

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**
24500 N. Old McHenry Road
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

MESSENGER



**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2018**

The Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Sr. Associate Pastor
Mr. Robert Wilson, Music Ensemble Director
Mr. Michael Gagne, Principal Organist
Mr. Jim Kuehm, Contemporary Music Director

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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL **Sharing in the Mission of Christ: Learning, Connecting & Serving**

LEADING WORSHIP

Presiding
Preaching & Presiding (Sat.)

Rev. Timothy L. Kinne
Rev. Edward A. Blonski

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 1 & 2, 2018

Deacons

Saturday	5:30	Dean Stewart, Ron Behrens, Stefan Gomboc, Steve Schockmel
Sunday	8:00	Todd Johnson, Dwight Sawusch, John Thode, Glenn Wickboldt
	10:45	Tom Ketcham, Rob Fosness, Chris Gary, Les Laufer, Joe Scianna

Ushers

Saturday	5:30	Richard & Laura Mathe
Sunday	8:00	Eb/Sandra/Nicole Wegner, John & Ellen Van Ostrand, Sheila & Meghan Trossman
	10:45	Chris & Gretchen Gary, Kathy Rieb, John Lorentzen, Ava LaCroix

Lav Readers

5:30	Leon Hapke
8:00	Bonnie Frey
10:45	Michael Obsuszt

Acolytes

Saturday	5:30	Natalie Gahgan
Sunday	8:00	Joseph Scianna
	10:45	Shawn Clausen

Special Music

8:00	The Chancel Choir
10:45	Praise Team Director Jim Kuehm: vocals and acoustic guitar, Ary Wickert: lead vocals, Scott Carlin: keyboard, Rick Ledgerwood: bass, Patrick Hutchins: electric guitar, Ron Karpman: drums

Video Recording

Coffee Hour

December Altar Guild

Kyle Mastio
Boy Scouts
Lori Johnson & Linda Sternquist

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS & VISITORS...

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW!

God's richest blessings in Christ to all who are visiting us in our worship service today. We appreciate your presence among us and invite you to come again soon. Please sign our guest book in the church narthex and receive a FREE coffee cup. The Information Center can be found in Luther Hall and the church office with brochures, pamphlets, and booklets about St. Matthew Church and School, upcoming programs, and community events. Please help yourself to this material. Please feel free to use our children's nursery located on the upper level of the sanctuary. Speakers in the nursery will allow you to listen to the worship service. Washrooms are located in the church office hallway as well as the upper and lower levels of church.

HEART WORK

Luke 19:38

**"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - Saturday's at 9:00am in Luther Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School meets at 9:20am in the Sunday School wing that is located in the lower level school classrooms.

SUNDAY MORNING CSI BIBLE STUDY - Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:20am in the north end of Krueger Hall.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - A new Sunday morning class will meet on December 9 & 16, then in the new year January 6 - March 3 during the Education Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m. in the Upper Level Conference Room. This is an eleven (11) session, one-hour Informational class for those desiring to study the Basic Teachings of the Bible from the Lutheran Perspective. The study is designed *for those individuals seeking membership in our congregation*, and is also strongly encouraged as *a review for all current members* of St. Matthew.

LCC - "Who is Jesus According to Jesus" on Monday's, at 9:30am & 7:00pm in Luther Hall.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - Our topic is: **Spiritual Gifts-A Bible Study**. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Luther Hall. All women are invited to join us.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - meets on **Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m.** in Luther Hall. We will meet on Thursday, December 6. (New Topic - Join us!) December 13 will be our holiday gathering at Pilar Norenberg's home. We will then break until the new year, beginning 1/3/19

SADDLEBROOK BIBLE STUDY - Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00-11:00am at Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake, IL. For more information, contact Ruth Traznik at 847-223-7109.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Please download the St. Matthew APP to get updates on Church or School closings. To download the St. Matthew App, go to :

www.churchsolutionsco.com/MatthewIL

You can also go on to the St. Matthew website: www.stmatts.net for updated information.

If you have any questions on downloading the APP, please contact Cheri Selimos in the church office.

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob Martens, Pam Taylor, Erling Behrens, Ruth Krueger, Bob Kemnitz, Don Andrews, Mark Blonski, Loretta Malburg*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Adam Imaoka, Charles Moneyham, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Tyler Sawusch*

ALTAR FLOWERS - Have been given to the Glory of God

- In honor of the birthday of *Stanley Feldbusch*, son of Clarence Feldbusch

OFFICIAL ACTS - None.

ESTATE PLANNING - Have you remembered St. Matthew in your will and estate planning?

We welcome our new members:

Iris Crandall
Lisa Owen
Siegrid Pesnikov
Jason & Jenny Cooper
Kristin Gierke
Jim Moehling

MUSIC NOTES: Edward H. Plumptre is the author of this pilgrimage hymn "Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng". It was written as a processional for the 1865 Peterborough Choir Festival at the Peterborough Cathedral in England. Its first inclusion in a hymnal was in the Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1868. The themes of the text are rejoicing and pilgrimage. It was based on Philippians 4:4.

Church Notes

Thanksgiving Eve - 96 Thanksgiving Day - 108
 Sat. - 63 Sun. 8:00 - 109 10:45 - 70 **Total - 242**
 CSI Bible Study - 23 Sunday School - 23

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for December - Side Dishes

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE w/comm	8:00am
Coffee Hour - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Chancel Choir Practice	9:20am
Sunday School	9:20am
CSI w/New Member Brunch - <i>KH</i>	9:20am
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE w/comm	10:45am
New Member Welcome	10:45am
Women's Guild Christmas Party - <i>Dover Straits</i>	12:30pm
It's A Wonderful Life Rehearsal - <i>Chapel</i>	5:30pm

MONDAY, December 3, 2018

LCC Bible Class - <i>LH</i>	9:30am & 7:00pm
Good News Callers - <i>LCR</i>	6:00pm
Handbells' Practice - <i>Main Sanctuary</i>	7:00pm

TUESDAY, December 4, 2018

Morning Staff Devotions - <i>LCR</i>	8:00am
Boy Scout Meeting - <i>GYM</i>	7:00pm
Cub Scout Meeting	7:00pm
Lake Zurich Garden Club - <i>LH</i>	7:00pm
Ladies' Bible Study - <i>KH</i>	7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018

Mid Week Advent Dinner - <i>KH</i>	5:30pm
Mid-Week Advent Worship Service	7:00pm
Adult Choir Practice - <i>Choir Loft</i>	8:00pm

THURSDAY, December 6, 2018

Morning Staff Devotions - <i>LCR</i>	8:00am
Ladies' Bible Study - <i>LH</i>	8:30am
St. Matters - <i>LH</i>	10:00am
Saddlebrook Bible Study	10:00am
Ladies' Aid Christmas Party at Kemper Lakes	11:30am
Man in the Mirror	6:00pm
Board of Christian Education Meeting - <i>LIB</i>	7:00pm

FRIDAY, December 7, 2018

It's A Wonderful Life Performance - <i>Chapel</i>	7:00pm
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SATURDAY, December 8, 2018

Breakfast with Santa - <i>Gym</i>	9:00am
Mayuri Entertainment Dance - <i>Gym</i>	12:30pm
It's A Wonderful Life Performance - <i>Chapel</i>	2:00pm
SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE w/comm	5:30pm

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE	8:00am
Annual Cookie Walk - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Coffee Hour - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Chancel Choir Practice	9:20am
CSI Class - <i>KH</i>	9:20am
Discipleship Class - <i>UCR</i>	9:20am
Sunday School	9:20am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:45am
LWML Christmas Luncheon - <i>Oregano's</i>	Noon
Mayuri Dance - <i>Gym</i>	1:00pm
Daisy Scout Troop 1906 - <i>Student Cafeteria/GYM</i>	3:00pm

LCR=Large Conference Room, LIB = Library, LH = Luther Hall, KH = Krueger Hall, SCR = Small Conference Room, SSW = Sunday School Wing, OSP = On Site Parsonage, UCR = Upper Conference Room,

It's A Wonderful Life - This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. **Performances will be Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 8 at 2:00pm in the St. Matthew Historic Chapel. This is a FREE event and is open to all.** A free will offering will be taken.

USHERS NEEDED - We are in the process of creating our 2019/2020 Usher Groups and Schedule. Please consider being an usher in one of our services. There is a sign-up sheet on the church office counter.

COFFEE HOUR - There is a sign up sheet for coffee hour volunteers for 2019 on the church office counter.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL OF 2019 - please contact the church office if you would like to order flowers. The cost is \$45.00 per arrangement.

NOTES FROM ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN SCHOOL

This week, our Emerging Skills and Interest was: Winter: Exploring Why Things Happen Because of Winter. The Letter of the Week was the letter "E", and David and Johnathan were the topics in our Religious Studies. During the upcoming weeks, the class will be practicing all of their songs for the "Early Childhood Birthday Celebration for Jesus" which will be held on December 21. See inside the preschool on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmattslutheranpreschool/>

Important Dates:

December 8 – Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am - 11:00 am
December 15 – A Charlie Brown Christmas Event – 4:00 pm
December 21 – Christmas Chapel / Birthday Party for Jesus 10:00am
December 21 – Early Dismissal – 11:00 am (No Extended Care)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 5, 12 and 19

- Advent dinner served at 5:30pm
- Mid-week Advent services at 7:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- Youth - Ugly Sweater Party @ 7:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- Charlie Brown Christmas @ 4:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

- Sunday School Christmas Service @ 10:45am

C.O.O.L. (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) - a food pantry for some of the neediest families in Lake County. Please bring a can of food/box of cereal with you when you worship and place them in the bins in Luther Hall. Last Tuesday our C.O.O.L. willing workers delivered 60 lbs of bread (40 loaves) and 187 lbs of food to Waukegan. December food item is side items. Thanks for helping those in need.

CONGREGATION INVITED - The Ladies' Aid of St. Matthew invites the congregation to attend their Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 6th at 11:30am at Kemper Lakes. Cost is \$27.00 per person. If you would like to attend or have any questions please call Janet Schockmel at 847-949-1736.

NORENBERG NORDICS - The Norenberg Nordics snow shoveling team are looking for volunteers to help with shoveling snow this winter. If you are interested please contact trustee Chris Norenberg.

MEALS - SHARING THE JOY - Are you or someone you know in need of meals? Sharing The Joy Ministry of St. Matthew would like to help. Please contact the church office and set up meal deliveries.

Plan to join the Chicago Area Mission Partnership and fellow volunteers from Redeemer Austin in service to the people of Port Arthur, TX -- January 5-13, 2019.

Many veterans/widows/financially challenged live near the community Port Arthur—an area devastated by Harvey flooding, yet received drastically less attention and resources than the metropolitan areas.

Work sites near our host, Trinity Church Port Arthur. Please pray about your commitment and watch for more info.

If you have additional questions concerning this Mission Trip, please contact John Kelly at jkelly@ottosenbritz.com.

POINSETTIAS TO OUR HOMEBOUND - It has been a tradition at St. Matthew to deliver poinsettias to our homebound at Christmas. If you would be willing to be a part of this ministry and deliver 1 or 2 poinsettias to our homebound, please contact Cheri in the church office. Delivery will be done the week of December 11.

TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM - The Hawthorn Woods Police Department has provided the school a drop off box for toy donations to be distributed to children in need this Christmas. Place your new, unwrapped toys in the collection box, located in the Church office by **December 9th**.

GIVING TREE - Please consider giving to the St. Matthew Giving Tree this holiday season. The Sharing The Joy Ministry is collecting children's bedding for The Love Inc. Southwest Bed Ministry. The Giving Tree has tags with items of sheets, blankets, books, and stuffed animals. These items will go to children in the Southwest Lake County area. All items need to be under the tree by December 9.