3rd Sunday After the Epiphany — January 22, 2023

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

TODAY . . . . . Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following worship; Sunday School following Worship;
MONDAY. . . . . Bible Class **10:00 AM**
TUESDAY . . . . . Catechism/Bible Class **9:00 AM**
SUNDAY . . . . . Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**
Bible Class following Worship; Sunday School **10:15-11:30 AM**

This morning we welcome, Vicar Jason Kohm. We pray the Holy Spirit's power and blessings on his leadership and his message from God's Word to us today.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: $ 2,770.00 (Jan. 16)

Together in Worship: Jan. 16 (53)

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!

Stewardship thought: **Matthew 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him."** Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"Hopelessly Hopeful"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. (Colossians 1:27)

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

About the Cover: The stark light of Epiphany cuts through the darkness to show us our Savior. Paradoxically, the darkness of Good Friday is but a shadow cast by the life-giving words of our Lord from His cross. Out of God's love for His people stumbling in the darkness of sin, He has given the light of salvation in His radiant love.

Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. <u>If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher.</u> Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items with you, to keep our pews tidy.

The quarterly meeting will be held on January 29. Please Mark your calendars. All committees are reminded to turn in their reports (October - December) to the office, in order to be placed in the Voters' Agenda.
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come and join us for coffee as we explore God's Word together. We are looking at the book of Isaiah. It's a great opportunity to search the Scriptures "so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:4 NIV). There's a good seat waiting for you.

Chili for Chile - Open to the Public - help spread the word!
February 5, serving from 3 - 6:30 PM

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
February 12, following worship
(Free will donation towards Voter approved parsonage and cement work)

Valentines day is approaching quickly, and Hospice is in need of cookie bakers, packagers and deliverers. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please call the Hospice Office and ask for Carrie or Vicky or email ckoch@smcnd.org, and we will get back to you with the details. Thank you!

An Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will be meeting the last Tuesday of every month starting in January at the Hazen Senior Center from 2-3pm. If you would like more info, contact Jen Will at 748-7380 or jwill@coalcountryhealth.com

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post / Judy Fitzgerald / Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Emily Zietz / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Nicole (Kilber) Teske / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Marcella Knoell / Rev. Tom Eckstein / Dave Fitzgerald / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Rev. Allan Eppen / Rodney Wagner / Elmer Schiermeister / Layton Bornemann / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Betty / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter** for strength and healing.
- † **Erna / Bea / Dallas & Monica / Orlene / Loretta / Christine / Vi** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic**
- † **International Missions of the District**
- † **Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement**, and **Rescue Workers**

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347

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Worship
Service
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
& Bible Study
10:15 a.m.

Hear our
Sunday Morning
Service *live*
each Sunday on
KDKT 1410 AM
9:00 a.m.
or from coast-to-coast
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The people
who walked
in darkness
have seen
a great light

Isaiah 9:2