

This week's Bible verse: Lam. 3:22-23

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness.

About today's bulletin cover:

With a mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire, the same Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at His Baptism as a dove came upon the disciples on Pentecost as they were commissioned to spread the Good News of Jesus. Ever since that day, the same Holy Spirit comes to us through the Gospel. That same Spirit teaches us through the Word who Jesus is for us.

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❖ *This Week at St. Matthew* ❖

Sunday, June 9 – New Sunday Class begins

Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
SS/Adult Class (Learning about Worship)..... 9:30 a.m.
Teacher Appreciation Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

Mission Committee 10:00 a.m.
Board of Elders 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

NO Bible Study (Class will resume Aug. 21)..... 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 13

Lydia LWML..... 12:30 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

Worship 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day

Worship/Communion..... 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
SS/Adult Class (Learning about Worship)..... 9:30 a.m.
Church Breakfast..... 9:30 a.m.

Thank You

We are moving to Sidney, Nebraska on June 17, 2019. We would like to thank everyone from St. Matthew for everything that you have done for our family!! You will always have a very special place in our hearts. You have been there for us in some of the hardest times in our lives. We have loved being part of the church here and will pray for you all. Love, *Rachel, Riley, Danny, and Tucker Hardin*

Thank You

Dear friends,

Thank you for choosing to support Mother's Refuge with your thoughtful donation of \$2,500. Your contribution and support during the spring season is especially helpful.

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It has many correlations to our mission at Mother's Refuge. The spring season always brings a sense of renewal, a feeling of hope, and the chance to make a fresh start. Due to your love and support, many lives are being radically changed forever! Thank you for standing with us in offering a hand-up! We are humbled and grateful to be chosen as a Mission Fund recipient! Thank you so much! Sincerely Grateful, *Angel McDonald, Executive Director*

New Sunday Class starting June 9 – “Learning about Worship.”

We will explore our worship services, devoting a week to learn about each topic: hymns, creeds, Scripture readings, communion liturgy, worship space, prayers, and more. You'll learn history, reflection on why we come to church, and read about worship in Scripture.

Today – June 9

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

Usher Volunteers Needed

Additional ushers are needed to assist with Sunday services. As an usher, you will handout bulletins, help with the offering and communion (when served), and assist the Elders tidy up the sanctuary after the service. You may sit with your family during all other times of the service. Each usher serves one service every other month or so. If you are interested in ushering, please call, text, or E-mail Steve Tanner at 816-548-8823 or steven.tanner@ymail.com.

Weed Patrol Volunteers Needed

I am looking for some help to keep the weeds out of our front landscaping and entrance sign areas. I would rather pull the weeds, than spray, if we can. Please let me know if you have an interest in helping. *Craig Elwell*

New Church Phone Directories

Check your mailbox for the updated 2019 church phone directory.

Family Sunday School

We meet in the gathering space by the Sunday school rooms. Each week we begin together for a family devotion. Then *Dawn Sanders* and *Hannah Andrews* will teach the children, and *Pastor Andrews* will explore Scripture with parents.

Church Breakfast Next Sunday 9:30

Everyone is invited to enjoy a hot breakfast including biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruits, breads and juices in our Family Life Center on Father's Day, June 16.

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.

Vacation Bible School – June 17-21

This year we meet evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It is for all ages. Each night there is dinner for everyone at 5:30, followed by Bible study for adults, and Bible lessons, games, music, and crafts for children. Register to attend or volunteer at www.myvbs.org/createdinchrist.

Thrift Store Manager Position

The Lutheran High School of Kansas City is taking applications for a full-time position of managing a thrift store. The manager would work in close partnership with LHS to benefit the high school ministry. Please call the High School Office at 816-241-5478 and ask for Dr. Stelmachowicz for more information.

Host an International Student

Would you like to be a Host Family the 2019-2020 school year? If you would like to host an international student that will attend The Lutheran High School of Kansas City during the 2019-2020 school year, please contact Mrs. Paul Meier at pmeier@lhskc.com. As a Host Family you have the opportunity to change the life of an International Student. Please prayerfully consider being a Host Family.

❖ FELLOWSHIP & CARE _____

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$11,043 Saturday Offering: \$1,459 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,692

YTD Offering: \$339,401 YTD Expenses: \$331,322 YTD Budget: \$365,921

Ascension Day: \$256

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of May 25 & 26

Attendance: 32, 118 & 94 (244 Total) Communion: 101 & 104 (205 Total) Visitors: 3, 12

Sun. School Attendance: 7 Adults: 59 Staff: 4 Offering: \$

Ascension Day: 36

Birthdays This Week

Today: Steve Homan Monday: Ashlee McDonough, Bailey Groom, Joshua Norris Tuesday: Danny Hardin
Wednesday: Ed Schmidt, Jerry Johnson, Joshua Lock, Tanner Malone Thursday: Alexis Rampetsreiter,
Allee McDonough, Grady Groom, Jacob Lorei, Kannon Dillabough Friday: Nancy Wilkens Saturday:
Daniel Moses, Gary Kobel, Talia Andrews

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Darren & Shelley Garrison Monday: Doug & Vicki McCommon Tuesday: Matt & Brenda Edmonds Friday: Jerry & Catherine Balls Saturday: Doug & Cielo Dehning, Kirby & Beth Bock

❖ **MISSION & COMMUNITY SERVICE** _____

Hope House Needs for June

Needs include: Bleach and toilet bowl cleaner. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee's Summit Social Services Needs

During June we will be collecting dry cereal. 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.

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).

St. Matthew Preschool

We have a regular preschool Monday through Friday in the Education wing. It's a Christ-centered preschool where teachers foster physical, emotional, mental and spiritual growth in the child. For fees and available times, look for preschool brochures placed around church. Call our Director, Mary Lammers, Monday through Friday at 524-4354 if you have questions about enrollment or would like a tour.