

# St. Matthew News Bulletin



April 17-18, 2021 + The Third Sunday of Easter  
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 the family of Charles & Ann Lusher at the death of his mother, Jannie.
- ... pray for the family of Paul Loffredo at his death on Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was here on Friday.
- ... thank the Lord for showing us how to love unconditionally and pray that we will be able to live our lives as a testament to His love.

### Prayers for members

- ... for Cheryl Collins, JoAnn Davis, Katie Brown, Steve Homan, Dan Miller, Bev Miller, Steve Underwood, Frank Bechel, Melanie Johnson, Chris Cromley, Ellie Torres, Debbie Fuchs, Kathy & Jim Alyea, Carrol McAllister.

### Prayers for family and friends

- ... prayers for Gary Kobel, Michael Ahlemeyer, Debbie Riebesell, Evelyn Steffens, Mary Ann Brennan.

### Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of April 10 & 11

Attendance: 51, 81 & 59 (191 Total) Communion: 44, 67 & 50 (161 Total) Visitors: 11, 15  
Sun. School Attendance: 15 Adults: -  
AM Bible: 18 Midweek: 44

### Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$ 4,296 Saturday: \$ 1,592 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,726  
YTD Offering: \$277,998 YTD Expenses: \$210,333 YTD Budget: \$ 253,684  
Maundy Thursday: \$3,017  
Good Friday: \$3,207

### Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Alan & Nancy Carson in honor of Laura's birthday.

### Update: A Few More Bibles Needed for Graduating Preschoolers

Each year we involve the congregation in buying children's Bibles for our St. Matthew Preschoolers and their families. This is a special gift for those who are "graduating" from our preschool program and moving on to Kindergarten. There are still a few children whose Bibles have not been purchased. If you would like to bless them with a Bible please leave a \$11.30 donation in the black mailbox used to drop off prayer partner letters. The preschool appreciates all the love we receive from the church. Thank you for all the support.

### Volunteers Needed

Enjoy gardening? Interested in mentoring others to enjoy gardening as well? The Pro Deo Rotary Learning Garden at St. Matthew Lutheran Church is the avenue to connect what you like to do with what teens in our community need to know in the life skills area. The goal is for the 10 raised garden beds to produce a year-round schedule of harvesting dependent upon the season. From produce to flowers, the raised beds will be the focal point for the teens to create a positive change for the community, the environment and themselves.

Community volunteers who have expertise in urban gardens are needed. You will assist to ensure oversight for the care, maintenance and beautification of the garden. For more information, contact Jan Nelson, garden coordinator and Pro Deo Youth Center board member. Her email is [jannelson5@gmail.com](mailto:jannelson5@gmail.com). Her phone number is 816-590-9558. Or Joyce Martin, [martin2649@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martin2649@sbcglobal.net), 816-350-1773 a member of St. Matthew.

### **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

### **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 Living in Christ 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 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 and High School youth meet in the Youth Room at 9:30. Wednesday evening at 7:00 we offer separate classrooms with Bible teaching for Grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and adults.

### **Birthdays This Week**

Wednesday: Beth Johnson, Carla Johnson, Nicole Gemeinhardt Thursday: Ella Hayes, Marit Bredesen, Matthew Reynolds, Mike Martin, Ronald Snyder Friday: Ally Koenig Saturday: Tyler Smith

### **Anniversaries This Week**

Wednesday: Doug & Sara Horn, Jackie & Jeannette Hedberg

## **SERVING OTHERS** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hope House Collection for April**

Needs: Brooms and mops. Donation box is in the narthex.

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

During April we will be collecting dry cereal. Donations may be put inside the wooden cupboard next to the Sanctuary doors.

### **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).