

**This week's Bible verse: Ps. 119:105**

God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**About today's bulletin cover:**

The voice of the Good Shepherd is a distinct one. It resounds with the truth of Scripture and promises of protection, care, and love. We hear our Good Shepherd, Jesus, whenever we gather together around Word and Sacrament. In these places, He speaks to us: "I forgive you. I baptize you. This is My body given for you. This is My blood shed for you."

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

**Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day**

Worship ..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
SS/Adult Class (John, Chapter 3) ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 13**

**Tuesday, May 14**

John Knox Bible Study (Gallery Room near Place's Restaurant) ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Board of Elders ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**

Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
St. Matthew Choir Picnic ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 16**

Pastor's Conference at Calvary ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Lydia LWML ..... 11:15 a.m.

**Friday, May 17**

**Saturday, May 18**

High School Lock-In ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 19**

Worship/Communion ..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
SS/Adult Class (John, Chapter 3) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
High School Senior Recognition ..... 10:45 a.m.

## ❖ TODAY IN WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

May 12, 2019 is The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Preacher: Rev. Steve Andrews Liturgist: Rev. Craig Otto Organist: John Arndt  
Greeters: 8:00, Mike & JoAnn Davis 10:45, Jim & Cari Ebert  
Acolyte: 8:00, Owen Avery 10:45, Isaac Herkamp  
Elders: 8:00, Eric Quee, Ron Brohammer; 10:45, Lance LeFevre, Dan Whitlock  
Ushers: 8:00, Jim Haney, Gary Fischer 10:45, Pat Chambers, Nick Cox  
Altar Guild: Bonnie Stair, Marilyn Heineman, Patty Bechel

### **Prayers of the Church**

. . . pray that Jesus would be with our loved ones and ourselves today and every day.

### **Prayers for members**

. . . pray for those who are ill or recovering: Dorothy Branson, Joyce Herrell, Richard Freeouf, Ellis Miller, Carol Garska, Jim Steffens, Heidi Tanner, Allen Stelljes, Phyllis Schramm, Susan Velasquez, Kathy Alyea.

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

... pray for Lisa Rife (friend of Larry & Debbie Riebesell), Nancy Greene (friend of Doug & Marsha Redman), Laudine Parks (Grandmother of Jennifer Ours & Doug Clark), 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](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 - "The Gospel of John" with Pastor Otto in the Family Life 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: Dwaine & Kim Eshelman in honor of our mothers, Lois Eshelman and Patti Stich.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for all of the cards, thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and recovery period. It was humbling to know that there were so many prayer warriors working on my behalf. Yours in Christ. *Jim Steffens*

### **Thank You**

Thank you for your generous donation to POBLO International! Your financial partnership is a great blessing and allows us to continue meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus with them in practical and culturally relevant ways. In His Service, *Rev. Farrukh Khan, Director of Development*

### **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to The Navigators ministry. Thank you for investing in the next generation of disciplemakers. With Gratefulness, *Jim Young, Sr. VP Development, The Navigators*

### **Thank You**

Dear Friends in Christ,

At this time of year marked by the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter, I express my deepest gratitude to you for your wonderful gift of \$5,000! In donating to Concordia Seminary, you are making an important difference in the future of our mission to prepare pastors, deaconesses and missionaries for many years of service to the church. Thank you so much! Your generous gifts encourage us greatly and bless future generations. Most cordially yours, *Rev. Dale A. Meyer, President*

### **Ascension Day Worship Service**

Our congregation will gather this year for an Ascension Day worship service on Thurs., May 30, at 7:00 p.m. It is an opportunity to remember the day Jesus taught his disciples on the mountain 40 days after his resurrection, and then ascended to heaven.

### **Rachel House Baby Bottle Drive**

Rachel House helps meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those dealing with unplanned pregnancies. In 2018...

- Over 2,600 girls and women came to Rachel House for help.
- 1,349 ultrasounds were conducted to affirm life.
- 343 men were seen by Male Advocates in our Fatherhood program.
- The Gospel was shared more than nearly 2,200 times.

You can support Rachel House by simply filling a bottle with coins, currency or a check made payable to Rachel House, and returning it here by June 16, 2019.

### **Spring Meeting of KC Zone of Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Monday, May 13, the annual meeting of the Kansas City Zone of the Lutheran Laymen's League (Lutheran Hour Ministries) will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO. Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship and information about Lutheran Hour Ministries. Dinner will be provided. A free-will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. Following the dinner, a short business meeting will be held, and updates about the Missouri District LLL and Lutheran Hour Ministries will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Brian Mitchell, Zone Secretary at (816) 525-6016.

### **Do You Like to Organize Events?**

We are looking for a volunteer who is interested in facilitating the fellowship mission of St. Matthew. With the help of a volunteer committee, the individual would gather ideas for meals, events, and outreach activities that involve our members and coordinate the scheduling of those events. This is an elected position to our Board of Directors, but we currently have a vacancy, so we

are asking for a volunteer to assist us with possible events for summer and fall. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Otto at otto@gracefaithlove.org or our congregation president, *Bob Borgelt* at bobb76@kc.rr.com . Thank you!

### **Looking for Volunteers**

Messiah Lutheran is again hosting a Fireworks Tent at Hy-Vee on the corner of Noland and 40 Highway. Setup and unloading of the fireworks will be on Sunday, June 23, 2019, in the Hy-Vee parking lot at 1:00 pm. Volunteers to staff the tent are needed from June 23 - July 4. A Sign-Up Genius has been set up to use at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e44aea629ab9-fireworks3>.

Please consider volunteering for a shift(s). The proceeds from the tent are directed toward whatever church or ministry you choose. If you are unable to volunteer please buy your fireworks from us. If you are unable to signup online, please contact Sally at 816-804-3478. Thank you. *Messiah Lutheran Church & School*

### **Security Door Locks**

The Elders and Property Board have set up an automatic lock/unlock schedule for the Narthex and the Family Life Center (FLC) doors on Sundays. The electronic locking door at the Narthex is automatically unlocked between 7:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., each Sunday. The FLC Lobby electronic locking door is automatically unlocked between 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., each Sunday. The other doors at these locations will remain locked. We hope this will not be an inconvenience for our members or guests. If you have any concerns, please contact Craig Elwell or Steve Tanner.

## **❖ 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, and a Bible study in the Family Life Center for everyone.

### **Adult Bible Classes**

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

12 Disciples. Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. at John Knox Village. Led by Pastor Otto.

Christian Topics. Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at church. Led by Pastor Andrews.

## **❖ FELLOWSHIP & CARE \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Last Sunday Offering: \$59,575 Saturday Offering: \$2,350 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692

YTD Offering: \$340,497 YTD Expenses: \$279,107 YTD Budget: \$307,779

### **Worship & Christian Education - Weekend of May 4 & 5**

Attendance: 56, 135 & 202 (393 Total) Communion: 106 & 127 (233 Total) Visitors: 4, 44

Sun. School Attendance: 20 Adults: 65 Staff: 8 Offering: \$

John Knox Bible Study: 20 AM Bible Study: 25

### **Birthdays This Week**

Today: Eric Quee Monday: Evan Gottschamer, George Nie, Kyle Snyder Tuesday: Jean Stubbs, Melissa Nixon, Sharon Meyer Wednesday: Deb Jones Thursday: Connie Schlueter, Crystal Lorei, Ellen Wehmeyer Friday: Elliot Timms, Lucas Timmons, Sherri Schnakenberg Saturday: Brooke Dean, Jordan Dillabough, Vicki Adams

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Tuesday: Aaron & Jean Schoeneman, Robert & Ginger Lyle Friday: Mitch & Lori Mitchell Saturday: Pat & Christy Chambers, Paul & Kelly Mulley

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

#### **Hope House Needs for May**

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

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

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

### **❖ 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 pastor. We have a Cry Room at the back of church where parents can take a crying child to help calm them. You will still be able to see the service and hear it through a speaker in the room.