

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**St. Matthew's Women's Retreat**



*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

February 20, 2021  
8:30-3:00  
Wisconsin Ave. Campus

***Schedule***

8:30 Registration & refreshments

9:00 Welcome

9:10 Opening devotion

9:30 Breakout session

10:30 Breakout session

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Keynote Speaker

1:15 Closing devotion & music

2:00 Pallet painting (preregistration required)

## Opening Devotion

### Karen Spiegelberg

*Karen Spiegelberg lives in Oconomowoc with her husband Jim. She has three married daughters, three grandsons, and has been a foster mom to many. A member of St. Matthew's, she is also an alderman for the city, and co-founder of A Word for Women, a women's ministry. She feels blessed to be a part of this retreat and sharing in God's Word and promises as they relate to John 16:33.*



## Breakout Sessions

### Ellen Cook

#### Jesus Has Overcome Broken Promises

God's promises are made and kept – but sinful humans? Not so much. This session dissects the spiritual heart of faith. As forgiven Christians, we tap into an endless stream of energy and motivation. Through Jesus, we can fulfill our promise to praise, honor and serve Him as we await our heavenly reward.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart” Colossians 3:24, 25

*Ever-thankful for God's amazing grace, Ellen has retired from owning a drapery business. She now enjoys crafting, reading and traveling, as well as studying and teaching God's Word. Together with her tolerant husband of 41 years, they've hosted 5 international high-school students, raised 3 grown children and vigorously spoil one deeply-adored granddaughter. They live in Barton, Wisconsin and worship at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in West Bend.*



### Pastor Leon Ehler

#### “I'm down but things are looking up.”

#### Jesus Has Overcome Our Most Trying Circumstances

We read Jesus' words in **John 16:33** “**Take heart I have overcome the world...**” but what impact do those words have during times of loss? We will tackle the topic of loss as we meditate on the subject of theodicy (the justice of God in light of human suffering) as we closely observe Job. Job had almost everything taken from him yet, though his faith is shaken, he remains faithful. What lessons can we draw from his experiences? What are the key truths we need to keep in mind? And finally why are we able to “**take heart**” even in the most trying of circumstances?

## Keynote Speaker

### Rachel Greiner

#### Jesus Has Overcome Disconnection

We feel more isolated than ever, but God's offering us connection with others. What if we felt free to be authentic with each other? Let's explore ways to share God's strength with people who are hurting. Don't miss this fun and practical session!

*Rachel Greiner strives to live the motto, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Her pro-life experience and passion for empowering others have led her to speak across the US and in South America; she has also been featured on national radio. Rachel is Education and Programs Director at WELS Lutherans for Life in Milwaukee.*



## ***Closing Devotion & Music***

**Vocalists:** Katie Greefkes, April Shanks,  
Rick Land, Jamie Luehring  
**Guitarists:** Rick Land, Jamie Luehring  
**Bass Guitar:** Tom Steele  
**Drums:** Bill Truebenbach  
**Keyboard:** Dan Albrecht



Our band name is a simple reminder of how faith in Jesus changes everything. We are sinful people who are *unworthy* of the grace that God freely gives us, but through faith in Christ and His sacrifice we become *worthy* as He forgives our sins and grants us eternal victory in heaven.

We play songs that you will hear on Christian contemporary playlists and stations to encourage hearts of faith and support worship of our Savior. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching @unworthyband.

## ***Pallet Painting***

Stencil paint the 2021 retreat theme! There is a maximum of 50 participants. Preregistration and an additional \$20 fee are required for this craft.

