

St. Matthew News Bulletin



Aug. 2-3, 2025 + The Eighth 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 President Hagan as he recovers from his recent stroke while attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and that he is able to return to his position at the MO District soon. Also keep his family in your prayers as well!
- . . . pray for the family of Paula Meier, our bell choir director, at the death of her sister, Barbara on July 29th.

Prayers for members

- . . . for Marjorie Morse, Bonnie Stair, 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

- . . . Jeff Kunkel, Peggy Smith, Zach Steffens, Kathy Bredehoeft, Julie Treacy.

Worship & Christian Education – Weekend July 26-27, 2025

Attendance: 72, 96 & 61 (Total 229)

Communion: 73, 80 & 50 (Total 203) Visitors: 4, 10

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weekend Offering: \$ 4,987 Needed Weekly: \$ 21,112

YTD Total Income: \$604,895 YTD Expenses: 564,553 YTD Budget: \$ 626,283

Flowers

Flowers that grace the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: Chris Cromley in memory of their son, Aaron and by Ed & Conni Burks in honor of their 51st anniversary and by Jan Cowan in memory of her husband and brother.

Classics

Our Classics gathering in July had a wonderful meal of salads, side dishes and desserts along with our Barbecue main course. Many thanks to all who provided this great food and fellowship. For our August gathering, Shirley Mattis will be our Lead Host. She, along with several of our regular attendees, will bring all the fixings for our main course of Tacos. As you are able, others attending are invited to bring a salad or dessert. Along with this delightful food and fellowship, we'll be having some beautiful piano and vocal music provided by Denise Edwards, Shirley Mattis's sister. Please come and join us for what promises to be a most enjoyable time on **Thursday, August 7 at 11:30 in the Family Life Center.**

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.

Guest preachers at St. Matthew for the next two weeks

Each guest preacher 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 LCMS pastors and will assist our pastors with distribution of Holy Communion. 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*



Birthdays This Week

Today: Peggy Ohrenberg Monday: Floyd Engel, Lauren Chambers, Steven Guhr

Tuesday: Darren Garrison

Thursday: Dawn Sanders, Joyce Lassiter

Friday: Sharon Scarcello

Saturday: Katie Schowengerdt, Peyton Neal, Zeke Nicolaus

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Ed & Conni Burks

Wednesday: Brian & Katie Schowengerdt, Jason & Emily Stuhrenberg

Saturday: Donald & Angi Block, George & Wilma Stone

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.

