

This week's Bible verse: Ps. 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

About today's bulletin cover:

Jesus looked so ordinary, but looking upward and onward, He came to do the extraordinary. "The Holy One of God" was born of woman, wore sandals as He walked upon the earth, and dine with humanity. Though these things seemed ordinary, they were the extraordinary acts of our God to redeem us fully as He went to the cross, where He took the whole of human sin upon Himself.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

Sunday, February 3

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

Monday, February 4

Tuesday, February 5

John Knox..... 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
First Wednesday Meal..... 6:00 p. m.
Midweek, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study, Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 7

Classics 11:30 a.m.
Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

Men's Bible Study/Breakfast..... 8:00 a.m.
Altar Guild..... 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Worship/Communion 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 10

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

2 year old Milestone	9:30 a.m.
9 th Grade Milestone.....	Noon
Middle School Movie Night.....	4:00 p.m.
Informal Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

❖ **TODAY IN WORSHIP** _____

February 3, 2019 is The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Servants in Today's Worship

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

Greeters: 8:00, 10:45,

Acolyte: 8:00, Ty Bleckinger 10:45, Amelia Miller

Elders: 8:00, Eric Quee, Ron Brohammer;
10:45, Lance LeFevre, Caryl Froeschle, Dan Whitlock

Ushers: 8:00, Gary Kappeman, Tom & Lisa Keel
10:45, Steve & Ethan Tanner, Evon Hillan-Johnson

Altar Guild: Ann Wesselschmidt, Marilyn Stelljes, Pam York

Prayers of the Church

... pray for Aaron and Jean Schoenemann at the death of Aaron's mother in Nebraska last week.

... pray for the family of Frank Homan at the passing of his mother, Mary on January 24th .

... pray that Jesus would be with us today and forgive us our sins.

Prayers for members

... pray for those who are ill or recovering: Brooke Romi, Rebecca Gottschamer, Heidi Tanner, Jeanette Hedberg, Allen Stelljes, Tony Velasquez, Chuck Bern, Phyllis Schramm, Susan Velasquez, Kathy Alyea, Don Sailors.

Prayers for family and friends

... pray for Karen Roland (A.J. Kurles' sister), Jody Krueger (Hannah Andrews' mother), Larry Riebesell, Andy McLagan, John White, Marc Ferguson, Steve Parkey whose 2 year old granddaughter died.

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.

We have a separate Prayer Partners ministry in which requests are shared through email. Submit prayers requests to Carrol McAllister at 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 _____

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. The arrangements are still \$25.00 each. Thank you for your support. *St Matthew Altar Guild*

About The Music

The choir selection for today refers again and again to the “river in Judea.” This calls to mind not only the Jordan River where Christ was baptized, but also the water of our own baptisms. This “river that freely flows” is salvation found in Jesus Christ, our sins being washed away by Jesus’ blood and righteousness. The sound of salvation, the Gospel, the “singing, ringing river,” is relief, consolation, and peace to the believer. It affords us hope and good will. The arranger of this song, Dr. John Leavitt, has many choral, organ, and piano compositions to his credit. He grew up in Leavenworth, Kansas, attending St. Paul’s Lutheran School there. He now resides in Olathe.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who participated in the chili/soup contest here last Sunday. Also thanks to everyone who attended. It was a success and a lot of fun and fellowship was had. Thanks also to Lois Lorei for applying for a Thrivent grant for us to use to defray the cost of the paper goods and condiments. *Youth of Ascension and St. Matthew*

Thank You

Dear St. Matthew friends,
Thank you so very much for the cards, calls and visits during my time in receiving a new right knee. God has blessed me again with solid healing and it’s such a blessing not to have that pain. Thank you Pastors for your visits with Holy Communion. God bless us all. *Patricia Hanssen*

Souper/Soaper Bowl Collection

In conjunction with the “Big Game” today, the St. Matthew Mission Committee is sponsoring a collection of non-perishable food items and hygiene and cleaning products this weekend. Food items (canned meats, soups, vegetables, peanut butter, etc.) will be taken to Lee’s Summit Social Services and hygiene/cleaning products (hand soaps, detergents, toothpaste, shampoo, etc) will be delivered to the Immanuel Lutheran Church food bank after the collection is completed. Thank you in advance for your support of this collection!

First Wednesday Dinner – Sign up in Narthex

Our 1st Wednesday Dinner on February 6th is at 6:00 and will be a Valentine themed dinner. We will celebrate 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 is 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 will be unable to attend after you have signed-up, please let me know @ pmarie6@att.net. We also need 2 people to serve and 2 people to clean up. If you can help with that, please let me know. Please come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters here at St. Matthew!!! *Pam York, Dinner Coordinator*

“Classics” Meets This Thursday – Come join us for lunch!

Our thanks to Dale and Jean Kobel for hosting Classics in January. Dale did a great job calling the Bingo games. And everyone went home a winner! Interesting: the prizes for Most Wins and Fewest Wins went to ... Don and Ann Wesselschmidt. We won't say who got which. Coming in February, we will have Pot Luck Luncheon, followed by ...

B U N C O! So bring a favorite dish and join us February 7 at 11:30 here at Church.

CPR Trainer Needed

We are looking for someone that might be able to train several members and Staff in CPR. This would include training on the AED's, as well. Please contact Craig Elwell @ 816-616-3753 or the Church office. Thanks.”

LHS looking for girls' soccer coach

The Lutheran High School of Kansas City is interviewing for the head and assistant coaching positions for the girls' soccer program this spring. If you are interested, please contact Dan Bickel at the school at (816) 241-5478, or by email at dbickel@lhskc.com.

New Bible Study Sunday Mornings

9:30 in the Fellowship Center

Pastor Otto will lead the Sunday Bible Class through the Gospel of John. Each week we begin with a Psalm, video segment, then cover one chapter in John per week. We are using the three-hour motion picture, *The Gospel of John*, so each weekly video segment will run seven to ten minutes long to cover the chapter we are studying. You may bring your own Bible, or use the large-print Bibles we provide. Pastor Otto begins leading Bible study on Feb. 27 (on a topic to be announced), then we begin the Gospel of John on Sun., Mar. 3.

❖ 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. 2nd and 4th 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: \$6,847 Saturday Offering: \$1,566 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692

YTD Offering: \$66,452 YTD Expenses: \$65,163 YTD Budget: \$79,997

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of February 2 & 3

Attendance: 53, 154 & 104 (311 Total) Communion: 47 Visitors: 4, 20

Sun. School Attendance: 23 Adults: 59 Staff: 10 Offering: \$

John Knox Bible Study: 16 AM Bible Study: - Midweek: -

Birthdays This Week

Today: Marilyn McBee Monday: Violet Herkamp Tuesday: Joan Sulack, Kristin Shimel, Marilyn Whitley, Phyllis Schramm, Rhys Smith, Ron Brohammer Wednesday: Amy Matous, Gracelynn Nixon, Matthew Denker Thursday: Craig Elwell, Grace McCommon, Jenny Besgrove, Nancy Biggs, Ruth Charles Friday: Jennifer Davis, Patrick Hull Saturday: Makenzie Hurley, Nick Cox, Stanley Orskog

Anniversaries This Week

Thursday: Philip & Sara Nicolaus

❖ **MISSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE** _____

Hope House Needs for February

Needs include: Hair conditioner and hand sanitizer. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee's Summit Social Services Needs

During February we will be collecting dry pasta. 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.

❖ **ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS** _____

Holy Communion

This weekend at some services we offer the Lord's Supper in which we receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. By partaking of the Sacrament we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith. We invite members of this or other LCMS congregations to commune. If visiting from another Missouri Synod congregation, please introduce yourself to our pastor.

We Welcome Families with Children

We love having children and encourage them to be in worship! Each Sunday they may come forward for a Children's Message with our pastor. We have a Nursery at the back of church in case young children are crying, and you may wish to accompany your child there. You will still be able to see the service and hear it through a speaker in the room.

Becoming a Member of St. Matthew

We invite you to consider joining the fellowship of St. Matthew, to grow in faith and discipleship to our Lord Jesus. To learn more about Lutheran beliefs, or to request to join the congregation, please contact Pastor Otto (otto@gracefaithlove.org).