

St. Matthew News Bulletin



September 12-13, 2020 + Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Matthew Lutheran Church + The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Welcome in Jesus' name to all visitors, guests and members

Safe worship practices during COVID-19

A summary of our adjusted worship and communion practices is provided on the table as you enter.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH _____

Prayers of the congregation

- ... pray for the family of Walter Small at his passing on Sept. 4th.
- ... pray for the family of Jim McConnell at the passing of his wife, Mary, on Aug. 31st.
- ... pray for the family of Iona Wiese, Donna Underwood's aunt, who passed away Aug. 28th.
- ... pray for the family of LaVaun Soucek who passed away Aug. 29, 2020.
- ... ask Jesus, our friend, to help us trust in Him instead of ourselves for all our needs.

Prayers for members

- ... for Mark Langsdale, Pam York, Patrick Hull, Jean Dierking, Don Wesselschmidt, Debbie Fuchs, JoAnn Davis, Kathy & Jim Alyea

Prayers for family and friends

- ... prayers for Joan Dimengo (Chris Cromley's sister), Katie Rousseau (Ebert family), Rennie Cole (Katie Smiths' mother), Tim McAllister.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of September 5 & 6

Attendance: 48, 33 & 38 (119 Total) Communion: 39, 28 & 34 (101 Total) Visitors: 4, 7

Sunday Bible Study Attendance: 26

Midweek Attendance: 41

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$ 6,286 Saturday: \$4,580 Needed Weekly: \$16,692

YTD Offering: \$541,744 YTD Expenses: \$467,521 YTD Budget: \$619,381

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God of God by: Caryl & Elaine Froeschle in honor of their 42nd anniversary.

Welcome New Member

This weekend in Saturday service we welcome Brian Treat into membership at St. Matthew. God's peace be with you!

Thank You

THANK YOU so much for the outpouring of love and concern surrounding the sudden passing of Darin's Mom. It is a great comfort to know we are surrounded by such a faith-filled, caring family. Thank you all for your prayers, notes and cards. That has definitely helped get our family through this. Gratefully, *Darin, Annie and Luz Femrite*

Fall Food Drive

The last food drive at St. Matthew was a HUGE success, so we are going to do it again! All food and monetary donations will be going to Lee's Summit Social Services. The FALL FOOD DRIVE will be held at church on Saturday, September 19th

from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. To abide by current safety precautions, this will be a drive-up and drop-off event. Items needed: canned meat, hearty soups/stews, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, flour, cake mixes, dish soap, and other household cleaning items. Thank you for your amazing support! *Cari Ebert, Fellowship Member-At-Large*

LWML Quarterly Society Meeting

Women of the congregation, join us on Saturday, September 19 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the St. Matthew Family Life Center. The program beginning at 9:30 will feature Pastor Otto who will discuss “Praying the Scriptures.” This practice of combining the words of the Lord with prayer leads to an enriched prayer life, spiritual growth, and a balance between form and freedom in prayer.

A brief business meeting that will include election of officers will follow the program.

Please DO NOT park in the front row closest to the church. The fall food drive will be held this same morning and it is important to allow for traffic flow as members drive up and drop off food.

Midweek and Sunday School

We are holding in-person classes for Christian education—Midweek and Sunday school. We have ample space to hold small classes in person with social distancing. Masks are required. Pastor Andrews and Pastor Otto will also work with any families that cannot come to Midweek.

Wednesday Bible Class – The Book of Titus *(In-person and online)*

Study the *Book of Titus* with Pastor Otto each Wednesday morning at 10:00. See the weekly email we send from St. Matthew—it includes a link to watch on your own device using Webex (the program we use for video conferences), and also instructions for dialing in if you prefer to listen to Bible class on your phone.

Sunday Bible Class – The Gospel of Matthew *(In-person and online)*

Study the *Gospel of Matthew* with Pastor Andrews or Pastor Otto each Sunday morning at 9:30. You can attend here in person at church, and there is no sign-up needed. If you’re at home, you can also watch online or listen on your phone. See the weekly email we send from St. Matthew—it includes a link.

New Adult Information Class

Pastor Otto will begin a new class to review the teachings of the Lutheran faith on Oct. 4. It will be held each Sunday at 9:30 here at church.

Birthdays This Week

Today: Jim Burnham, Judy Pearce Monday: Ashley Faulstich, Elaine Beaman, Elijah Cook, Katy Torres, Marsha Redman, Naomi Branson Tuesday: Charleigh Sawyer, George Stone, Jennifer Groom Wednesday: Avery Loges, Bob Borgelt, Diane Soendker Thursday: Beth Bock, David Guhr, Joan Frakes, Sue Sailors Friday: Abigail Wendte, Jim Stubbs, Katie Guhr, Linda Denker, Lydia Nicolaus Saturday: Erica Osborn, Matt Edmonds, Shelby Fuchs

Anniversaries This Week

Wednesday: Caryl & Elaine Froeschle, Kevin & Jillian Loges Thursday: Erik & Stephanie Sisel, Roger & Peg VanWagoner Friday: Carol & Kathy Garska, Donna & Steve Lacey

❖ **SERVING OTHERS** _____

Hope House Collection for September

Needs: Pre-packaged meals(Non-refrigerated) for microwave or stove top. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee’s Summit Social Services

During September we will be collecting canned fruit. Donations may be put inside the wooden cupboard next to the Sanctuary doors.