

# St. Matthew News Bulletin



February 27-28, 2021 + The Second Sunday in Lent  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church + The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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

## ❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayers of the congregation

... pray for Henry Wimsatt at the death of his mother, Dona on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
... pray for the elderly and homebound.

### Prayers for members

... for Deb Langsdale, Melanie Johnson, Braeden Schramm, Alaina Keel, Chris Cromley, Ellie Torres, Helen Pragman, Donna Underwood, Debbie Fuchs, JoAnn Davis, Kathy & Jim Alyea, Carrol McAllister.

### Prayers for family and friends

... prayers for Mary Ann Brennan (Dave Fuchs' wife), Henry & Jude Stehben (newborn twins of Cady Lennan Stehben).

### Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of February 20 & 21

Attendance: 55, 61 & 58 (174 Total) Communion: 48, 51 & 50 (149 Total) Visitors: 6, 10  
Sun. School Attendance: 13 Adults: 26  
Lent 1: 67 & 27 (Total 94) Visitors: 11  
AM Bible: 19 Midweek: 47

### Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$ 8,368 Saturday: \$ 7,067 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,726  
YTD Offering: \$161,316 YTD Expenses: \$111,588 YTD Budget: \$ 137,196  
Ash Wednesday: \$2,237

### Welcome New Member

This weekend we welcome Zachariah Rueger into membership at St. Matthew. God's peace be with you!

### Thank You

We cannot put into words how thankful we are for all of the love, support and prayers you have all offered during this difficult time. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. The emails, calls, cards, monetary gifts and most importantly the prayers have been such a blessing to our family. We cannot imagine going through something like this without the support from all of you! The prayers are working, and we are seeing God's work firsthand. Ellie is responding to the chemo and making progress toward beating the cancer. Please know, we wish that we could personally thank each and every one of you. With gratitude, *Aaron, Katy, Ellie, and Thomas.*

### Lenten and Easter Season

During the Lenten season, we offer worship services every Wednesday at 4:00 and 7:30 p.m. from Feb. 17 to Mar. 24. During Holy Week we hold one evening service on Maundy Thursday at 7, Good Friday services at 12 and 7, and Easter services will be held at 7:30 and 10:45 a.m.

### Easter Flowers

Altar Guild is purchasing 16 Lilies and 24 Spring Flowers this year for the Family Life Center for Easter. If you would like to purchase or sponsor one of these beautiful plants, please sign to do so on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Family Life Center or call the church office and let Tamy know. The cost of the lilies or springs flowers will be \$12.00 per plant. Please place your payment in the envelope below the sign-up sheet or mail it to the Altar Guild in care of the church. Checks are to be made out to "St Matthew Altar Guild". Plants may be taken home after the 10:45 Easter service.

### **Preschool Prayer Partners**

Children are writing back to their prayer partners. If you did not include a last name you will find your letter in the Preschool Mailbox outside of the preschool hall. It will have the child's name on the top left corner and recipient's name in the center. Thank you for praying for the Preschool children.

### **St. Matthew Preschool Openings**

St. Matthew Preschool is hiring for an assistant teacher and substitute teachers. Assistant Teacher is a Monday thru Friday position 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Substitute teacher positions are as needed Monday thru Friday with varying hours. Duties include but not limited to helping with lessons, class set up, and cleaning. Must be 18 years old, pass a background check, and pass peer interview. Needs to be able to lift up to 50 lbs. of wiggles and have a love of teaching and children. Experience preferred. Contact Traci Waugh-Rinehart by email [stmatthewps@gracefaithlove.org](mailto:stmatthewps@gracefaithlove.org) or call 816-524-4354

### **Lee's Summit North Food Pantry**

The Mission Board is collecting food again for Lee's Summit North families. We will continue to collect until the end of the school year, Thanks for your support. *The Mission Board*

### **Adult Bible Classes**

We currently hold multiple classes for youth and adults here in the Family Life Center. Sunday morning at 9:30 Pastor Andrews teaches the Gospel of Matthew. Wednesday morning Pastor Otto teaches the Book of Proverbs at 10:00. Wednesday evening Pastor Nicolaus teaches on Angels and Demons at 7:00. We meet in person and masks are required. Sunday 9:30 class and Wednesday 10:00 class can also be accessed online by clicking the link in our weekly email.

### **Sunday School and Midweek Classes**

Sunday morning all children meet in the Preschool Gathering Space at 9:30 for one common class. Wednesday evening at 7:00 (6:30 during Lent) we offer separate classrooms with Bible teaching for Grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and adults.

### **Birthdays This Week**

Today: Sonja Bleckinger Monday: Cooper Smith, Stephen Underwood Tuesday: Anne Beck Wednesday: James George, Kevin Brent Thursday: Elaine Froeschle, Jeanne Schmidt, Lester Brattin, Marsha Reidlinger, Tami Hull Friday: Stephanie Sisel Saturday: Joyce Wagner, Kathy Alyea, Patty Powelson, Reese Malone

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Thursday: Ricki & Mary Kreisel

## **❖ SERVING OTHERS** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hope House Collection for March**

Needs: Towels and wash cloths. Donation box is in the narthex.

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

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

### **LWML Mission Grants**

LWML Grant #19 for the 2019-2021 biennium is "Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis." The seminary offers distance learning and training so that men can be ordained to serve churches in multi-ethnic communities. This grant gives financial assistance for the training. Read more information in the March newsletter.

### **Prayer Requests**

You may request prayer from our Prayer Partners ministry in which requests are shared through email. Submit prayers requests to Carrol McAllister at [cammac2@swbell.net](mailto:cammac2@swbell.net).