

St. Matthew News Bulletin



July 19-20, 2025 + The Sixth 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 Sandy Elwell at the death of her mother, Geraldine Hartwig on July 9th.
- . . . pray for the family of Vanessa Buhrmester who died July 7, 2025.
- . . . pray for Luz Femrite and Harly Schank, who were married here at St. Matthew last Sunday.

Prayers for members

- . . . for Doug Redman, Bonnie Stair, Marsha Redman, Marilyn Knabach, Chris Cromley,
Deaconess Sarah Longmire, Tina Childers, Donna Underwood, Elda Dehning, Joyce Paulsen, Jan Borgelt.
- If anyone needs to be added please contact the church office at secretary@gracefaithlove.org*

Prayers for family and friends

- . . . Steve Otto, Gary Pratt, Max Johnson, Mike Hoyle, Jeff Kunkel, Lawrence Dubbert, Sharon Snell,
Peggy Smith, Zach Steffens, Kathy Bredehoeft, Julie Treacy, Marney Koenig.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend July 12-13, 2025

Attendance: 70, 120 & 101 (Total 291)
Communion: 65, 86 & 78 (Total 229) Visitors: 2, 25

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weekend Offering: \$ 23,463 Needed Weekly: \$ 21,112
YTD Total Income: \$594,034 YTD Expenses: 550,803 YTD Budget: \$ 626,283

Today

Pastor Otto is preaching today at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Raymore, MO. It is a “sister congregation” in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and part of our Kansas City South circuit. Their regular pastor, Rev. Matthew Priem, is out of town so Pastor is filling in by leading their Sunday services and teaching Bible class.

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Floyd & Jo Engel in honor of their 62nd anniversary.

Baptism

We give thanks for the Baptism of Nickolas Dean Young, son of Dylan & Kaysie Young in our Early worship this morning. Sponsors for Nickolas are Jonathan & Rebekah Eaton. May Nickolas grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You

Thank you for helping ensure that Hope House has the resources to assist domestic violence survivors on their journey to a place of healing and safety. Your gift of paper goods and personal items on 6/4/25 will truly make a difference. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and support! Kind regards, *MaryAnne Metheny*, CEO

Thank You

Thank you for lifting up the bright light of Jesus for others to see. I am so deeply thankful to God that He chose you to supply what the work of the LCMS requires. You are doing just that through the gift of \$4,000 for tornado response. Thank you. Sub cruce, *Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, President, LCMS*

Guest preachers at St. Matthew for the next three weeks

We don't often have guest preachers, but we have lined up three weeks in a row for our congregation to hear from pastors who serve faithfully in their mission field. Each will preach at all services and present at Sunday Bible class. It will be a good experience for us to learn at their feet. They are all LCMS pastors and will assist our pastors with distribution of Holy Communion.

July 26-27 we hear from Rev. Harrison Goodman, engaged with reaching young people with God's Word through Higher Things educational ministry.

Aug. 2-3 we hear from Rev. Todd Biermann, director of Concordia Center for the Family, about sharing the faith within our families.

Aug. 9-10 we hear from Rev. Ross Shaver, who will share about serving as a missionary in the Dominican Republic.

It will be good to hear the Gospel from their perspective, and to see in person those organizations and missionaries whom we support as a congregation. – *Pastor Otto*

Return Baby Bottles

Please return any baby bottles you may still have for Resource Health to the church office so we can get them back to Resource Health. Thank you for your participation in this event.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Board of Directors is interested in displaying photos of new members in the Narthex. We are looking for someone willing to coordinate this effort. It would involve obtaining photographs and displaying them either physically on a board in the Narthex or digitally on the Narthex TV screen. If you are interested, please contact Caryl Froeschle or Pastor Otto.

Collecting School Supplies for Calvary Lutheran School

We will be collecting school supplies for Calvary Lutheran during the months of June and July. There is a poster in the narthex with a list of the supplies being collected. Thanks for your support.

Birthdays This Week

Today: LeAnn Fletcher Monday: Carol Moses, Cristie Bruening Wednesday: Karen Mitchell

Thursday: Lonnie York, Neysa Kurlle Friday: Ashley Blackburn, Rick Shafer

Saturday: Douglas J. Horn, Ethan Tanner

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Floyd & Jo Engel, Rex & Eunice Brown Tuesday: Allen & Marilyn Stelljes

Thursday: Michael & Kimberly Bodenstab Saturday: Rick & Julie Lane

SERVING OTHERS _____

Hope House Collection for July

We will collect baby wipes, anti-itch cream and baby powder. 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.