

St. Matthew News Bulletin



March 23-24, 2024 + The Sunday of the Passion
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 Orval Dehning at his death on March 12th.
- . . . pray for the family of Dennis & Chris Cromley at the death of their son, Aaron on March 12th.
- . . . thank the Lord that He had a plan to redeem us.

Prayers for members

- . . . for Nancy Carson, Chris Cromley, Carol Sanders, Mark Jones, Richard Freeouf.
- If anyone needs to be added please contact the church office at secretary@gracefaithlove.org*

Prayers for family and friends

- . . . Alaina Keel.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend March 16-17, 2024

Attendance: 68, 106 & 91 (Total 265) Communion: 62, 87 & 77 (Total 226) Visitors: 9, 8
Sun. School Attendance: 33 High School: 2
AM Bible Study: 12 Midweek: 60 John Knox Bible Study: 18
Lent 5: 81 & 63 (Total 144)

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weekend Offering: \$ 4,995 Needed Weekly: \$ 19,111
YTD Offering: \$ 232,704 YTD Expenses: \$ 222,228 YTD Budget: \$ 255,584

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: The Schmidt children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Bert Schmidt in honor of her 97th birthday and by Roy and Jan Lietzau in honor of their 69th anniversary.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Choice Dollars are available to Thrivent members who have certain investment or insurance products offered by Thrivent. As a fraternal insurance company, Thrivent periodically makes available Choice Dollars for many of its members to contribute to organizations such as St. Matthew Lutheran Church and the St. Matthew Preschool. The deadline for members to designate any remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2024.

There are two easy ways for you to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars. You may phone 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. You will then be assisted in designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Or you can go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and make your designation online.

Ladies Tea Party

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a High Tea on Saturday, April 13th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tea sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, and mini desserts will be served, along with an assortment of teas. More info to come. Call or text Heidi Tanner to sign up at 816-377-0544, or sign up in the Narthex. Please sign up by April 7th. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – Mar. 28 at 7:00 p.m. only

Good Friday – Mar. 29 at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.

No Saturday night service on Mar. 30th.

Easter Sunday – Mar. 31 at 7:30 and 10:45 a.m. We serve Easter breakfast in between services.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Grades 3-5, Grades K-2 and Babies through Preschool age meet in the Education wing.

Middle School, high school, and adults meet in the Family Life Center.

Birthdays This Week

Today: Aaron Wedel, Dale Kobel, Linda Steffens, Mallory Kammeyer Monday: August Lorei, Bert Schmidt, Chris Reynolds, Finn Berning, Kennedy Smith Tuesday: Carol Cook, Diane Wright, Mark Jones, Mason King Wednesday: Amy Johnson, Rodney Brown Thursday: Alex Pearce, Jennifer Stankevicius, Rhonda Enke, Susan Velasquez Friday: Hailey McCommon, Teresa Wedel Saturday: Lauren McKinzie, Max Timms, Tara Cowan

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Jim & Pat Rath, Joshua & Lindsey Boeckmann Monday: Corey & Teresa Wedel

SERVING OTHERS _____

Hope House Collection for March

They have a need for beach towels. 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.

Prayer Request

You may request prayer from our Prayer Partners ministry in which requests are shared through email. Submit prayer requests to Carrol McAllister at cammac2@swbell.net or call her at (816)763-4535.

