

# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

I have decided  
to stick with love.  
Hate is too great a  
burden to bear.

- Martin Luther King Jr.



THE FEAST OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR  
JANUARY 14, 2024 in the Church  
10:30am Holy Eucharist



*Welcoming all in community;  
joyfully doing God's work in  
the world.*

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## ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.*

## COVID GUIDELINES

**Our Covid protocols have eased, but the number of cases has begun to rise again.** Please be attentive to the following:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In the Church and the Chapel
  - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
  - Before services begin, the windows are opened and fans run, creating substantial air flow.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
  - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
  - Wine at communion: Communion ministers will be off to the side offering a chalice and an intinction bowl. We ask you decide either to drink from the chalice, instinct the wafer (dip the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, or forgo the wine.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.
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## Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

**Jan. 14 Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday** – Services at 8am and 10:30am

**Community Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**

3pm at the Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston

**Jan. 15 Walk for Warmth** with Interfaith Action of Evanston

**Jan. 16 Annual Reports Deadline**, please send your reports to Julie at

[julie@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:julie@stmatthewsevanston.org)

**Jan. 20 January Movie Group** 3pm at St. Matthew's

**Jan. 21 Annual Finance Meeting** after 10:30am Service in the church

**Jan. 23 St. Matthew's Stitches Meeting** 7:30pm in St. Matthew's Gallery

**A Case for Love** check your local listings for times and theater locations

**Jan. 28 Annual Meeting**, after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall

**All-ages Cross-Quarter Day** celebrating Candlemas 4pm at St. Luke's

# WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

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THE VOLUNTARY

*It is well with my soul*  
Quinn Brann, piano

arr. Howard Helvey

## † THE WORD OF GOD †

THE OPENING HYMN LEVAS 226 Mine eyes have seen the glory *Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE LEVAS 243      **Glory, glory**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*(Written by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)*

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray, saying together:

*People* **Eternal God, our Father,  
help us to love Thee with all our hearts, souls, and minds,  
and our neighbors as ourselves.  
And help us to realize that we have a moral responsibility  
to be good and conscientious but also to be intelligent.  
And grant that we will always reach out for that which is high,  
realizing that we are made for the stars,  
created for the everlasting, born for eternity.  
In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## A READING FROM EXODUS (3:7-12).

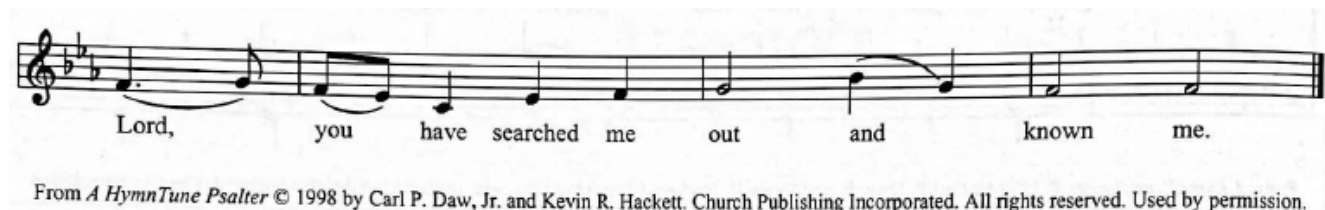
The Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

*All are encouraged to join the cantor in singing the refrain of the psalm.*



<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>2</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

*Refrain*

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

<sup>4</sup> You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

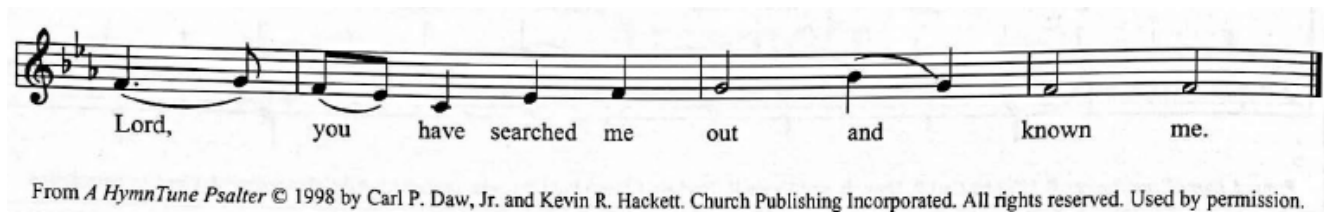
<sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

*Refrain*

<sup>12</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>13</sup> I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

*Refrain*



- <sup>14</sup> My body was not hidden from you, \*  
     while I was being made in secret  
     and woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
     all of them were written in your book; \*  
     they were fashioned day by day,  
     when as yet there was none of them.

*Refrain*

- <sup>16</sup> How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
     how great is the sum of them!
- <sup>17</sup> If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
     to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*Refrain*

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (3:26-29)

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*   **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able, and sing together.*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 156**   Come to me

*Negro Spiritual*

*Verses 1 and 2 before and after the Gospel*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:27-36)

*People*   **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*(Continued on the next page.)*

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

*After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand and say together:*

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(Source: Church of England, adapted)*

*Presider* Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Creator,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;  
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Form III, adapted)*

*Leader* Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

*Leader* Grant that our wardens and vestry, all St. Matthew's leaders, the leaders of St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*(Continued on the next page.)*

*Leader* Watch over all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop as he recovers from surgery; Paula, our bishop; for our own clergy and those serving at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* Guide all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common-sense gun-safety laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Look favorably upon all those in harm's way – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as those suffering from natural disasters and a changing climate. Our hearts break for the suffering in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, and all who love them. Let us pray

*People* **That they may have hope to greet the coming days.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Andrew, Paige, David, Curt, Ted, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Sam, Phil, Cindy, Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Maggie, Mark, Corky, Donna, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, Manuel, for the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family with whom we have been matched by RefugeeOne. God of hope: comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

*People* **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Give to the departed – especially Mary Buckmaster – eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for blessed Matthew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*(Continued on the next page.)*

*Presider* Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(*Silence may be kept.*)

*All* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
**Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ. The people sit.*

# † THE HOLY COMMUNION †

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*We shall overcome*

arr. Tom Trenney

*We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome, someday, Oh, deep in my heart, I know that I do believe, We shall overcome, someday. We'll walk hand in hand someday. We shall live in peace someday. We are not afraid someday. God will see us through someday.*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS 70 I want Jesus to walk with me

*Negro Spiritual*

*All verses*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS 255 Holy, holy, holy

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Presider* Holy God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew, Martin and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

*All* **AMEN.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*     **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy Name,  
          thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
          as we forgive those  
          who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
          for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*   **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI Hymnal 1982 S169     My flesh is food indeed**

*Presider*   The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

*Communion is distributed.*

*Please follow the instructions for receiving communion, which are subject to change as conditions change.*

### **THE COMMUNION ANTHEM     Precious Lord, take my hand**

Thomas Dorsey  
arr. Howard Helvy

*Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand precious Lord, lead  
me home. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord linger near, When my light is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.  
When the darkness appears, And the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I  
stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to know the hope to which he has called you.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* God, who has given you an example of holy living and holy dying in the witness of the saints, bring you to share their glorious inheritance.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* God, who calls you friends and fellow citizens with the saints, give you grace to walk in the way of Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Creator, the Liberator, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 1      *Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
All verses

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE VOLUNTARY

*Joshua fit the battle o'Jericho*  
Quinn Brann, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

## Leading Worship This Morning

*Presiding:* The Rev. Charles A. de Kay  
*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey  
*Assisting:* Samuel Love, Jr.  
*Guest Pianist:* Quinn Brann  
*Hymn Leader / Choir Director:* Mark Crayton  
*Greeter:* Curt Nilsson  
*Acolyte:* Christina Padilla

*Lectors:* Steve Carr, Kristin Jacobsen  
*Prayer Leader:* Ann Searles  
*Chalice Bearer:* Mary Clark  
*Altar Guild:* Deborah Williams, Roberta Buchanan, Connie Conley  
*Green Team:* Mary Jo Deysach  
*Livestream:* Diane Senechal

## The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, *Music Director*

### Soprano

Monique Austin  
Charlotte Bishop  
Ginger Carr  
Megan Cook\*  
Alice Dolan  
Rachel Handrick\*  
Kunying Li  
Kaylie O'Dell\*\*

### Alto

Scott Bass\*  
Nancy Churchill  
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn\*†

### Tenor

Francis Lynch  
Karlos Piñero-Mercado\*  
Riley Brown\*\*  
Michael Kirby

### Bass

Terry Bucher\*  
Steve Carr  
Jack Ellis\*\*  
Jake Engel\*

\*Section Leader

\*\*Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant



## Reserved Seating for Those Who Prefer to Be Masked & Seated Among Others Also Masked

St. Matthew's has designated the rear sections of our worship spaces as designated seating areas for those who prefer to wear masks in church, and to sit with others similarly masked.

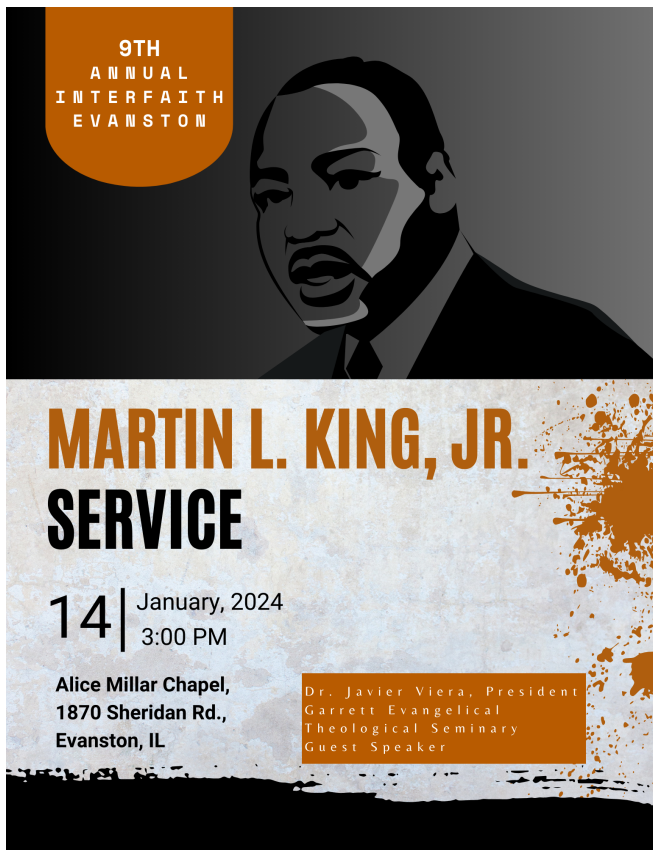
While we are coming through the COVID Pandemic, there are those who, for a variety of commendable reasons, do not feel comfortable being unmasked indoors. We hope that these seating areas provide them a welcoming space. Please look for the signs at the ends of the pews. Please be considerate of those of us who need protection.

### TEMPORARY CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Please note that for the remainder of January, there will be a slight change in office hours. On Thursdays, Gregory Peebles will be in the office from 1 – 4pm. Office hours remain the same on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



**Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Service** Please join us later today, January 14 at 3pm in the Alice Millar Chapel in Evanston. *We hope to see you there!*



## EICL Houses of Worship

Beth Emet The Free Synagogue  
Bethany Baptist Church of Christ  
Buddhist Council of the Midwest  
Ebenezer AME Church  
Evanston Bahá'í Community  
Evanston Quaker Friends Meeting  
Faith Temple Church of God in Christ  
First Church of God Christian Life Center  
First Congregational Church of Evanston  
First Presbyterian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation  
Lake Street Church  
Northminster Presbyterian Church  
Reba Place Church  
Second Baptist Church  
Sherman United Methodist  
St. John Henry Newman  
St. John XXIII Catholic Churches  
St. Luke's Episcopal Evanston  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Unitarian Church of Evanston  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Unity of the North Shore

## Anti-Racism Opportunities

**Honor MLK's legacy by volunteering or learning:** This holiday, do something to further Martin Luther King's vision of "beloved community," where all are loved and cared for in community and justice. Volunteer or learn about how to counteract the devastating effects of racism. See below for ideas.

- January 13 - [Been to the Mountain Top](https://www.dusablemuseum.org/event/been-to-the-mountain-top/) (DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center) <https://www.dusablemuseum.org/event/been-to-the-mountain-top/>
- January 15 - [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](https://www.chicagohistory.org/events/) (Chicago History Museum) <https://www.chicagohistory.org/events/>
- January 15 - [MLK Day of Service](https://www.formyblock.org) (My Block, My Hood, My City) <https://www.formyblock.org>
- January 15 - [Evanston MLK activities](https://www.cityofevanston.org/about-evanston/community-celebrations/mlk-jr-day) (including city, library, Northwestern and Interfaith Action events) <https://www.cityofevanston.org/about-evanston/community-celebrations/mlk-jr-day>
- January 15 - 19 - [Racial Healing Week](https://www.ywca-ens.org/racial-healing-week/), including MLK events (YWCA) <https://www.ywca-ens.org/racial-healing-week/>
- January 17 opening - [Remembering Dr. King](https://www.chicagohistory.org/exhibition/remembering-dr-king/) exhibit (Chicago History Museum) <https://www.chicagohistory.org/exhibition/remembering-dr-king/>

Know of any antiracism events? Contact Kristin ([kejcat@gmail.com](mailto:kejcat@gmail.com)) with the details.



## Join the 5th Annual Interfaith Action Walk for Warmth!

TOMORROW MORNING – THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

Monday, January 15, 2024

Cold weather update: Due to the frigid temperatures forecasted for Walk day, we will offer a short around the block walk instead of a 2-mile walk. Be part of the family-friendly Walk for Warmth on January 15, 2024 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day of Service. Join us in the fight against homelessness in our community. ***There is no charge to register for the walk, but advance registration is required.*** The short walk through central Evanston starts at about 11 AM at First United Methodist Church at 516 Church St. in downtown Evanston. Join us for a brief program in the sanctuary at 10:50 AM. Sanctuary doors (on Hinman) open at 10:30 AM. The Walk concludes no later than 12:00 PM at First United Methodist Church. If you do not wish to walk, you are welcome to remain in the sanctuary and "walk in spirit" with the walkers.

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”**

**~ Martin Luther King Jr.**

You can respond to Dr. King's call to action by supporting the Walk for Warmth in the following ways:

- **Walk with us!** Register on the Walk for Warmth webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/IAE2024W4W>. We will gather in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church and then follow a short around the block Walk route, or optionally you may remain in the sanctuary and "walk in spirit" with those who opt to walk. This year, due to the extremely cold temperatures, we will not walk past eight of the faith communities that host Interfaith Action's winter shelter in rotation. We thank the host faith communities for sharing their facilities. Join us to raise awareness of homelessness in Evanston. Bring the family. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Free parking is available at the public garage on Church St. just east of Chicago Ave. For everyone's safety, please leave your dog at home.
- **Make a crucial monetary donation.** All donations support Interfaith Action of Evanston and help provide safe and warm spaces for our unhoused neighbors to sleep during the cold weather season. You may donate on this page, with your walk registration or separately if you are not walking. Or, send a check to Interfaith Action of Evanston, PO Box 1414, Evanston, IL 60204. Write "Walk for Warmth" in the memo line on the check. Your donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Let's carry on Dr. King's legacy and continue his fight for economic, social and racial justice, and make sure no one has to sleep outside in the cold!

*Inspired by diverse faiths and shared values, Interfaith Action of Evanston brings people together to serve hungry and homeless people, pursue interfaith dialogue, and engage in advocacy that promotes social justice for those we serve.*

**The January Movie Group** will meet at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, January 20 at 3pm. We will discuss the movie *Maestro*. You can see the film on Netflix. It is also currently playing at the Landmark Theater in the Glen. Roberta and John Buchanan are hosting the meeting. Hope to see you all then.

Please send your regrets to Roberta at [robertabuchanan@comcast.net](mailto:robertabuchanan@comcast.net)



## Hats for Refugees

St. Matthew's Stitchers and the Anti-racism Team invite you to join our efforts in contributing knitted or crocheted hats and scarves to *500 Hats for Refugees*, which aims to provide handmade items to refugees arriving in Chicago. If you would like to participate, please drop off your items to the "500 Hats" box on the pew near the church office by January 21 - or join the Stitchers later this month (see ad below) and bring your item then.

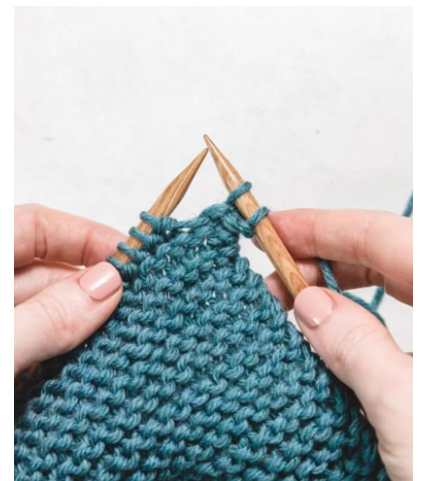


## St. Matt's Stitchers Meeting

Tuesday, January 23 at 7:30PM  
In St. Matt's "Gallery" across from  
the water fountain.

This is a very casual gathering and EVERYONE is welcome! Each person works on their own project. This month, we are hoping to collect knitted or crocheted hats and scarves for migrants and persons experiencing homelessness.

You don't even need to stitch in order to enjoy good company and yummy treats. Questions may be directed to **Mary Jo Deysach** at [mjdeysach@gmail.com](mailto:mjdeysach@gmail.com) or to **Ginger Carr** at [v-carr@northwestern.edu](mailto:v-carr@northwestern.edu)



# Annual Finance Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

## AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S CHURCH

Please join us for our Annual Finance Meeting on Sunday, January 21 after the 10:30am Service in the church.



# Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S PARISH HALL

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall.



## Have you thought about your Annual

**Report?** The deadline is **TOMORROW, Monday, January 16.**

Please submit your information to Julie by email at [julie@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:julie@stmatthewsevanston.org) by end of day on January 16.

# Cross-Quarter Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

4PM | ST. LUKE'S

## Celebrating Candlemas



**Nature Celebration of Candlemas!** All are invited to celebrate the midpoint between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox when God's cold resting world holds just the faint promise of the new life to come. We will gather together to roll beeswax candles of many beautiful colors (no heat involved) and also make elegant ephemeral nature art with tree "cookies," seeds, beans, rocks, pinecones and other natural materials on black felt. We'll have a brief liturgy to bless our church's candles for the year, led by the new Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Rev. Greg Millikin. This is an all-ages event; we will be welcoming members of other churches in the deanery for this beautiful celebration of God's world. Join us on *Sunday, January 28, 4pm - 5pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parlor* (enter via the door in the garth or courtyard)



### Auction items are also still available!

Looking for a unique gift? Interested in EChO tickets? Scan the QR Code for interesting auction items still available on our bidding owl page.

## A Case for Love

“A Case for Love” is a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Bishop Michael Curry, most well-known for his passionate sermon about “The Power of Love” at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

This documentary examines whether or not love—specifically unselfish love—is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S.



In the documentary, the film team travels across the U.S. interviewing everyday people from various walks of life and ethnicities, striving to live their lives selflessly. Stories include racial justice, military, foster care, sexual trafficking, love and loss and others as well-known figures including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Sam Waterston, Becca Stevens, Russell Moore, John Danforth, John Clyburn, Kelly Brown Douglas and Jon Meacham weigh in on the issue. Ultimately, Bishop Michael Curry puts what we’ve seen into context. The viewer is challenged to make their own verdict. Come watch and decide for yourself.

**Showings and theaters near us:**

**Tuesday, January 23**

**4pm or 7pm at AMC Niles 12**

**4pm or 7pm at AMC Randhurst 12**

Watch the trailer or purchase tickets at [ACASEFORLOVEMOVIE.COM](https://www.ACASEFORLOVEMOVIE.COM)



**Good News From Collective Resource:** We are now partnering with 3200+ customers throughout Chicagoland. We continue to have impactful collaborations through franchise agreements with Evanston, Park Ridge and Skokie. For information on home composting, go to <https://www.collectiveresourcecompost.coop/>

Evanston Chamber  
**EChO**  
Opera Company

## EChO Presents a Comic Double Bill in 2024

**Something Old, Something New**

*The Chalet* by Adolphe Adam

and the world premiere of

*The Boor* by Francis L. Lynch

Sung in English with English titles

Wednesday, February 28 and Friday, March 1 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

[EvanstonChamberOpera.org](http://EvanstonChamberOpera.org)

Adolphe Adam, the composer of the beloved ballet Giselle and the dramatic carol O Holy Night, wrote Le Chalet in 1834. It is considered to be the first French operetta and will be performed in a new English adaptation. St. Matthew's own Francis Lynch wrote The Boor, based on an early one-act farce by Anton Chekhov.



## Wednesday Lunch Volunteer Opportunity

Are you available on any given Wednesday between 10am and 12:30pm? Do you enjoy the camaraderie of working with others toward a short-term, important, and satisfying goal? Come join us at St. Mark's in Cunningham Hall (and kitchen) as we set up, make sandwiches, slice tomatoes, arrange fruit and cookie trays, make coffee, etc., and serve 40-60 guests each week at the St. Mark's / St. Matthew's joint Wednesday lunch ministry.

We need 6 individuals to sign up for food preparation, service, and cleanup from 10am to 12:30pm every Wednesday. In addition, we need two doorkeepers, one upstairs and one downstairs from 11am to 12:30pm. We use Signup Genius for scheduling,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eacaa22a1f85-wednesday#/>

Volunteers come from St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, as well as the broader community. Some of our guests are regulars who have been with us since we opened our doors in February 2015, and many are just discovering us as a source of a good meal served by friendly, welcoming volunteers. We hope you'll consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kati Olsen at [kati2219@gmail.com](mailto:kati2219@gmail.com).

## Court Watch Volunteer Program

Court Watch is a volunteer program founded in 2007 to observe and bear witness at detained immigrants' hearings in Chicago. While Illinois passed legislation that banned immigrant detention within our state beginning in 2022, deportation cases are still processed in the Chicago Immigration Court nearly every weekday for immigrants - including Illinois residents - who are jailed in Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, and other states. Can you volunteer a few hours a month to stand with detained immigrants? Court Watch volunteers attend as many of these hearings as possible (most hearings are currently conducted online via Webex). We partner with legal organizations and pro bono attorneys, highlighting problems we observe and cases where unrepresented detainees are in need of legal help.

Please email us at [icircourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:icircourtwatch@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer with us.



The overnight shelter has been open for three weeks now and we need your help! We are able to provide a place to sleep for 30 people this year! And we will be open for 31 weeks! We need more blankets and sheets!

Please consider going to our Wish List on Amazon and buying us warmth for our guests! We have chosen blankets that are easy to launder daily. It is best for all our guests to each get the same style blanket. Here is the Amazon link!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GBQWFEN4S4H0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GBQWFEN4S4H0?ref=wl_share)

Also here is the sign-up for the Overnight Shelter (OS) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood. Please use the Maple Ave. door. We need set up volunteers (8:30pm to 10pm), overnight help (9:30pm to 7am) and clean up volunteers (6am to 7am).

Please click on this link to sign up:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LYN0WrcLaaHHIKteBer3DUH\\_9v9MP1YqTkj0-42gW0E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LYN0WrcLaaHHIKteBer3DUH_9v9MP1YqTkj0-42gW0E/edit?usp=sharing)

## God loves a cheerful giver.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

– 2 Corinthians 9:7



If you'd like to make an offering for today's service, please scan the QR code which will bring you to St. Matthew's onRealm Giving Page.

**Thank you for supporting  
St. Matthew's as we bring love to the world.**



# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email [info@stmatthewsevanston.org](mailto:info@stmatthewsevanston.org). Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group and the Rector.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Province of South East Asia

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:* Incarnation and St. Luke's Philippine Independent Church in Bloomingdale; St. Benedict in Bollingbrook; Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills; St. Andrew in Downers Grove; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Pedro in Veracruz; Glory Church in Renk

**For the congregation at St. Matthew's** as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

**We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in January:** Donna Brannam, Lara Burt, Juliette Castello, Avery Finnegan, Alexander Fusselman, Sarafina Fusselman, Karen Hertel, Leslie Hinderyckx, Karen Larson, Sydney MacKay, John McCarthy, Joe Meyer, Allannah Spencer, Andrew Torma, Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, Anne Viner and Julie Worden.

**We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in January:** Janet & Robert Eder.

**We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people;** that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

**We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf:** Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

**We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers:** Andrew Pickens McMillan, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Ted Weiss, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Phil Costa, Cindy Bass, Uwase Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Maggie, Mark Jacobsen, Corky Siegfriedt, Donna Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Manuel Aleman, for Tony and the Packard family, the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

**We pray for all in need:** those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

**We pray for those suffering** from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

**We pray for all who have died, especially Mary Buckmaster,** and for all who mourn their passing.

## ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

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In today's service, the Opening Acclamation and other responses come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the website of the Church of England. The Blessing comes from The Book of Occasional Services.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at  
The 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 29, 2023

**St. Matthew's Vestry**

Damon Doucet, *Senior Warden*

Christopher Motogawa, *Junior Warden*

Robert McSweeney, William Siegfriedt, Penelope Whiteside (2024)

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Stephen Carr, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2024)

**Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment**

Damon Doucet (2024)     Stephen Carr (2025)     Ann Searles (2026)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the  
186<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Westin, Lombard, IL November 17-18, 2023

**Delegates**

Kristin Jacobsen

Stephen Carr

Mary Clark

**Alternates**

Sally Craige Christensen

**Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff**

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, 27<sup>th</sup> *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

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