

St. Matthew News Bulletin



July 24-25, 2021 + The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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 Eugene Griffel, Frances Klaustermeyer's brother-in-law, who passed away July 16th.
- . . . pray for Pastor Andrews and his family, as he considers the divine call to Faith Lutheran in Godfrey, IL.
- . . . giving thanks to the Lord for the birth of *Simeon* to Jonathan and Rebekah Eaton, the birth of *Bradyn* to Erik and Stephanie Sisel, and the birth of *Emerson* to Justin and Brittany Nagel.
- . . . pray the Lord would help us recognize the value of His gift of grace and mercy.

Prayers for members

- . . . for Ellie Torres, Mark & Deb Jones, Joyce Herrell, Matthew Denker, Frank Branson, Frank Bechel, Luz Femrite, Myrtle Hintze, Dan Miller, Janet Schaaf, Ellen Collier, Don Fletcher, Wally Schlueter.

Prayers for family and friends

- . . . Stephanie Farley, Debbie Riebesell, Steve Otto.

Note: We are including those in prayer for whom there are recent requests. If someone's name was removed and you still would like them included, please let our church secretary know. Thanks.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of July 17 & 18

Attendance: 86, 98 & 76 (260 Total) Communion: 82, 81 & 67 (230 Total)

Visitors: 7, 10

Sun. School Attendance: 3 High School: 3 Adults: 33

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$ 5,400 Saturday: \$ 2,929 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,726

YTD Offering: \$478,077 YTD Expenses: \$353,552 YTD Budget: \$ 486,325

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Ron & Kim Kanatzar in memory of Ruby & Dale Kanatzar and by Wally Schlueter in memory of his wife, Connie.

Thank You

I would like to thank Pastor Otto for his many visits and calls when my mother was ill and when she passed away. May God bless him. *Henry Wimsatt*

Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS will be held in the evenings at St. Matthew from August 1-5. Each night we'll gather from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sign up for VBS at - <https://www.myvbs.org/missionsunpacked> . The theme for the year is: Missions Unpacked, with a focus on how career missionaries are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in different cultures all around the world, and how we can do the same thing here!

Special July Voter's Meeting POSTPONED

The candidate whom we were going to recommend for our Director of Family Life position has accepted a call already to another congregation. Our call committee will continue our interview process with other candidates.

Volunteers Needed

Preschool needs some volunteers to come and rake the playground to help us determine how much rubber mulch we may need this school year. If you are willing to help, please contact Craig Elwell at ACElwell54@gmail.com or Traci Waugh-Rinehart at stmatthewps@gracefaithlove.org.

School Supplies Collection

The Mission Board is once again collecting school supplies for the Lutheran schools and preschools in our area. The lists can be found in the grocery cart. We appreciate your donations for this project. The supplies will be collected through the first week of August and delivered before classes begin.

Adult Bible Class

Sunday morning at 9:30 Pastor Otto is teaching in the Family Life Center. His topic is "Wilderness Wanderings," selected passages from Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

High School Bible Class

Jenna Avery is leading class at 9:30 in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings.

Birthdays This Week

Today: Ashley Blackburn, Bonnie Scheer, Dennis Denker, Rick Shafer Monday: Douglas Horn, Ethan Tanner Tuesday: Jason Wehmeyer, Kaylynne Smith, Lori Carson, Shelley Garrison, Sherry Marshall Wednesday: Aaron Osborn, Deb Langsdale, Don Branson, Joyce Herrell, Regena Reinsel, Vincent Otto Thursday: Heidi McKeage, Susan Jones

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Andrew & Nicole Schnakenberg Monday: Rick & Julie Lane Tuesday: Craig & Jill Koenig, Kevin & Jeanne Nixon, Philip & Marsha Reidlinger Thursday: Keith & Camie Smith Friday: Michael & Stacy Bennett, Mike & Diana Fiene

SERVING OTHERS _____

Hope House Collection for July

Needs: Shower curtains and twin waterproof mattress covers. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee's Summit Social Services

During July we will be collecting canned fruit. 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.