

**This week's Bible verse: Ps. 147:3**

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

**About today's bulletin cover:**

Christ has fulfilled the Law in every way from the moment of His birth. Not even the rite of purification and two turtledoves are lacking. Christ has done all things well, and His work is all-sufficient. There was nothing left undone as He cried out on the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). As the season of Christmas continues, we see that all of this is for us.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

**Sunday, December 30**

Worship/Communion..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
SS/Adult Class..... 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, December 31 – New Year's Eve**

**Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day**

*Office Closed*

**Wednesday, January 2**

No Bible Study  
No Midweek, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study or Adult Choir

**Thursday, January 3**

Classics..... 11:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 4**

**Saturday, January 5**

Saturday Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 6**

Worship/Communion..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
SS/Adult Class..... 9:30 a.m.  
High School Movie Night ..... 4:00 p.m.



## ❖ TODAY IN WORSHIP

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December 30, 2018 is The First Sunday after Christmas

### **Servants in Today's Worship**

Preacher: Rev. Craig Otto Liturgist: Rev. Craig Otto Organist: John Arndt

Greeters: 8:00, 10:45,

Acolyte: 8:00, Grace McCommon 10:45, Lucas Timmons

Elders: 8:00, Todd Gemeinhardt, Doug McCommon;

10:45, Craig Koenig, Tom Gottschamer

Ushers: 8:00, Rick Shafer, Robert Lyle, Ed Burks

10:45, Steve & Ethan Tanner, Isaac Herkamp

Altar Guild: All Altar Guild Members

### **Prayers of the Church**

... pray that the Lord would bless us so we can be a blessing to others.

### **Prayers for members**

... pray for those who are ill or recovering: Pat Hanssen, Elaine Beaman, Jeanette Hedberg, Frances Klaustermeyer, Sherry Marshall, Jo Kubas, Mary Wood, Melvin Hesse, Ellis Miller, Allen Stelljes, Tony Velasquez, Chuck Bern, Phyllis Schramm, Susan Velasquez, Kathy Alyea, Don Sailors.

### **Prayers for family and friends**

... pray for Andy McLagan (friend of Bonnie Stair), Stacy Smith, Carter Loftis-Koenig, Angelo Meno, John White, Marc Ferguson.

### **Prayer Requests**

You may request prayer from our pastors or contact our Secretary, Tamy Dotson, at the church office at 816-524-7068 or [secretary@gracefaithlove.org](mailto:secretary@gracefaithlove.org).

We have a separate Prayer Partners ministry in which requests are shared through email. Submit prayers requests to Carrol McAllister at [cammac2@swbell.net](mailto:cammac2@swbell.net).

**Christian Education Today** - 9:30 a.m. *Donuts, coffee, and juice in Kitchen Commons.*

Youth & Adults - "Worldstory" Bible class with Pastor Andrews in the Fellowship Center.

Sunday school classes meet in the Sunday school wing down the hallway for Parents & Little Ones, Preschool, Kindergarten - Grade 2, and Grades 3 to 5.

## ❖ TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

### **Flowers**

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Dale & Jean Kobel, Ron & Judy Brohammer, Keith & Joyce Wagner, Alan & Nancy Carson, Caryl & Elaine Froeschle, Mike & JoAnn Davis, Pat & Christy Chambers, Ed & Conni Burks, Larry & Debbie Riebesell, Steve & Donna Underwood, Marilyn Elbel, Marilyn & Marvin Knabach, A.J. & Neysa Kurle, Carl & Marjorie Morse, Carla Lennan, Carrol McAllister, Wilma Stone, Karen & Brian Mitchell, Megan & Chris Snyder, Richard Joos, Chris & Karen Reynolds, Aaron & Cristie Bruening, Fay Bruening, Don & Ann Wesselschmidt, Doug & Angel Romi.

### **Classics**

Many thanks to the Kobel's and Schmidt's for hosting our December Classics. We were treated to a great feast of Christmas delights, along with the Sounds of Summit choir from Lee's Summit High School. Many partridges in lots of pear trees.

We are so grateful to Susan and Tony Velasquez for coordinating Classics for this past year. It was so nicely done. And suddenly - it's a New Year! We'll get it started with our January Chili and Soup festival. Several folks volunteered to bring Chili and Soup. Please bring a favorite salad, side dish, dessert or beverage to go with that. After our meal, we'll have a lively game of BINGO! We ask everyone who is playing Bingo to bring a wrapped food gift (\$5 limit) as a prize for the winners. And everyone will be a winner. We'll have some special surprises, as well. So come on out Thursday, January 3 at 11:30 here at Church. Bring a friend to join in the fun.

### **LWML Mission Grants**

Those preparing for full time church work are assuming increasing levels of educational debt in order to prepare for ministry. Debt concerns can discourage young people from entering full time church work. LWML Grant #16: Educational Loan Repayment Assistance Grants will help full time church workers to pursue their calling even in settings where their income is low, by providing help with loan repayments. This LWML grant of \$100,000 provides \$2500 toward their educational debt for each qualified full time LCMS church worker. Please keep this grant in prayer, asking for God's blessings on our church workers. We pray that they are encouraged in their work with the help of this debt repayment aid. For more information please go to [www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-16](http://www.lwml.org/2017-2019-mission-grant-16).

### **Door Security and Key Cards**

As we continue to change out to key cards for six exterior doors, the property board would like to recover any church door keys. Please turn in key(s) in exchange for your key card. It is necessary to limit the number of processed Key Cards to Pastoral/Office Staff, Elders, Preschool Staff, some Board members and Church Organization Leaders. The request for a Key Card should be considered only necessary for use outside of normal office hours, and may be reviewed by the Board of Directors. We are currently working through groups and individuals to assign and train on the new system. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Please contact Craig Elwell with any questions.

## ❖ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

### **Midweek Bible Classes**

Every Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Classes for K-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6, Grade 7-8, and Adults. Staffed nursery provided.

### **Sunday School Classes**

Every Sunday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Parents & Little Ones, Preschool, Kindergarten – Grade 2, Grades 3 to 5, Grades 6 to 8, and two Adult classes. We invite high school students to attend adult class.

### **Adult Bible Classes**

Worldstory Bible Class. Sundays 9:30 in Fellowship Center. Led by Pastor Andrews.

The Book of Acts. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Center. Led by Pastor Nicolaus.

Home Bible Study. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 7:00 p.m. Led by members.

2 Samuel. Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. in Gallery Room at John Knox Village. Led by Pastor Otto.

Exodus. Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Fellowship Center.

## ❖ FELLOWSHIP & CARE \_\_\_\_\_

### **Our Gifts to the Lord**

Last Sunday Offering: \$15,659 Saturday Offering: \$1,841 Needed Weekly: \$ 15,765

YTD Offering: \$778,115 YTD Expenses: \$695,064 YTD Budget: \$812,089

### **Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of December 22 & 23**

Attendance: 78, 118 & 85 (281 Total) Communion: 104 & 119 (223 Total) Visitors: 3, 15

Sun. School Attendance: 22 Adults: 75 Staff: 9 Offering: \$

John Knox Bible Study: AM Bible Study: Midweek:

Christmas Eve: 364 & 230 & 30 (624 Total)

Christmas Day: 83 Communion: 79

### **Birthdays This Week**

Today: Nicholas Lock Monday: Dee Parker, Riley Hardin Tuesday: Amelia Miller, Art Ross, Diana Murray, Jacque Hayes, Kaci Stubbs, Thomas Seeforth Wednesday: Colton Carson Thursday: Chad Smith, Malayna Cox Friday: Sheri Clark Saturday: Aaron Elwell, Adam Elwell, Amie Pearce, Lillie Bock, Ray Parde

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Today: David & Sharon Meyer Monday: Steve & Karen Homan Wednesday: Steve & Sarah Hirtzel

Thursday: Jim & Mary McConnell, Mark & Suzi Pearce

## ❖ MISSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hope House Needs for December**

Needs include: Wash cloths and towels. Donation box is in the narthex.

### **Lee's Summit Social Services Needs**

During December we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Donations may be put inside the wooden cupboard next to the Sanctuary doors.

**Collection for Food Pantry at Lees Summit North High School**

Their requested list of food items is: jelly, protein bars, canned chicken and tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, applesauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables, Vienna sausages, macaroni and cheese, canned beans, Spaghetti O's, pancake mix and syrup. Bring items or donations to the grocery cart in our narthex.