



# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## The Second Sunday After Epiphany January 15 & 16, 2022 Weekly News Letter

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### Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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### Calendar For The Week

*C.O.O.L. Food Item for January: Baby Items  
Bread for Life Weekend—1/23/2022*

#### Saturday, January 15

Men's Bible Study - KH & Virtual 9:00am  
Lightening Softball Practice - GYM 1:00pm  
Saturday Casual Service w/Communion 4:00pm

#### Sunday, January 16

Classic Service w/Communion 8:00am  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Sunday School - SS Rooms 9:30am  
SAVED Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am  
Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:45am  
LWML Meeting - LH Noon  
2nd & 3rd Year Confirmation Class 6:30pm

#### Monday, January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No ECC Classes  
Staff Meeting 9:00am  
Finance & Stewardship Meeting - SCR 9:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:15pm  
Good News Callers - Pastoral Office 6:00pm  
Board of Evangelism Meeting - LH 7:00pm

#### Tuesday, January 18

Staff Devotional 7:45am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm  
Ladies Bible Study - LH 7:00pm

#### Wednesday, January 19

Crafters - KH 9:00am  
ECC Chapel 10:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm

#### Thursday, January 20

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:14pm  
Comfort Dog Meeting - LH 7:00pm  
Ladies Bible Study - Virtual Only 7:00pm

#### Friday, January 21

Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm

#### Saturday, January 22

Men's Bible Study - KH & Virtual 9:00am  
Comfort Dog Training - UCR/Outside 10:00am  
Lightening Softball Practice - GYM 1:00pm  
Saturday Casual Service w/Communion 4:00pm

#### Sunday, January 23 - Lutheran Schools Week Kick-Off

Classic Service w/Communion 8:00am  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Sunday School - SS Rooms 9:30am  
SAVED Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am  
Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:45am  
Pinewood Derby, Pack 92 - KH Noon  
2nd & 3rd Year Confirmation Class 6:30pm

Watch "Boundless Word" - with Pastor Blonski  
"Boundless Hope" Monday - Friday  
[Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

Beginning January 18, Pastor Blonski will start back up with the Boundless Word Podcast. These will be available to watch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Pastor will be reading the Gospel of Luke starting 1/18 and concluding 3/10. Starting on March 14th through May 24, Pastor will be reading the Book of Acts. Then the last Wednesday & Thursday of May will be Haggai 1 & 2  
There will be special readings for Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week and Maundy/Holy Thursday.

### HEART WORK

John 2:1-2

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

Please remember in prayer:

- *Marvin Sneller, Bob Martens, Kristen Basler, Gordon Trapp, John Schockmel, Marilyn Schauer, Carol Andrews, Joe Scianna, Adore Hansing, Pauline Kalodimos, Kathy Bresen, Roy Newberg, Stan Villarreal, Lester Laufer, Dan & Kim Bresen, Jane Peterson, Kristin Peterson-Wischer*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Have been given to the Glory of God

### OFFICIAL ACTS

### JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15/16 - Installation of the Officers and Board Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center at all Services
- 16th - LWML Meeting - NOON
- 23rd - Lutheran Schools Week
- 28th - Youth Glow Party - 6pm
- 27th - ECC Open House

### FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th - Vision & Planning, Boards of St. Matthew

### Church Attendance

Saturday = 36  
Sunday @ 8:00am = 49    10:45am = 42  
Total: 127

### Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance

	Last Week	YTD
Offerings Received	\$ 6,281	\$565,730
Budget	\$14,916	\$500,694
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 8,635)	\$ 65,036

*Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.  
As of 1/10/2022*

Installation of the Officers and Board Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center on January 15 & 16, at each service.

There are still openings on all of the boards. Please consider serving St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center in 2022 by being a part of one of the following groups:

- Deacons
- Trustees
- Stewardship & Finance
- School Board
- Evangelism

If you are interested in any of the above groups, please contact the church office for details.  
Thank you.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Sundays at 9:20 a.m. in the north end of Krueger Hall.

**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS** - This is an informational class for those desiring to study the teachings of the Lutheran Church. The study is designed for those seeking membership in our congregation, **Please contact the church office if you are interested.**

**TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' LIFE GROUP** - Is meeting in person on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Luther Hall as well as virtually on Thursdays at 7:00pm. (Tuesday & Thursday lessons will be the same.) Please contact Nancy Blonski for details: Email [NancyBlonski@yahoo.com](mailto:NancyBlonski@yahoo.com) or call/text 224/822-5662.

**SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Meets on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in Krueger Hall.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Jr. & Sr. High)** - Will meet on January, 9, 23 & 30 at 9:20am in the Youth Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Sunday School Classrooms.

Go to: [www.stmatts.net/Sunday-school](http://www.stmatts.net/Sunday-school)

**SADDLEBROOK BIBLE STUDY** - is offered on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00am, at Saddlebrook in Grayslake.

*St. Matthew thanks the Donna Grund family for providing materials for our Ladies', Men's & Sunday Morning Bible Studies.*

### **Lutheran Church Charities Bible Study (LCC)**

Takes place virtually, Monday's from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Instructor: Tim Hetzner President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities.**

Go to

[LutheranChurchCharities.org](http://LutheranChurchCharities.org) to register or call 866-455-6466

### **Job Openings at St. Matthew & Early Childhood Center**

#### **Weekend Custodian**

Please contact Doug Duval if you are interested. 847/438-7709 or [duval@stmattsonline.com](mailto:duval@stmattsonline.com)

#### **Part-Time Teacher Aid & After School Childcare Giver**

This new position includes: supporting the lead teacher in the learning center environment. Helping to establish and maintain a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for all children. Planning and preparing after-school activities for the children who stay in for the after care program. Please contact Doug Duval or Becky Connolly at 847/438-7709 .

### **ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL OF 2022-**

Please contact the church office if you would like to order flowers. The cost is \$30.00 per arrangement.

**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 Baby Items. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

\*\* Bread for Life weekend - Sunday, January 23rd . \*\*

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This week the St. Matthew Preschoolers Emerging Skills & Interests was Snowman. The Number of the Week was 2. We focused on letter M for Jolly Phonics and was our theme for Show & Share. In Handwriting, we discovered how to create the letter O. In Religious Studies, the preschoolers learned about Simeon & Anna.

\*St. Matthew is offering 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool and Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year! Stop by our Open House on January 27th, between 5 pm - 7 pm to enroll, ask questions, or see our facilities.

Do you enjoy working with children and teaching them new things! If so, apply for our Teacher Assistant position! If you would like more details, please contact Becky Connolly at 847-438-6103 or at [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com)

Upcoming School Events

•**January 17-** No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

•**January 23-29-** Lutheran School Week

•**January 27-** St. Matthew Open House 5 pm- 7 pm

•**February 14** Valentine's Day Celebration

•**February 21-** No School- Presidents Day

### **MUSIC NOTES - Hail To the Lord's Anointed**

Psalm 72 is a well-known prophecy of the coming Messiah – foretelling the reign of the King and what the Kingdom of that Messiah will be like. But perhaps more than a prophecy, Psalm 72 is a prayer. In these verses the psalmist calls upon God to give justice and righteousness to the King, perhaps the newly crowned earthly king of Israel, but also the heavenly king. It is a cry for the deliverance of a broken people, for the realization of peace and light. James Montgomery's hymn text from 1821 beautifully captures the essence of that prayer. Albert Bailey says, "His poem is more prayer than prophecy, or shall we say it is prophecy in large part unfulfilled but still capable of inspiring the Church to work for its fulfillment!"

As we sing this beautiful hymn, we both declare our hope and our longing for the Kingdom of God, and for the coming of the one who will turn darkness to light, and whose "name to us is Love."

Published in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Württemberg (*Gesangbuch der Herzogl*, 1784), **ELLACOMBE** (the name of a village in Devonshire, England) was first set to the words "Ave Maria, klarer und lichter Morgenstern." During the first half of the nineteenth century various German hymnals altered the tune. Since ELLACOMBE's inclusion in the 1868 Appendix to *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, where it was set to John Daniell's children's hymn "Come, Sing with Holy Gladness," its use throughout the English-speaking world has spread.

**ELLACOMBE** is a rounded bar form (AABA), rather cheerful in character, and easily sung in harmony.

### **Contemporary Worship Songs for the 1/23/22**

**"Anywhere With Jesus"** - Amy Grant

LINK: <https://youtu.be/EWFAsqxIZKI>

**"Christ Be Magnified"** - Cody Carnes

LINK: <https://youtu.be/jjGMIYywK9M>

**"I Want To Worship You"** - Jim Kuehm

LINK: <https://youtu.be/tTKI18ldvFoEMI>

**"Jesus All For Jesus"** - Robin Mark

LINK: <https://youtu.be/H1Wa2msOq9c>

**"Just A Little Talk With Jesus"** - Redeemed Quartet

LINK: <https://youtu.be/R8jFKe9XppY>

**"Weak"** - Sunday Service Choir

LINK: <https://youtu.be/8FmX2KKmKLQ>

### **ST. MATTHEW SPIRITWEAR**

We are in the process of ordering new SWAG with our Boundless Need, Boundless Love, Boundless Hope logo.

We are looking at T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo's and more. There will be pictures of what will be offered on the church counter. Ordering details will be out next week. Please contact the church office if you questions..  
Thanks.

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



For the month of January, LWML will focus on 2 projects:

1. **Fill those Mite Boxes! For this month we are focusing on Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends**

Phil's Friends' mission is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. Upon request, a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual hope is sent anywhere in the United States. When supporting individuals with cancer, Phil's Friends wants them to know the unending love of Jesus. For more information, go to [lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-6](http://lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-6).

2. **The 'What's Your 80' Goal is to collect 80 packages of infant diapers.**

Help us celebrate the birthday of LWML by donating diapers. Please place them in the collection bin in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support!  
Helen, Darlene, Maria and Nancy  
Officers of LWML