

St. Matthew News Bulletin



November 27-28, 2021 + First Sunday in Advent
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 that the Lord would remind us we have salvation in no one other than Him and for that we give Him thanks.

Prayers for members

. . . for Jean Dierking, Lois & Richard Freeouf, Ellie Torres, Frank Bechel, Dave Fuchs, Scott Schmidt, Mary Jane Culbertson, Jim Alyea, Jennifer Vaughan, Dorothy Branson, Pam Buckley, Darlene Coverdell, Don & Ann Wesselschmidt, Christine Cromley, Lonnie York, Luz Femrite, Wally Schlueter.

Prayers for family and friends

. . . Willie Eichmann (Carla Homan's father), Angel Lien (Melissa Schramm's friend), Eli Ransburg, Lucy Kettler, Jim Skelton, Tyler Burson, Debbie Riebesell, Stephanie Farley.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend of November 20 & 21

Attendance: 45, 100 & 85 (230 Total) Communion: 38, 78 & 75 (191 Total)

Visitors: 1, 10

Sun. School Attendance: 16 High School: Adults: 44

John Knox: 8 Midweek: - AM Bible Study: -

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Sunday Offering: \$ 5,484 Saturday: \$ 3,166 Needed Weekly: \$ 16,726

YTD Offering: \$750,281 YTD Expenses: \$579,730 YTD Budget: \$ 782,798

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Ron & Kim Kanatzer in honor of Thanksgiving.

Christmas Poinsettias

Altar Guild has purchased Poinsettias to decorate the Family Life Center for the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase or sponsor one of these beautiful plants, please sign up on the poster in the entrance to the FLC. Cost of the poinsettias is \$10.00 per plant. Please pay any Altar Guild member or place your payment in the envelope below the poster. You may take your plant home after Christmas Day worship service.

Wednesday Advent Services

We will hold Advent services each Wednesday in December at **4:00 and 6:00 p.m.** Dinners are served each week between these services. Our youth are raising funds for their trips in 2022 to the National Youth Gathering and Higher Things. We will hold these Midweek services and dinners Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Christmas Services

This year we will again hold three Candlelight services at on Christmas Eve : **3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m.** These are non-communion services, since we need time between services for cars to leave and others to arrive. Please bring

visitors and family... they are welcome! We gather for worship again on Christmas Day with Holy Communion at **9:00 a.m.** This service is a different order of worship and a new sermon, unique from our Christmas Eve gathering.

Women's Christmas Vespers, Dinner and Party

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, St. Matthew Family Life Center. All women of the congregation are invited and are welcome to bring a girlfriend, mother, or daughter of any age. No RSVP is necessary. Vespers at 4:00 will be followed with dinner and singing by Kathryn Nicolaus and Elizabeth McClain.

LS North High School Food Pantry Items

We are once again collecting food items for Lee's Summit North students. The food is given to students in small bags, so please purchase smaller sized items and place them in the shopping cart in the lobby.

Bible Class & Sunday School

Sunday - Pastor Andrews leads Bible class in the Family Life Center at 9:30. *The Book of Genesis.*

Sunday High School - Elisabeth White leads class in the Youth Room at 9:30. *Enduring Faith.*

Sunday School - Preschool children w/ Hannah Andrews, K-2 w/ Elizabeth McClain, 3-5th w/Sara Nicolaus, Nate Bain or Annie Femrite.

Birthdays Last Week

Today: Christopher Domsch, Helen Pragman Monday: Chloe McKeage, Hunter Schnell, Michael Bennett

Tuesday: Roy Lietzau, Steven Price Thursday: Ann Wesselschmidt, Chuck Bern, Leah Kunard, Lily Johnson, Lois Freeouf Friday: Brett Randol

Anniversaries Last Week

Friday: Timothy & Kelle Johnson Saturday: Doug & Marsha Redman

Birthdays This Week

Today: Lindsay Nielsen Monday: Seth Romi, Zach Jones Tuesday: Bradley Marshall, Gary Kapperman, Jean

Dierking, Seth Hammack Wednesday: Benjamin Denker, Chris Cromley, M. Harrison Fiene, Hollie Sheets,

JoAnn Davis Thursday: Brett Johnson, Kelsey Alyea Friday: Deborah Hauser, John Herkamp, Keith Smith

Saturday: Benjamin Powelson, Carter Loftis-Koenig, Jerry Balls

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Don & Ann Wesselschmidt Monday: Mike & Joyce Martin Thursday: Daniel & Cynthia Miller

Saturday: Joyce & Darrell Kunard

SERVING OTHERS _____

Hope House Collection for November

Needs: Socks, underwear and slippers/flip-flops for both genders and all ages. Donation box is in the narthex.

Lee's Summit Social Services

During November we will be collecting dry pasta. 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.