

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 Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Christmas Program Practice **10:15 - 11:30 AM**; Christmas Eve Hymn Sing **6:30 PM**; Children’s Christmas Eve Program **7:00 PM**
- MONDAY Christmas Day Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; No Bible Class
- TUESDAY No Bible/Catechism Study
- WEDNESDAY No Confirmation Class
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship



This week the business office will be open Wednesday and Thursday.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 5,0566.25(December 17)

Faith Comes by Faith \$100

Together in Worship: 52 (Dec. 17)

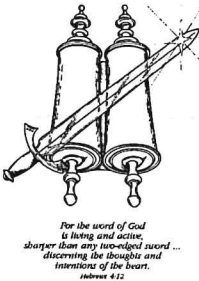
Please consider this information in the light of God’s Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!

Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord’s work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**The Exit from Regret**". Presented by guest speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. When life becomes an endless roundabout of regret, Christ is your entrance to forgiveness and a new start. (Luke 2:27-28)

Stewardship thought: 2 Samuel 7:4–5 – “But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God’s kingdom.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Continue enjoying the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUO Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!

About the Cover: From heaven to earth, Gabriel came bearing the news of the Christ Child. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is God and man in one. He is where heaven and earth meet, bringing abundant blessing, peace, and joy in His presence. Likewise, the Lord is with us, bringing heaven and earth together at the Lord’s Supper, where His very body and blood is given and shed for us.



Please tear out the used page in the “Record of Fellowship” and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.



Did you know that you can order Literature from the Lutheran Braille/Large Print Workers. A Catalog is located in the Narthex tract rack. A New Mustard Seed Devotions, The Joy of Being, is now available in Large Print.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the Advent Season you may do so by adding **\$7.00** to your offering envelope. Place a note in your envelope to reflect your purchase and if you would like it in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia on your own, the Enhancement Committee would like to say, thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Thank you to everyone who has shared their lovely flowers all year long!! *The Enhancement Committee*



Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / JoAnn Crabtree**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes** for strength and healing.
- † **Dallas / Orlene / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Marcella / Edwin / Layton** 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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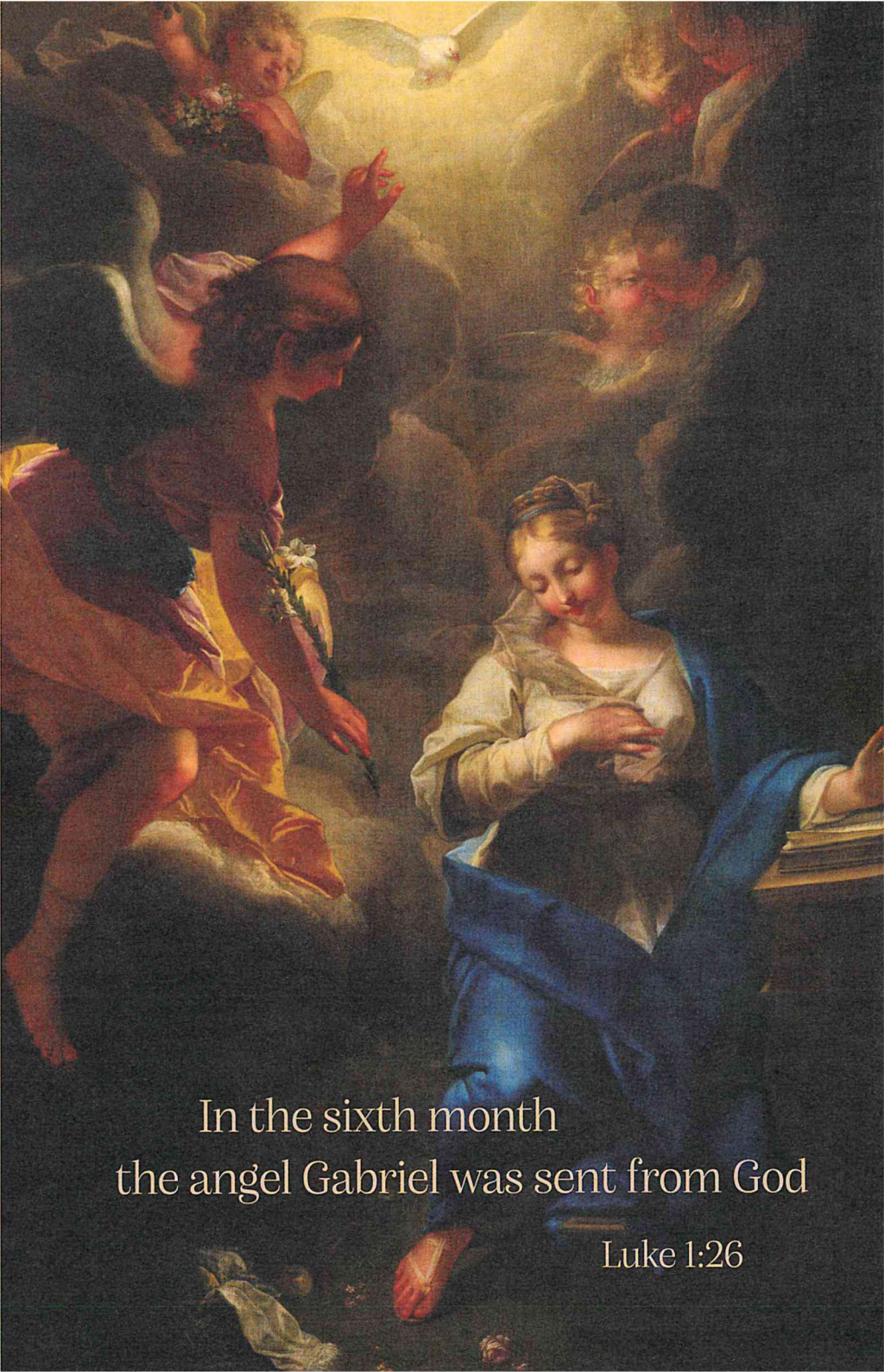
Pastor’s Study:
748-5561

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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In the sixth month
the angel Gabriel was sent from God
Luke 1:26