

**This week's Bible verse: Matt. 6:34**

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

**About today's bulletin cover:**

Jesus promises that we will see Him again with our own eyes. However, even though we do not see Him now in this way, Jesus is still present. He reigns over His Church and intercedes for us with what He has accomplished by His cross and resurrection. He continues to be God and man, with the marks of His sacrifice. We will see Him again with our own eyes.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

**Sunday, May 19**

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

**Monday, May 20**

**Tuesday, May 21**

Preschool Graduation..... 9:00 a.m.  
Care Ministry ..... 10:00 a.m.  
John Knox Bible Study (Gallery Room near Place's Restaurant). ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Mary Martha LWML ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Preschool Board..... 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 22**

Preschool Graduation..... 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, May 23**

Preschool Staff Breakfast..... 9:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 24**

**Saturday, May 25**

Worship/Communion..... 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 26**

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

## ❖ TODAY IN WORSHIP

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May 19, 2019 is The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Greeters: 8:00, Robert & Ginger Lyle 10:45, Mindy LeFevre

Acolyte: 8:00, Riley Hardin 10:45, Hayden Cox

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

Ushers: 8:00, Spike Heineman, Steve Homan, Dan Miller

10:45, Darren Femrite, Isaac Herkamp, Frank Homan

Altar Guild: Bonnie Stair, Marilyn Heineman, Patty Bechel

### **Prayers of the Church**

... pray that the Father would open our hearts to Him in prayer and show us the way He wants us to go.

### **Prayers for members**

... pray for those who are ill or recovering: James Mitchell, Frank Bechel, Carter Loftis-Koenig, Dorothy Branson, Joyce Herrell, Richard & Lois Freeouf, Ellis Miller, Carol Garska, Jim Steffens, Heidi Tanner, Allen Stelljes, Phyllis Schramm, Susan Velasquez, Kathy Alyea.

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

... pray for 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

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### **Flowers**

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Chris & Karen Reynolds in honor of Rachel's graduation from medical school.

### **Welcome New Members**

Today in early service we welcome Adam & Ashley Faulstich into membership at St. Matthew. God's peace be with you!

### **Thank You**

My dear fellow redeemed:

I have been blessed to know people who experience profound, life-changing JOY when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving. I pray you are one of them. There is something intensely personal and full of meaning in a gift like the one you have joyfully given. We thank God for you and your gift to The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the amount of \$5,000. It will be used in support of Erin Mackenzie. Thank you. God Bless you all! Great church name also. In service to our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
*Pastor Matthew Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.*

### **Mary Martha LWML**

Change of meeting date: Mary Martha Circle of LWML will meet this Tues. May 21st. Patty Bechel will hostess and have the closing devotion. Pastor Andrews will join us for bible study. There will be a brief business meeting to plan future events. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

### **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.

### **Save the Date – June 9**

A Celebration for Claire Kuddes' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be held from 2-5 in Messiah Lutheran auditorium on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word to former students, teachers, and anyone that would love to help celebrate. Contact person is Cindy Harries (816)833-4872.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:otto@gracefaithlove.org) or our congregation president, *Bob Borgelt* at [bobb76@kc.rr.com](mailto:bobb76@kc.rr.com) . Thank you!

## ❖ 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: \$6,871 Saturday Offering: \$1,356 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692

YTD Offering: \$304,082 YTD Expenses: \$294,912 YTD Budget: \$321,917

### Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of May 11 & 12

Attendance: 56, 114 & 80 (250 Total) Communion: 49 Visitors: 15

Sun. School Attendance: 17 Adults: 66 Staff: 8 Offering: \$

John Knox Bible Study: 22 AM Bible Study: 28

### Birthdays This Week

Today: Baylen Smith, Lori Mitchell, Peg VanWagoner, Robert Cowan Monday: Evan Hammack, Rev. Steve Andrews, Jr., Wesley Tippie Tuesday: Caroline Childers, Emily Hoefler, Jeannette Hedberg, Jenna Avery, Skylar Biggs, Tayler Berning Wednesday: Wilma Stone Thursday: Lisa Lillard Friday: Brad Krehbiel, Kelly Mulley, Kevin Koepsel, Reagan Price Saturday: Anna Sommers, Jeanne Nixon, Vanessa Buhrmester

### Anniversaries This Week

Today: Joseph & Heather Turner Monday: Brett & Kellie Summers, Rachel & Jake Langsdale Tuesday: Jacob & Mollie Miller Wednesday: Alan & Tracy Heady, Steve & Hannah Andrews Friday: Guy & Sherri Schnakenberg Saturday: Art & Vicki Ross, Blane & Susan Jones, Mike & JoAnn Davis

## ❖ 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.