bucks' 3-point shots were the only thing on fire! If you wish to support the work of Lutheran

Disaster Response, you can give online, through the mail or through your offerings as well. Perhaps you want to commit to a gift for each Bucks' win or Suns' loss.

www.community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse

THURSDAY DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR MATT: Spend this summer walking with Pastor Matt through non-gospel passages that mention the Holy Spirit—on our Adoration Youtube channel, www.youtube.com/channel/UC5aWeSR57sqfF4SDCrTt64A

++ If you miss church but still wish to hear Pastor Matt's sermons, they are available to hear on Mondays via the sermons in audio link on the welcome page of our website ++

LET'S FILL THE CART! Your non-perishable donations are welcome! With our return to worship, the Community Outreach Committee (aka Social Ministry) invites you to bring non-perishable food items to support the Ascension Food Pantry. Use the cart in the entryway and drop off items on your way into worship! Thanks for your continued support.

BUY SCHOOL KIT ITEMS NOW! We will be sending school kits to Lutheran World Relief. Watch for items on sale in July and August to purchase for donations; Cheryl Stefanski is making school bags. Updates may be found at www.LWR.org / We can only include the following items:

- 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- 12"/30 cm rulers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt-tipped scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers
- Ballpoint pens (black or blue) – no gel
- 16 or 24 boxed crayons
- 2-1/2" erasers

BIRTHDAYS
JULY 15-AUGUST 15

7/15 Barbara Regent
7/17 Eileen Abramczyk, Kathy Wakefield
7/18 Larry Markiewicz
7/19 Debra Ratzlow
7/22 Analya Ziolkowski
7/23 Glenwood Schallhorn, Dave Taddey
7/26 Brandon Faltersack
7/30 James Abramczyk, Gray Stanic

8/1 Sandy Ringwall, Terryl Young
8/4 Annette Ziolkowski
8/5 Michelle Tischer
8/7 Travis Weymier

ANNIVERSARIES
JULY 15-AUGUST 15

8/1 Bob & Connie Yersin
8/13 Jim & Judy Goodwin
8/15 Frank & Jayne Bednar
Tony & Kristina Gavitt

News & Notes

As we come nearer to September, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 12th; we'll celebrate a return to church and may have other collaborative events in the works. More information will be solidified in our Aug. 15-Sept. 15 issue!

Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 but is now a hybrid format: We meet in person at church and have members tune in via Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

As we have returned to in-person worship we are again in need of song leaders for our Sunday worship schedule. If this is something you would like to do, please let Barb Regent know!

Thanks to Adoration for your amazing support of our Meru Partnership and for the financial support offered this spring to support the salaries of the Meru Nurses. We collected \$2000 from our members, and have received support that the nurses' morale has been greatly improved! Thanks to the Amazing Adorationites!

Please consider being part of Adoration's Prayer Circle. This is important to our fellowship and greatly appreciated. Contact Judy Goodwin at 414-281-9368.

If you or someone you love is hospitalized or for any reason wishes Pastor Matt might visit, please feel free to contact him at 920-484-8050

Mission Statement

Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.