

This week's Bible verse: John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

About today's bulletin cover:

Jesus goes His own way. He does not follow the paths that others trod. Jesus is determined to go His way and finish the course, the way of death on the cross. During the season of Lent, we are led again to see our Savior, who was so resolute in His path that He did not stop until He accomplished all things for our salvation. The proclamation of His work continues to meet us this day and open our eyes to our Savior.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

Sunday, March 17

Worship/Communion..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
SS/Adult Class (Brian Mitchell leads class)..... 9:30 a.m.
1st Grade Milestone 9:30 a.m.
All Youth Event..... 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

Care Ministry..... 10:00 a.m.
John Knox Bible Study (Gallery Room near Place's Restaurant) 1:00 p.m.
Preschool Board..... 7:00 p.m.
Communications Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Lenten Service - "Remember Jesus' Words"..... 4:00 p.m.
Midweek, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study, Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.
Lenten Service - "Remember Jesus' Words"..... 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Pastor's Conference at Immanuel..... 9:00 a.m.
Communications Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

Brass Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Worship/Communion 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

Worship	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
SS/Adult Class (John, Chapter 3)	9:30 a.m.
1 st Grade Milestone	9:30 a.m.
Informal Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

❖ TODAY IN WORSHIP _____

March 17, 2019 is The Second Sunday in Lent

Servants in Today's Worship

Preacher: Rev. Steve Andrews Liturgist: Rev. Steve Andrews Organist: Ruth Kunkel

Greeters: 8:00, 10:45, Darin & Ann Femrite

Acolyte: 8:00, Owen Avery 10:45,

Elders: 8:00, Todd Gemeinhardt, Jim Ebert;
10:45, Brian Mitchell, Tom Gottschamer

Ushers: 8:00, Dan Miller, Gary Fischer 10:45, Pat Chambers, Nick Cox,
Isaac Herkamp

Altar Guild: Ann Wesselschmidt, Evon Hillan-Johnson, Pam York, Claire Kapperman

Prayers of the Church

. . . prayer of thanksgiving at the birth of Nora Jean Lennan on Feb.21st. Parents are Jordan and Kaitlyn Lennan . Grandparents are Carla and the late Guy Lennan.

. . . pray that the Father would be with our military, guide and sustain them wherever they may be.

Prayers for members

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

Prayers for family and friends

... pray for Laudine Parks (Grandmother of Jennifer Ours & Doug Clark), Carol Kirk, Karen Roland (A.J. Kurles' sister), Jody Krueger (Hannah Andrews' mother), Andy McLagan, 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.

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 - "The Gospel of John" with Pastor Otto 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 _____

Thank You

On behalf of St. Paul High School Singing Saints and Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries, I want to thank St. Matthew for the use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall for the recent concert and fund raising event. We received so many positive comments regarding our wonderful facilities. God has truly blessed us and it is good when we share the facilities for the benefit of others and to praise God. A special thank you to Craig Elwell and Lance & Mindy LeFevre for their assistance. *Joyce Martin*

Thank You

May you and the members of your congregation have joy in knowing that your recent gift will make a difference for the sake of God's kingdom! Your encouragement and support of Concordia Seminary students is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for you 2018 gift to support our mission! We are so blessed by your continued prayers and generosity.

In Christ, *Melodie Bostic, Senior Coordinator of Alumni and Congregation Relations*

Church Communications Feedback

I'm holding two meetings this week to gather feedback on which church communications are working well and which might be improved (bulletin, newsletter, website, phone calls, etc.) You're welcome to attend either Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Fellowship Center. *Pastor Otto*

Please check church kitchen for items belonging to you

Anyone having cookie tins, trays or a large aluminum roaster pan from the December cookie sale is asked to take them home. These items are in the church kitchen.

Lenten Services

In addition to regular weekend worship, we hold services during Lent on Wednesdays at 4:00 and 7:30 p.m. This year we follow the theme, "A Lent to Remember."

Lutheran High School Spring Music Concert

The Lutheran High School of Kansas City is going on a spring music tour beginning March 7th to Nashville, TN and they will conclude with a concert at Lutheran High School on Thursday, March 21st at 7 PM. All are invited to attend the concert on that evening in support of Lutheran High School.

Building Friendships – A Women's Ministry Event

Come to Game Night, Thurs., Mar. 28, 7:00 p.m. here in our Fellowship Center. Women of St. Matthew, both new and long-time members, let's get to know one another. Please come for refreshments, bunco, a getting-to-know you activity, and prizes. *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another. (I Thess. 3:12a)*

LWML Spring Rally

The LWML MO District KC South Zone 2019 Spring Rally & Retreat will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019. at Timothy Lutheran Church, 425 NW RD Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64014. Our program during the morning session will include speaker Karen Averitt on "What Will People Think?!". The afternoon session will include speakers Matt & Ginny Gaynor on "Warrior Workshop-Damsel in Defense" and Katrina Huckabay on "Community Outreach". Gifts from the Heart: American Red Cross (monetary donations or gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, Wal-Mart, Target). Registration begins at 9:00am.

Opening devotion is at 9:30am. Event is scheduled to conclude by 2:30pm. Join us for the entire day or part of the day. Cost is \$5.00 (includes lunch). If childcare is needed, please let your society president know or contact Deanna Cross from Timothy at 816-807-6778 / scrubnurse6@gmail.com. RSVP by March 25.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2019 to direct them. Please do not miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, St. Matthew Preschool, or other eligible recipients. Go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Thank you.

First Wednesday Dinner

First Wednesday will be on April 3 at 6:00. This will be our Spring Fling and remembering the Lenten Season!! Everyone is invited, but we do need you to sign up so the correct amount of food can be purchased. The sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

The menu: A Hot Dog Bar (Chili, Relish, Onion, mustard, ketchup) , Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Veggie Tray, Ice Cream, Cookies. We need 2 people to help us clean up after the meal. If you can help please contact me, Pam York @ pmarie6@att.net. Thanks!

Pam York, Dinner Coordinator

Study Grants Available

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, has study grants available for the 2019-2020 school year for both Seminary students and persons going into full time professional church work in the LCMS. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from the Missouri District web site at www.missourilwml.org (under forms) or from the grant chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be received by **APRIL 15, 2019**.

❖ 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

The Gospel of John. Sundays 9:30 in Fellowship Center. Led by Pastor Otto.

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.

1-3 John. Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Fellowship Center.

❖ **FELLOWSHIP & CARE** _____

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$14,361 Saturday Offering: \$1,508 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692
YTD Offering: \$147,686 YTD Expenses: \$181,050 YTD Budget: \$175,326

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of March 9 & 10

Attendance: 80, 93 & 106 (279 Total) Communion: 64 Visitors: 4, 15
Lent 2: 136 & 45 (181 Total)

Sun. School Attendance: 11 Adults: 59 Staff: 7 Offering: \$
John Knox Bible Study: 18 AM Bible Study: 24 Midweek: 52

Birthdays This Week

Today: Ashley Fleming, John Kurler, Todd Gemeinhardt Monday: Ava Turner, Jacqueline Vogel, James Osborn, Kristin Tippie Tuesday: Emma Lackey, Graham Kempster, RaQuel Dean Wednesday: Clancy Heisel, Danielle O'Donnell, Mark Wehmeyer Thursday: Janet Cowan, Kellie Younker, Myla Cline, Sheila Smith Friday: Ann Femrite, Ethan Ellerman, Nicholas Brown Saturday: Cari Ebert, Carla Lennan, Holly Ellerman, Kendall Kapperman, Madelyn Gemeinhardt

Anniversaries This Week

Saturday: Kevin & Lori Koepsel

❖ **MISSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE** _____

Hope House Needs for March

Needs include: Toilet paper and paper towels. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee's Summit Social Services Needs

During March we will be collecting canned vegetables. 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.