

**This week's Bible verse: 1 John 4:16**  
God is love.

**About today's bulletin cover:**

From the open heavens comes the Spirit. Christ is the Chosen One. There is no doubt about who is the Christ; it is Jesus! Jesus is the one with whom God is pleased. He is God's Son. He takes on a Baptism of repentance in our place in order to fulfill all righteousness. Here, He begins His ministry, which leads to the cross and resurrection.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

**Sunday, January 13**

Worship ..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
SS/Adult Class (Laura Carson talks about Tanzania)..... 9:30 a.m.  
Pre-K Milestone..... 9:30 a.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone..... Noon  
Informal Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 14**

Sewing Group ..... 12:30 p.m.  
LWML Society Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 15**

John Knox..... 1:00 p.m.  
Preschool Board..... 7:00 p.m.  
Elders ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 16**

Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Midweek, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study, Adult Choir ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 17**

Pastor's Conference at Bethlehem (Raymore)..... 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, January 18**

**Saturday, January 19**

Middle School Movie Night..... 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 20**

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

❖ **TODAY IN WORSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_

January 13, 2019 is The Baptism of our Lord

**Servants in Today's Worship**

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

Greeters: 8:00, 10:45,

Acolyte: 8:00, Kannon Dillabough 10:45, Tess Gottschamer

Elders: 8:00, Jim Haney, Bruce Wilke;

10:45, Steve Tanner, Caryl Froeschle, Dan Whitlock

Ushers: 8:00, Mike Davis, Craig Elwell

10:45, Pat Chambers, Nick Cox

Altar Guild: Ann Wesselschmidt, Pam York

**Prayers of the Church**

... pray that Jesus would help us to trust in Him instead of ourselves.

**Prayers for members**

... pray for those who are ill or recovering: Carrol McAllister, Heidi Tanner, Hailey McCommon, Reagan Price, Pat Hanssen, Jeanette Hedberg, 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 Larry Riebesell, Andy McLagan, Stacy Smith, 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: Mark & Deb Langsdale in honor of their anniversary.

### **Laura Carson Speaks at Sunday Bible Class**

Today, Jan. 13, we will hear about Laura Carson's recent mission trip to Tanzania at the Sunday Bible Class in the Fellowship Center. Laura is Alan and Nancy Carson's daughter, and she has travelled to several countries with the Lutheran missions organization, MOST Ministries, to take eyeglasses to people in need and share the Gospel. Come, bring your family, and learn as she shares photos and tells of her recent trip to Africa.

### **Eyeglasses Collection Box in Narthex**

We are collecting eyeglasses for MOST Lutheran ministries, including frames, readers, lenses, sunglasses, etc. All parts can be salvaged by their repair and restore team. Laura Carson takes them when her groups do eyeglass clinics in other countries.

### **Flower Chart**

The 2019 Flower Chart has been posted – we are still going with three (3) arrangements per Sunday (we will do a fourth arrangement if it is for a special occasion). Let us know for what occasion the flowers are to be given, if you will be taking the arrangement home with you, or if you would like us to donate the flowers to shut-in members of the congregation. The arrangements are still \$25.00 each. Thank you for your support. We look forward to serving you in the new year. *St Matthew Altar Guild*

### **Chili and Soup Cook-Off**

On Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 P.M in St. Matthew Fellowship Center the youth of Ascension and St. Matthew Lutheran Churches invite you to join them for soup, chili and dessert. Donations of crock pots of soup and chili by members of the congregation will be greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the table in the narthex if you can provide soup or chili. Attendees may vote on their favorite chili and soup by 1:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded in both soup and chili categories. To add to the fun, consider giving your soup/chili a catchy name. A free-will offering will support youth attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

### **Thank You**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Hannah and I would just like to say thank you all for all of your gifts and support to our family over the past year. We are blessed to be a part of this community and pray that the Lord will continue to work through us to share the good news of Jesus Christ here in Lee's Summit! God's blessings, *Rev. Steve Andrews Jr.*

### **God's Blessings**

Thank you to all who offered gifts and blessings during the Christmas season to us as pastors, our families, and to the church office. *Pastor Otto*

### **First Wednesday Dinner**

We will be having a 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Dinner on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 this will our Valentine themed dinner. We will be celebrating Christ's love for us as well as our love for one another thru Christ. The menu: Salisbury Steak or Chicken Strip, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Green Salad

and Valentine Cupcakes. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Everyone is invited, but we respectfully ask that you sign-up so we can fix the correct amount of food. If you find that you would be unable to attend after you have signed-up, please let me know @ [pmarie6@att.net](mailto:pmarie6@att.net). We are also going to need 2 people to serve and 2 people to clean up. If you can help us with that, please let me know. Please come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters here at St. Matthew!!!

*Pam York, Dinner Coordinator*

## ❖ 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.

1 Peter. 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: \$13,934 Saturday Offering: \$12,063 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692

YTD Offering: \$25,997 YTD Expenses: \$12,821 YTD Budget: \$26,666

### **Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of January 5 & 6**

Attendance: 52, 113 & 155 (320 Total) Communion: 97 & 133 (230 Total) Visitors: 3, 18

Sun. School Attendance: 19 Adults: 65 Staff: 10 Offering: \$

John Knox Bible Study: 14 AM Bible Study: 22 Midweek: 63

### **Birthdays This Week**

Today: Dennis Cromley, Emily Gerhart, Fred Poese, Kristin Shriver Monday: Marilee Jansen, Nicole Reidlinger Tuesday: Frank Homan, Matthew Hull, Sandra Walker, Susie Hagedorn Wednesday: Emily Stuhrenberg Thursday: Gianna Nixon, Hannah Bain, Jim Rath, Joyce Haney, Kelcey Smith, Pamela Thomason Friday: Catherine Balls, Steve Tanner, Weston Keel Saturday: Matthew Norris

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Thursday: Mark & Deb Langsdale, Richard & Lois Freeouf

❖ **MISSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope House Needs for January**

Needs include: Pine Sol, Lysol spray and bleach. Donation box is in the narthex.

**Lee's Summit Social Services Needs**

During January we will be collecting dry cereal. 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.