



## YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

### It's Coming – Youth Trivia Nights

Plans are being made for the annual Youth's Trivia Night. Date and time will be announced very soon, but you can start working on a team, or plan to come and join a team. Proceeds goes to Youth Ministry at St Matthew. Questions contact Greg.

### Youth Bible Study is BACK! at 9:45

Come to the youth room for a Bible study on topics that you would like to study. Greg Mueller-DCE will be leading the discussion, so let him know if you have any suggestions for topics/studies. Rumors are that donuts will be available.

### Confirmation class resumes weekly through February 27, 2019.

**NOTE: New start time will be 6:15 p.m.**

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY FEB 24

Right after church on Sunday, Feb 24 we are going to Closet to Closet to give them a hand. We will be done by 3:00pm and back to church around 3:30pm. Plan is to pick up a quick lunch on our way to Closet to Closet. For more details talk to Greg or Melissa Henniges.

### 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering July 11-15 in Minneapolis MN

If you will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (2018 2019) this year and older you will be able to attend. This event usually will have 20,000 - 25,000 students from around the world. This is often called a "once in a life time" event. Questions talk to Greg.

**If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.**

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Saturday 5:30 65

Sunday 11:00 54

Sunday School 16

Bible Study 21

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### Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 16 and 17, 2019

#### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE

We pray that you are blessed through God's service today. We invite everyone to sign the Record of Fellowship in each pew. Our guests are also invited to sign the guest book on the Welcome Table in the entryway.

#### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

At St. Matthew we believe that the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is a ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and an expression of our unity in belief and teaching. Therefore, in Christian love we extend this ministry to baptized Christians who...

- ◆ Have been properly instructed and confess the teachings of the Bible as taught in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS);
- ◆ Acknowledge their sins and repent of their sins;
- ◆ Confess Jesus Christ alone as Savior from all sin;
- ◆ Believe with us that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine;
- ◆ Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend their sinful lives and forgive others as Christ has forgiven them.

Guests who do not hold membership in a congregation of the LCMS are respectfully asked to visit with the pastor before or after the worship service regarding their desire to commune.

**Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book is a good resource to use to prepare oneself to receive the Lord's Supper.**

#### NOTES FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ Receive the bread—the body of Christ—in your hand.
- ◆ You may receive the wine—the blood of Christ—with either the individual cup or the common cup. Please assist with the common cup.
- ◆ The individual cups in the center of the tray contain reduced alcohol wine for those that need to receive Christ's blood this way.
- ◆ Those not receiving the Sacrament but wish to receive a blessing (including non-confirmed children) are asked to take a wooden cross from the basket next to the baptismal font. Hold the cross in front of you as the communion elements are distributed. As you then return to your pew, please place the cross in the basket next to the collection tray for individual cups.

### SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

	5:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Dennis Ziegler	Dave Schroeder
<b>Ushers</b>	Judy Phillips Reed Phillips	Livia Dodd Emma Schroeder Solomon Stroup
<b>Organist</b>	Lisa Martens	Sally Brockway

**Altar Guild:** Vicki Lude, Fern Tucker

**Flowers:** Dana & Pat Miller, 41st Wedding Anniversary

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

**Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm**

Saturday, February 16	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, February 17 <i>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Youth Bible Class Adult Bible Study Divine Service
Monday, February 18	6:00 p.m.	Book Club @ Pastor Astrowski's Home
Tuesday, February 19	9:30 a.m.  9-Noon 6:15 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study @ <b>St. Matthew</b> Pastor Hagen in Office Choir
Wednesday, February 20	6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Bible Study @ Immanuel
Thursday, February 21	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Crafters Lay Assistants
Friday, February 22	8:30 a.m.	Bulletins Assembled
Saturday, February 23	5:30 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, February 24 <i>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. NOON	Sunday School Youth Bible class Adult Bible Study Divine Service Youth Service Event

### LIFE THOUGHT FROM THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Blessed are the pretty? Blessed are the popular, the prosperous, the powerful? The Author of Life does not evaluate according to productivity. Blessed are the poor (Luke 6:20ff.)! Blessed are the hungry, the weeping, the excluded and reviled ones among humankind! Blessed are the embryos, the elderly, and the incapacitated persons on account of the Son of Man who brings forth life where the world writes it off.

### LIFE QUOTE FOR THIS WEEK

“Life is a gift not to be discarded. It can indeed make us weary when we do our work to proclaim life as valuable, and the world continues to abort babies and write prescriptions for people to commit suicide and minimize the value of life in so many ways. Yet, it is encouraging to know we have the gift of prayer to use to strengthen us, knowing the God of life is always in front of us guiding our way, always behind us holding us up, and always beside us keeping us focused and on the right course.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life regional director of Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

### OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

**Matthew 20:9** – “**And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.**” That’s not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tight-fisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace better than we could deserve or even hope. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and, surely, one of the foundations of God’s being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

### EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING

**CHRIST...Issues, Etc.** Is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: The Book of Obadiah, Judging Others, First Century Martyr Polycarp, Jesus Calls Philip & Nathanael and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### YEAR 2019 ENVELOPES

A reminder that the 2019 offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. Pick yours up today. Any questions call the church office at 787-4295.

### UPDATE ON ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION SUPPORT

We are giving our Mission support to Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serving in West and Central Africa, based in Togo working in deaf ministry. They have four children. See the updated information on him and his family on Bulletin Board.



## SHOW THE PANTRY SOME FEBRUARY LOVE

February is St. Matthew's month to collect **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** for the food pantry. A table will be set up to collect laundry soap, dish soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes, shave cream and feminine hygiene items. Thank you for all your support of the food pantry and your big hearts, St. Matthew!  
Proverbs 19:17—"Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord."

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## WE STILL HAVE GIFT/SCRIP CARDS AND DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!

### Youth Group's Gift/Scrip Cards

Youth Ministry is once again making available Gift/Scrip Cards for most popular stores or restaurants. You pay the face value of the card and the Youth Groups get a percentage from the retailer. If you buy a \$25.00 card to Starbuck's, you pay \$25.00 for the \$25.00 gift card and Starbuck's will give a percentage back to our Youth Group. Go to ShopWithScrip.com to see a list of participating retailers. Questions see Greg Mueller or Brandi Gale.

### DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS

St. Matthew Youth Ministry is selling Dining Tour Coupon books again this year. In the books are over 200, two-for-one coupons that can be used at local restaurants. The cost of the books are \$35.00 and the youth group gets to keep \$10.00. The books are good until November 2019.

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## QC Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottles 2019



*"Little Ones to HIM belong;  
They are weak but HE is Strong."*

Please help protect the sanctity of human life.

St. Matthew is again participating in the QC Pregnancy Resources annual Baby Bottle fund raiser.

Please pick up a baby bottle from the display in the entryway, Insert your donation, then return the bottle by the end of February.

Your gifts are transforming lives; Your gifts are saving lives.  
Learn more about this work at [www.qcpregnancypartners.org](http://www.qcpregnancypartners.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School**— The Temptation of Jesus

**High School Bible Study**—Reincarnation

**Adult Bible Study:** Everyone Is A Witness

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## OFFICE NOTES

Karen is still out recovering and will hopefully return on Monday, February 18th. Mary Donegan and Tammy Robinson will still be in the office until Karen returns. Mary is in on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Tammy is in Wednesday & Thursday.

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## IMPORTANT UPDATES

Pastor Hagen is now serving St. Matthew as Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Hagen will be in the office on Tuesdays. You are welcome to attend any of Pastor Astrowski's Bible Studies on Monday or Wednesday nights. **PLEASE NOTE THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD AT ST. MATTHEW FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.**

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## **\*\*USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2019\*\***

The Lay Assistants would like to set up a **family ushering schedule** for 2019 for the Saturday and Sunday services. The following will be needed when you sign up to serve: Family Name, Number of persons serving, Dates you will serve, Phone #. See sign-up sheets on the clipboard on the table in the entryway.

## USHERS FOR MARCH

We are needing ushers to serve in March. Sign up on clip board in hallway or call Tom Krahl.

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## UPDATED DIRECTORIES

The office is updating their files. There are updated directories on the table in the hallway, feel free to take one. If you would, please check your information in the directory and notify the office of any corrections that need to be made.

**Thank You!**

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## REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the monthly Congregational Financial reports as well as the recorded minutes from the Church Council meetings are available by request and may be obtained by contacting Karen in the church office(787-4295, or e-mail [stmatkarenb@gmail.com](mailto:stmatkarenb@gmail.com)).

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## ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



### **New/Updated requests this week**

Alan Kluender, father-in-law of Pastor Astrowski (severe health issues)  
Barb Miller (hospitalized in Rock Island)

### **Those Who Mourn**

Family & Friends of Jerry DeLoose, Sr.

### **Continuing request**

Alyssa Anders, granddaughter of Jean Miles (Missionary work in Russia)  
Audrey, recovering from surgery (Ellen Schuster)  
Karen Britton (recovering)  
Ed Buchanan (serious infection)  
John Campbell, recovering from wrist surgery  
Candy Carmack, recovering from knee replacement  
Terry Hartley Jr., hospitalized, son of Carole Hartley  
Ruth Hart, recovering at home  
Ilene Maas, for a peaceful passing (by son Gary)  
Mark Nelson, recovering from surgery  
Rob Schroeder, nephew of Dave Schroeder (hospitalized)  
Dawn Schumaker (recovering)  
Larry Vetter, preparing for heart procedure  
Randy Viager, son of Sally Riddell, (health problems)  
Kurt Voigts, father of Heather Snyder (recovering)  
Laura Welch, Daughter of Al & Kerry Nordstom (recovering from surgery)  
Freddy Winkleman, grandson of Marlis Donner, (deployed to Afghanistan)

### **PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES**

Below are the prayer list guidelines that the Board of Lay Assistants adopted some time ago.

New entries for the prayer list in the weekly bulletin will appear in the bulletin and be mentioned in the Prayer of the Church in Divine Services for 4 consecutive weeks. Please inform Karen if you wish to have a name appear for a shorter period of time. Also, some entries, by their nature (e.g. births, deaths, anniversaries, etc.), will appear for a shorter period of time.

### **LWML BIBLE STUDY AND LWML MEETING**

The next LWML Bible Study will be March 7th at 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study: “Peace Makers”, Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly-Summer 2018.  
Leader—Carole Hartley

11:00 a.m. LWML Meeting following Bible Class.

All LWML members are invited to attend and bring a friend.

### **CRAFTERS**

The Crafters will meet on the third Thursday of each month (**February 21 at 9:30 a.m. is our next meeting date.**) Time to start projects for next year’s Bazaar! Bring what you are working on or we will have projects ready to do. If you want to work on your afghan project for the LWML Veteran’s project, bring it along!

### **CARD SHOP OPEN**

Creative Crafters has all kinds of cards available. Let us know if you need something we don’t yet have available. The cards are located on the LWML table in the South hallway. Thank you for your support.

### **Afghans & Quilts for the Veterans**

Are you in need a winter-time project? Do you knit, crochet, or sew? Yes? Well have we got a project for you!

The LWML Central Illinois District is creating Christmas 2019 gifts for 200 veterans. As part of those gifts, the veterans will be presented with a new bed covering (quilt or afghan).

Afghans should be large enough to cover a full size bed top, 65 x 75” or so

Quilts need to be full size, 80” x 85” or so, and lovingly created with veterans in mind. (No fleece blankets please.)

This request is being sent out now as it takes time to make these quilts and afghans, and we will need 200! We will be taking these items to the District Convention in Danville on April 27. For questions, contact Sandy Young at [youngones@mchsi.com](mailto:youngones@mchsi.com) or 309-737-9589.

### **WANTED: PLASTIC ZIPPERED BAGS (FROM BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, ETC).**

These will be used to package the afghans and blankets LWML is sewing for the Veterans’ gift project. Please leave in the ‘old kitchen’ in the back of the sanctuary.



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service.

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