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;

Sunday School 10:15 -11:30 AM

MONDAY.... Bible Class 10:00 AM

TUESDAY . . . . Bible/Catechism Study 9:00 AM; Worship at KRCC 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY. Devotions/Communion at Sr. Suites 12:30 PM; Quilting 1:00 PM;

Confirmation Class 4:00 PM

THURSDAY... Quilting 1:00 PM

SUNDAY. Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Voters' Meeting following

Worship; Sunday School 10:15 -11:30 AM



This week the business office will be open Monday and Tuesday.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$4,402.39 (January 8) Together in Worship: 56 (Dec. 31)

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 Battleground of Forgiveness". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup! (Psalm 32:1)

Stewardship thought: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - "You are not your own, for you ( were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.





CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Continue studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Ephesians and begin Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel (weekdays at 10:00 a.m.

CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

About the Cover: Though "the word of the LORD was rare in those days" (1 Samuel 3:1), the startling call of Samuel in the middle of the night shows that the Lord will not remain silent forever. He will speak. In Christ Jesus, He has spoken definitively in "these last days" (Hebrews 1:2). If we need to hear the Lord speak today, we need only turn to the places where He has promised to do so: His Word and Sacraments.



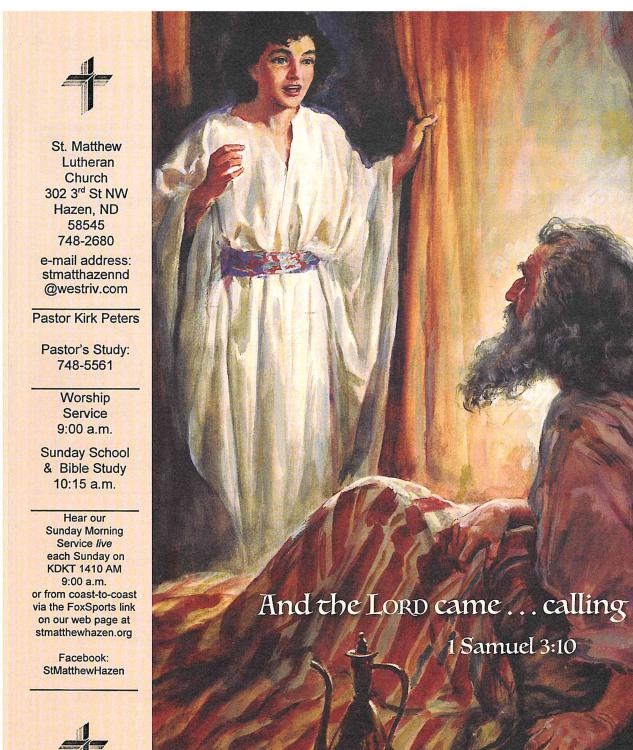
Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the <u>Usher.</u> Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.

What's happening in Sunday School: This week, we study "A Jail Bail." King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of the prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held next Sunday, January 21. All committees are asked to turn in reports by Tuesday. Please help the secretary by turning in a report making it easier for minute taking. Items on the Agenda include: year end reports, Endowment update.

## 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 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



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

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