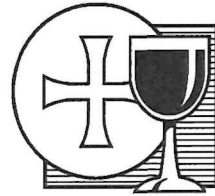


The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

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 1:30 PM**; Special Voters Meeting following worship; Sunday School after Worship
 WEDNESDAY Advent Supper 6 PM & Advent Worship 7 PM.; Confirmation at St. Matthew
 SUNDAY **Communion Worship Service 1:30 PM**; Coffee Time; Bible Class following worship; Sunday School after Worship; Program Practice 2:45 - 3:30 pm

If you need Pastoral care, you may call Pastor Heide at:

Cell: 701-300-4249 (cell coverage is not the best in Hannover) Church: 701-794-8705

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"Everybody Is Somebody"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God sends His people—the Church—to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. Romans 1:7



Advent Supper- Wednesday. Soups, Sandwiches and Desserts. If you can, please help by bringing a dessert.



Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ \$ 10,229.03 (12-7)

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 13.00

Parsonage remodel/repair: \$ 500.00

Together in Worship: 39(12-7) 12-10 (24 attended at St. Peters, Hannover)

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.

About the Cover: Jesus responded to John's question concerning His identity by pointing to the scriptural prophecies in Isaiah. "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them" (Matthew 11:5). When we have questions, the Lord wants us to go back to His sure Word. His Word alone brings faith in Him and reminds us of the forgiveness of sins and salvation that He accomplished for us through His death on the cross and resurrection.



Today, you'll notice that the pink (technically rose) candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. What is this rose candle? In the one-year lectionary, each Sunday in Advent has a fancy Latin name that comes from the first word in the Introit. Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is called Gaudete, meaning rejoice. Most congregations don't have these paraments, but the color for the day is the color associated with rejoicing: rose. So, the rose candle is lit today because the color for the Third Sunday in Advent is rose. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. We're continuing our series, "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week, we'll be studying 1 Thessalonians 5-2 Thessalonians 2. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series, "Prophecy and Fulfillment, looking at Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Christ in the New. On the Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT), we have some fun things to share, including a new learning opportunity through Concordia Nebraska, and an update from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!



Stewardship thought: Matthew 11:10 – “This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.



The Voters decided at the Special Meeting, held last Sunday, to move forward with The Call process and not to pursue the Tri-Parish at this time. While we move forward with our Call please keep in your prayers the two congregations that approached us for this endeavor.

In keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Thanksgiving offering of \$595.00, will be given to Marlene’s Food Pantry of Hazen. This donation will help continue to bless those beyond our Thanksgiving Dinner.



The offering Box will be phased out after today. The offering plate will be the back in use starting Wednesday, December 17.

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post / Beth Wangler / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / Eleanore Krumm**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Dawn Phillips / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Jason Fischer / Larry & Karen Wiesz / Dave Grant** for strength and healing.
- † **Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Delmer / Stan / Olga / Esther / Emma / Caroline** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Centers/ 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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Worship
Service
1:30 P.M.

Sunday School,
Coffee gathering,
Bible Study
following worship

Hear the
Sunday Morning
Service
each Sunday on
KDKT 1410 AM
9:00 a.m.
or from coast-to-coast
via the FoxSports link
on our web page at
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Live on Facebook:
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Are You the one who is to come?

MATTHEW 11:3



Christine Albers is regifting her collection of Angels to the congregation. Stop in the Fellowship Hall and help yourself to one.



Do you see what I see?? The sanctuary Christmas Tree has new Christmons on it. What is a Christmon? Check out the book **The Christian Christmas Tree** located on the side table by the cozy chairs in the fellowship hall.



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*



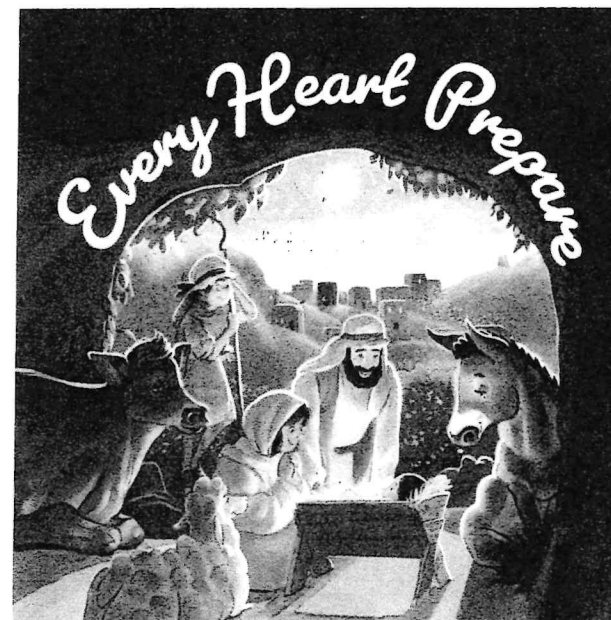
Tithes The Advent Season has arrived, during the vacancy our normal service times and places have changed. You are encouraged to put your Advent Offering envelope in the drop box on any Sunday, so that we may continue God's ongoing work at St. Matthew.

In case you missed the announcement in the bulletin..... The Offering Box in the Narthex, will be phased out after today. The Offering Plate will be back in use, starting Wednesday, December 17.

Church Services and the weather:



The radio stations KDKT (873-2215) in Beulah and KFYZ (1-800-228-0550) will be called to carry notification of the cancellation of worship service. St. Matthew Facebook page will also list the cancellation. You are encouraged pick up the phone and call those who you think may not hear or see the messages. Let's all help our St. Matthew family stay safe and warm during this winter season. Listen to the radio (KDKT) to hear a previous worship service at 9:00 am.



Help Needed!

We need your help with the Christmas Eve Service!
There are 10 readings remaining for someone to read from the lectern.

Would you like a part?

Please talk with Marie Johnson if you are interested.
701-220-6386 or mjohnson@heidivision.com

Christmas Eve Service Practices will be held
December 14 and 21 after worship (2:45-3:30 pm)
December 22 and 24 at 10 am until we are done.

***Adult participants will need to attend at least one practice

Christmas Eve Service begins with a hymn sing at 6:30pm and the service at 7pm on December 24th.