

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 Hannover - Meet the bus at 5:15 pm - leaving at 5:30 pm - Advent Pot-Blessing Supper 6 PM & Advent Worship 7 PM.; Confirmation at Hannover
- THURSDAY Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Bible Class in Hannover 7:00 PM
- 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 **"Pictures of Patience"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)



Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 595.00 (Thanksgiving offering)
Together in Worship: 32 (11-27) 49 (11-30) 12-3 (25 attended at Zion, New Salem)

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: From his clothing to his diet, John certainly stood out as his voice echoed in the wilderness. However, John's voice did not stand out because of him. His call to repent was all about preparing the way for Christ, the standalone Savior of the world. For Christ alone is the one who has taken all of our sins upon Himself and atoned for them on the cross.

Advent is a season of preparation. It's a penitential season, thus the *Gloria in Excelsis* has gone silent until we sing it with all the more gusto with the angels at Christmas. Thus, before we rush up to Christmas, we prepare as Christians have always prepared for Christ's coming: repentance. The word Advent means *coming*, and that's what we prepare our hearts for - the Lord's coming. As Advent continues to unfold before us, we'll hear how He came, how He still comes, and how He will come again on the Last Day. -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 are 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 3-5. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin a new series for the time of Advent. "Prophecy and Fulfillment" will take us through Old Testament prophecy and New Testament fulfillment, tracing God's promises from Isaiah to the birth of Christ. On Concord Matters this Saturday (12/13 at 10 a.m. CT), we'll be discussing the 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!





Stewardship thought: Romans 15:5 – May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that, how can we not be thankful?

Following worship today, please plan on attending the Special Voters Meeting to discuss and vote on the tri-parish. Please bring your questions and your thoughts.

In accordance with our Constitution. Article VIII Section E. : A meeting shall be a valid and legal meeting, capable of transacting business by the voting members of the congregation in attendance; by failing to attend, the member waives his right of casting his vote during such meeting. He shall, however, be permitted to send his vote in writing when the matter to be disposed of is known beforehand.

The minutes from the November 8 meeting, that was attended by members of all the churches, are posted on the Narthex bulletin board.



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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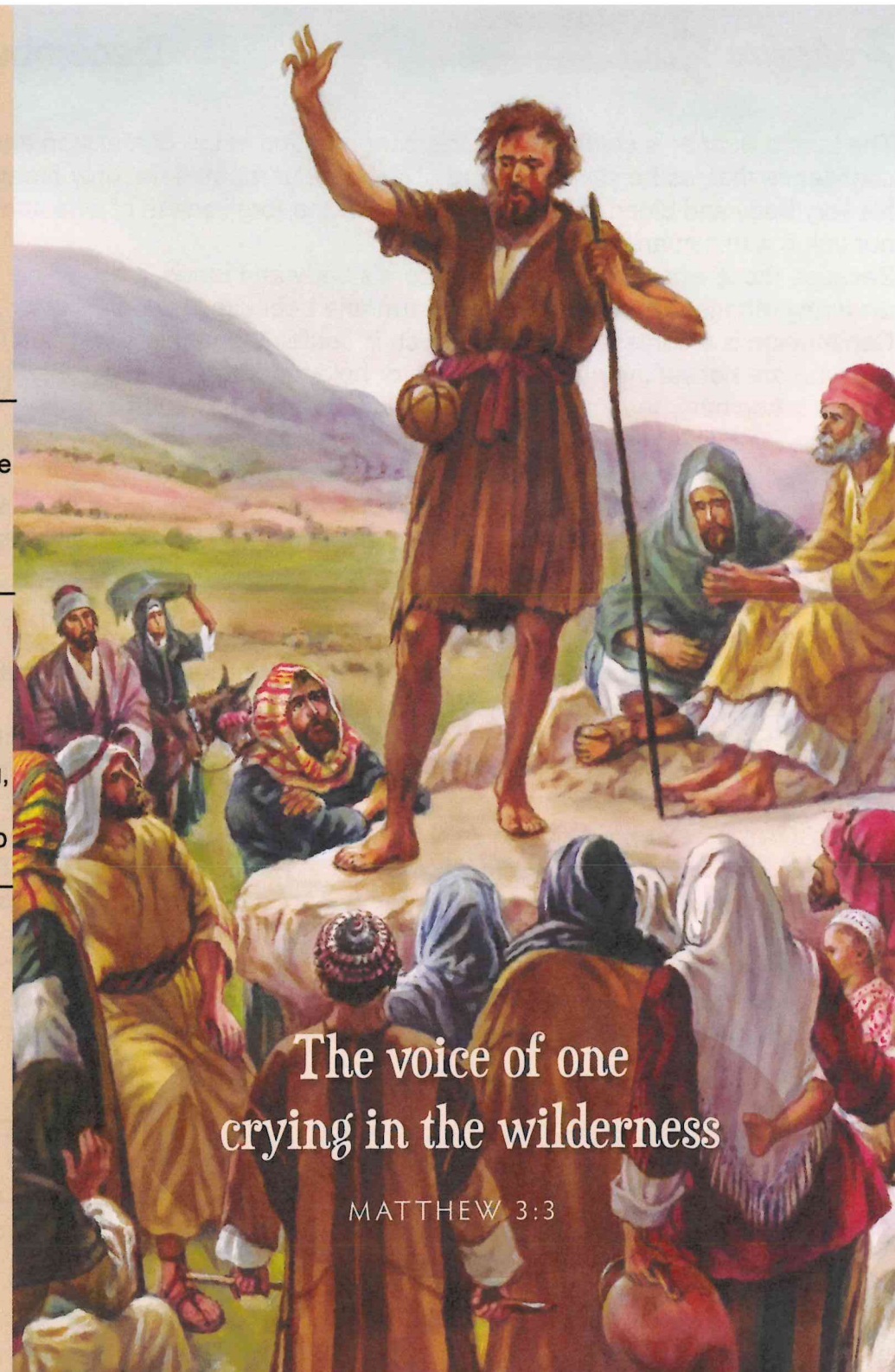
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Worship
Service
1:30 P.M.

Sunday School,
Coffee gathering,
Bible Study
following worship

Hear the
Sunday Morning
Service
each Sunday on
KDKT 1410 AM
9:00 a.m.

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The voice of one
crying in the wilderness

MATTHEW 3:3