

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**; Sunday School and Bible Class Following Worship **10:15 -11:30 AM**
- MONDAY **Final** Children's Christmas Program Practice **10:00 AM**; No Bible Class
- TUESDAY No Bible Class
- WEDNESDAY . . Christmas Day Worship **9:00 AM**; No Confirmation
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Sunday School and Bible Class Following Worship **10:15 -11:30 AM**



The Business Office will be open Monday and Thursday.

Together in Worship:

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 or in the pew.



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.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**No Getting Better Than This**". Presented by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. The Good Life--what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. (Colossians 3:12-17)



About the Cover: The Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were always given in order to point forward to Christ. Christ has come to fulfill the Law, not merely with the outward observance of sacrifices and offerings, but with His whole body. For Christ has accomplished what we could never do. By taking on human flesh, He has redeemed and sanctified us, going all the way to the cross. He has become the one-time and eternal sacrifice for us.



Building Healthy Families: What do you do in your home to keep your family focused on the true meaning of Christmas? Time spent together without technology, taking turns reading aloud the "original" Christmas story from Luke 2 is one great idea. Praying together is another. Perhaps at Christmas dinner, invite your family to read a Christmas song as a prayer before the meal, with each member given a verse to share. The text from Martin Luther's "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (Lutheran Service Book #358) would be a beautiful family prayer. A blessed, peaceful and joyful celebration of Jesus' this Christmas to you and yours from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org



“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program “This Is the Life”. Tune in at 10:00 AM on KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or Midco – Channel 608.

Stewardship Thought: Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the Advent Season you may do so by adding **\$10.00** 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 / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm**
- † **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 / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Diann Müller / Carla Morast** for strength and healing.
- † **Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads**
- † **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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Service live
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