

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; Coffee Time; Bible Class following worship; Sunday School after Worship; Program Practice 2:45 - 3:30 pm

WEDNESDAY . Hymn Sing 6:30 PM; Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 PM with Pastor Voss

THURSDAY . . . Christmas Day Worship Service 9:00 AM with Pastor Voss

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



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.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"Get Ready for the Best"**. Presented by guest speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros. Christ will return—maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year. Luke 12:36-37



Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ \$ 2,330.00 (12-14)

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 51.00

Together in Worship: 50(12-14) 66 (12-17)

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!

About the Cover: The loving gaze of a mother upon her child is a special thing. When



Mary looked into the eyes of her newborn, she was looking into the eyes of God, and He was looking back at her. Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God with us." He looks upon us with His infinite and never-ending love. He poured out His love on the cross in order to forgive our sins and have us forever.

As Advent unfolds to Christmas this week, I pray God's peace be with you and your family. In this child, born of Mary, who lies sweetly reposed in the manger, is our God who has come to us as one of us. His birth, of whom the angels sing, is God working salvation for you as our Lord exchanges the wood of the manger for the wood of the cross. As you hear Luke's account of Christ's birth on Christmas Eve and John's prologue on Christmas Day, remember that this gift of Christ and the forgiveness and salvation that he accomplishes is for you. - Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President



KFUE 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. Merry Christmas! On Thursday, December 25th at 10 a.m. CT, Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO will broadcast their Christmas Day service live on KFUE. But the celebration doesn't stop there! Join us as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior during the 12 Days of Christmas! Tune in December 24th-January 6th for special programming and beautiful sacred music in honor of the season!



Pastor Dennis Voss



Christmas Eve

Hymn sing **6:30 PM**, Christmas Eve Worship Service **7:00 PM**

Christmas Day

Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**

Stewardship thought: Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding, because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus’ own generous love.



Building Healthy Families: “Children are a gift from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3 For over 124 years, Lutheran Family Service has connected children to parents through adoption and still serves families through this and a multitude of other ways, all consistent with the teachings of the LCMS church and without the interference of being tied to government funding. In thanksgiving to God for an important child or grandchild He has put in your life, celebrate the blessing of family with us this Christmas by making a gift in their honor or memory. Your gift in their honor will help a child, teen, or family in need of support this year. It’s easy and you can do it right now from your smart phone by VENMO to @LutheranFamilyService, make your gift online at the “donate” tab on our website, or send your gift by mail to LFS/Admin Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. On behalf of those we serve, we thank God for your partnership and generosity! www.LutheranFamilyService.org



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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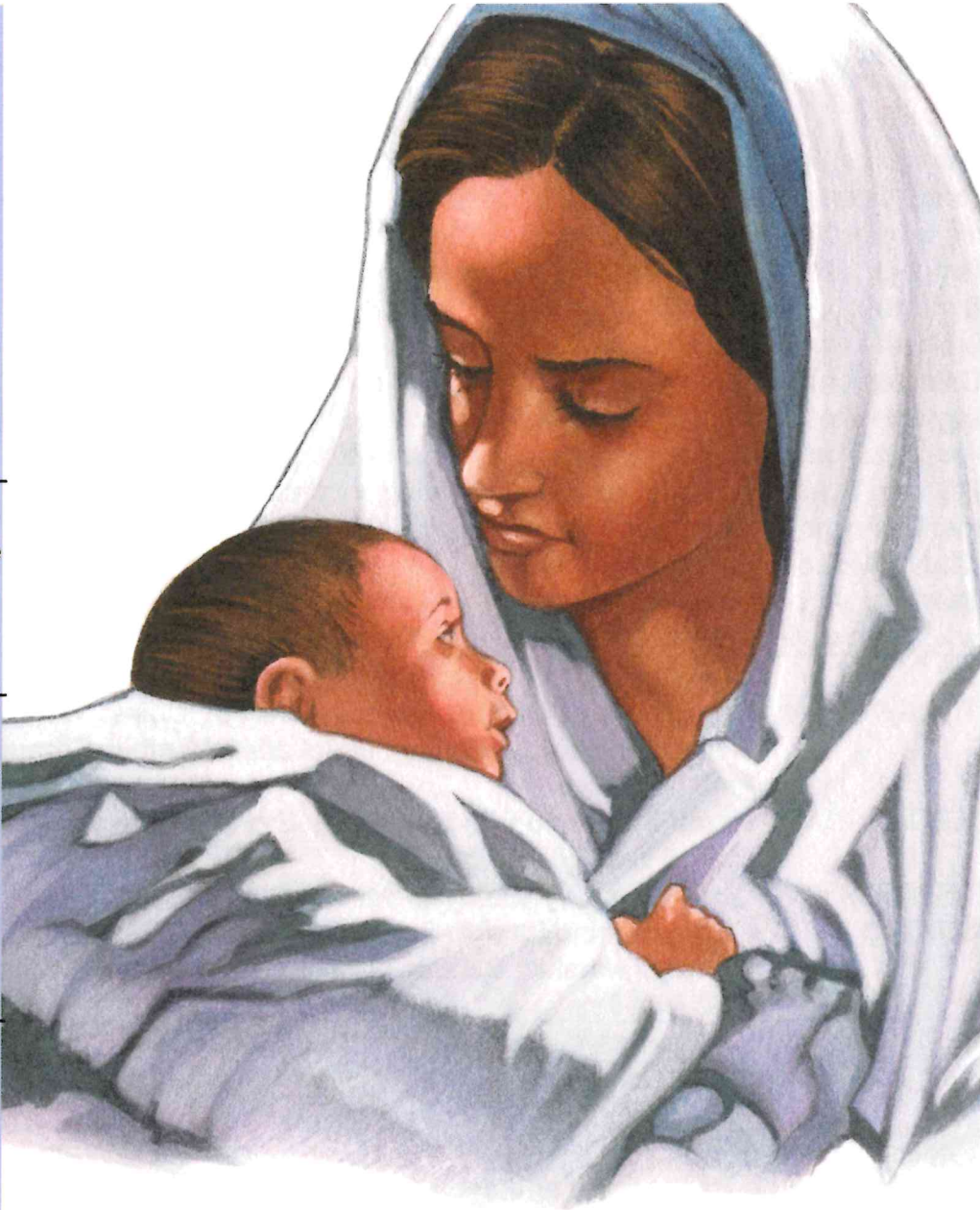
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Worship
Service
1:30 P.M.

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
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They shall call His name
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