

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

MESSENGER



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 12 & 13, 2019**

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.)
Organist

Rev. Timothy L. Kinne
Rev. Edward A. Blonski
Mr. Michael Gagne

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - January 12 & 13, 2019

Deacons

Saturday	5:30	Tom Ketcham, Chris Gary, Les Laufer, Don Brusa
Sunday	8:00	Dean Stewart, Ron Behrens, Stefan Gomboc
	10:45	Todd Johnson, Dwight Sawusch, John Thode, Joe Scianna

Ushers

Saturday	5:30	Stan & Diane Villarreal
Sunday	8:00	Eb/Sandra/Nicole Wegner, Sheila & Meghan Trossman, John & Ellen Van Ostrand
	10:45	Michael/Kyle/Ryan Obsuszt, Talon Clausen, Robert Trapani

Acolytes

Saturday	5:30	Jack Bialecki
Sunday	8:00	Sierra Stennett
	10:45	Ryan LaCroix

Lay Readers

5:30
8:00
Peggy Sneller

Special Music

8:00 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

Glen Eastep

Coffee Hour

Helen Burnidge

January Altar Guild

Glenn & Laurie Wickboldt

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob Martens, Pam Taylor, Erling Behrens, Ruth Krueger, Bob Kennitz, Tony Crisara, Marge Fenner, Bobbie Maple, Randy Crow*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Charles Moneyham, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Tyler Sawusch*

ALTAR FLOWERS - Have been given to the Glory of God

- Given to the Glory of God from *Margaret Wittlinger*

OFFICIAL ACTS - The funeral of *Robert Brennan* was held at St. Matthew on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 11:00am.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL OF 2019 -

St. Matthew received a donation for Altar Flowers from the Feldbush Family. This donation will allow us to offer Altar flowers at a reduced cost of \$25.00 per arrangement. Please contact the church office if you would like to order flowers.

PLEASE inform the Pastoral staff when a pastoral call or visit is desired - the hospitals and rehabilitation centers do not make contact us. If you or a loved one is receiving medical treatment, please make contact with the Church office (847) 438-7709, or call Pastor Kinne (224) 360-2629, or Pastor Blonski (909) 373-7936.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE NEWS

This Sunday (1/13) after the service, we will ask those of you who wish to offer their opinion, an opportunity to comment or critique various elements of the service. It is the desire of the committee to develop a service of comfortable worship and doctrinal integrity. Please take a little of your time to help us. Thank you.

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

Matthew 3:15

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CSI BIBLE STUDY - Meets Sundays at 9:20-10:20am in Krueger Hall.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - is offered through 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Meets Sunday at 9:20 in the lower level of the school.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY - Starting this Sunday, January 13, 2019 all middle & high school students are invited to this new Bible Study every 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month from 9:20am-10:20am. Come for a Bible Study and snacks with open gym and hangout time to follow.

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

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - Our topic is: "Our Hope & Our Future: A Study of Jeremiah". 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.

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.

MOM & TOT TIME

Our first get together for infants thru 3years old was held on Sunday, January 6th. We had fun playing in the gym with new friends. Come enjoy some fun activities with your little ones and meet other parents as well as we meet on the 1st Sunday of every month from 9:20-10:20am and the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am in the gym.

Church Notes

Saturday - 59 Sunday - 8:00 - 127 10:45 - 106 **292**
 Sunday School - 30 LCC Bible Study - 68
 Sat. Men's Bible Study - 12 CSI Bible Study - 15
 Adult Discipleship Class - 7

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for January - Peanut Butter

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE	8:00am
Coffee Hour - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Chancel Choir Practice	9:20am
Sunday School	9:20am
CSI Bible Study - <i>KH</i>	9:20am
Adult Discipleship Class - <i>UCR</i>	9:20am
High School / Middle School Bible Study	9:20am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:45am
Women's Guild Meeting - <i>LH</i>	12:00pm
Daisy Scout Troop - 1906 - <i>Student Cafeteria</i>	3:00pm
Open Gym Confirmation Students - <i>GYM</i>	6:00pm
1st/2nd/3rd Year Confirmation Class	6:30pm

MONDAY, January 14, 2019

LCC Word Classes - <i>LH</i>	9:30am & 7:00pm
Good News Callers - <i>LCR</i>	6:00pm
Handbells' Practice	7:00pm

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

Morning Devotions - <i>LCR</i>	8:00am
Mom & Tot Time - <i>GYM</i>	10:00am
Board of Evangelism & Parish Services - <i>LCR</i>	1:00pm
Boy Scout Meeting	7:00pm
Ladies' Bible Study - <i>LH</i>	7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

Early Childhood Chapel - <i>Main Sanctuary</i>	10:00am
School Ministry Meeting - <i>LIB</i>	2:45pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:00pm

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

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 - <i>Grayslake</i>	10:00am
Man in the Mirror	6:00pm

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

Winter Fest - <i>GYM</i>	7:00pm
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SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

LERT Training - <i>KH</i>	7:30am
Mayuri Dance - <i>GYM</i>	8:00am
Men's Bible Study - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Pinewood Derby Shakedown	1:00pm
SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	5:30pm
Cub Scout Pack Movie - <i>KH</i>	6:30pm

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019 -

CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE w/comm	8:00am
Coffee Hour - <i>LH</i>	9:00am
Chancel Choir Practice	9:20am
CSI Bible Study - <i>KH</i>	9:20am
High School / Middle School Bible Study	9:20am
Adult Discipleship Class - <i>UCR</i>	9:20am
Sunday School	9:20am
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE w/comm	10:45am
LWML Quarterly Meeting - <i>LH</i>	12:00pm
Daisy Scout Troop 1906 - <i>Student Cafeteria</i>	3:00pm
Open Gym - Confirmation Class - <i>GYM</i>	6:00pm
1st/2nd/3rd Year Confirmation Class	6:30pm

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,

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This week, our Emerging Skills and Interests were: Exploring Different Occupations and What They Do. The Letter of the Week was "D" and was also the theme of our Show & Share. In Religious Studies the Preschoolers are learning about Epiphany. Priority Registration is now open for current students, their siblings, and members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Please visit & 'like' the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmattslutheranpreschool/>

Important Dates:

January 21 – MLK, Jr Holiday - No School or Extended Care
January 27-February 2 – Lutheran Schools Week
January 30 – 9:00 Hearing & Vision Screenings by Lake County Health Department
January 31 – 5:30-7:30 Open House Event

FUTURE EVENTS

JANUARY EVENTS:

18 - WINTER FEST - Everyone is invited to attend a music concert featuring Christian music artist, Joe Guerra from 7-9pm at St. Matthew. Bring your friends and neighbors to this wonderful FREE night of Christian family entertainment.
31 - EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE - 5:30-7:30pm

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK

Real — Present—God—Psalm 46

January 27, 2019 - February 2, 2019

More Information to Come....

LWML MEETING - **January 20** will be the first LWML meeting of 2019! Mark your calendars and join us for lunch and our quarterly meeting. A door offering will be taken January 19-20 to support the mission of LWML. **Please sign up on the church counter if you plan on attending on January 20 or you may contact Nancy at nblonski@truemen.org.**

LADIES AID & WOMEN GUILD BOOK SALE - will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 9am-3:00pm and Sunday, February 17 from 9:30am-1:00pm in the gym. Please bring your gently used books, (including paperbacks), games, puzzles, CD's, Videos, Books on Tape, Audio Tape and music discs to the school stage by Friday, February 15.

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. January food item is peanut butter. Thanks for helping those in need.

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.

IF YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF WITHOUT UTILITY SERVICE - please contact the church office and we will make our facilities available to you. Nobody needs to be without electrical service, water or heat.

VOICE ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 2019 issue are due to the church office this Sunday, January 13, 2019.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March 2019 are available on the church office counter for those interested in daily personal and family devotions.

EXPLORE GOD

During the Season of Epiphany (January 13 – February 24) St. Matthew will be participating in Explore God Chicago 2019 by offering a special sermon series during these dates. We all have questions about God, faith, and purpose. Explore God is a unique effort to come together to look at these questions in an open, authentic way. Join us and invite a friend to come with you as together we Explore The 7 Big Questions. Special small group Bible Studies at St. Matthew member homes will also be offered. Contact Pastor Blonski for more information.

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Does Life Have a Purpose?

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Is There a God?

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Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

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Is Christianity Too Narrow?

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Is Jesus Really God?

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Is The Bible Reliable?

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Can I Know God Personally?