

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome to St. Matthew!

We are pleased that you have come to worship the LORD with us today. Please introduce yourself to those around you, fill out a "We Care" card and turn it in after the service. We are eager to share with you the hope we have in JESUS CHRIST. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider St. Matthew that home.

The Sacrament of the Altar is celebrated at each service in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and to drink "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith in God and our fellowship with each other. As baptized children of God, we at St. Matthew, as members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, trust God's Word, repent of all our sins and through participating in Holy Communion proclaim the Lord's death until He returns. Since Holy Communion is a public confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or comes from a different Christian tradition or confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament is asked to first speak with one of the pastors or deacons.

Reminders for Those Coming to the Lord's Table: the distribution is at the communion rail during the Classic Service. An usher will indicate when each row should make their way down the center aisle and approach the rail. The distribution during the Contemporary Service will be "continuous," in a single file up the center aisle to the front and returning to the pew via the side aisle. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to join those who are to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like to receive a blessing. Those who have not yet made a public confession of their baptismal vows (i.e. confirmation) are invited to also approach and receive a blessing. St. Matthew does offer non-alcoholic wine, these cups will be in the center of the tray. We also offer gluten-free wafers, simply indicate to the pastor you wish to receive them.

March 31 - Contemporary Service

Table with 3 columns: Item, Title, and Artist. Includes Song (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, The Lord Almighty Reigns), Ancient Words of Our Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18), Feeding of the Lambs (He Is Risen), Sermon (Hold Fast But Do Not Cling), Offerings (He Is Risen), Communion (Worthy is the Lamb, Holy Spirit Rain Down), and Departing Song (My Redeemer Lives).

SAVED Band Members

- Jim Kuhem
Ron Karpman
Patrick Hutchins
Scott Carlin
Rich Ledgerwood
Ary Wickert
Lyn Lilly

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 4/7/24 Service

- Holy Spirit Rain Down - Hillsong Worship
LINK: https://youtu.be/hnW\_1HpPZQ4
The Lord Almighty Reigns - Getty's
LINK: https://youtu.be/2TdEZXPuKOo
He Will Hold You Fast - Getty's
LINK: https://youtu.be/936BapRFHaQ
Send Me Out - Steve Fee
LINK: https://youtu.be/L8ZGQPW7OXg
Today Is The Day - Paul Baloche
LINK: https://youtu.be/IJQjFnX0nk



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Hallelujah, He Is Risen!



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**Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope**

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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor & The Rev. Ryan Ferguson, Associate Pastor

## Calendar For The Week

**C.O.O.L. Food Item for April : Peanut Butter**  
\*\*\*Bread for Life Weekend—4/28/24\*\*\*

### Sunday, March 31 - Easter

#### Bread For Life

**Easter Breakfast - KH 7:00am-10:00am**

<b>Easter Sunrise Service w/communion</b>	<b>6:00am</b>
<b>Easter Classic Service w/communion</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
Choir Practice	9:15am
SAVED Band Practice	9:30am
<b>Easter Contemporary Service w/communion</b>	<b>10:45am</b>

### Monday, April 1

Church & School Office Closed

### Tuesday, April 2

Staff Devotional - LIB	8:00am
Fall Market Workday - KH	9:30am
Stitched Together - LH	1:00pm
Staff Meeting - SCR	1:00pm
ECC Weekly Meeting - ECC Office	2:30pm
Bob Wilson Private Lesson - Choir Loft	4:45pm

### Wednesday, April 3

Ministry Staff Meeting - LIB	2:45pm
Adult Discipleship Class - KH	7:00pm
Choir Practice	7:00pm

### Thursday, April 4

ECC Dunn Museum In-School Field Trip - GYM	9:15am
Saddlebrook Bible Study – Grayslake	10:00am
Ladies Aid Meeting - KH	11:30am

### Friday, April 5

### Saturday, April 6

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
Schuett Family Private Event - GYM	10:00am
<b>Saturday Casual Service w/communion</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>

### Sunday, April 7

<b>Classic Service w/communion</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
Coffee Hour - LH	9:00am
Choir Practice	9:15am
Adult Bible Study – KH	9:30am
Sunday School - SSR	9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR	9:30am
SAVED Band Practice	9:30am
<b>Contemporary Service w/communion</b>	<b>10:45am</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 4 - Ladies Aid Meeting @ 11:30am
- 13 - Feed My Starving Children - See Signup in Church Office
- 14 - Women's Guild Meeting @ Noon
- 20 - "SHINE" Service Event
- 21 - LWML Quarterly Meeting @ Noon
- 28 - Women's Guild Event "In Blooming Color"

### Other

- May 11 - Sound of Music Move & Sing-a-long
- July 28 - Golf "Fore" the Kids Golf Outing
- July 29 - August 2 - Vacation Bible School
- August 11 - St. Matthew Pig Roast
- December 14—2nd Annual DIY Messiah/Cookie Walk

For more upcoming events and monthly meetings, go to:  
[www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net) and view the church calendar

## Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Elinor Francisco, Lorraine Selsor, Michael Frey, Roger Henning, Ellen VanOstrand, Kerri Jacobs, Marjorie Meyer, Loretta Malburg, Michael Mueller, Roger Henning, Walt Buchwald
- Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain, Christopher Carr
- Our missionaries, Gary & Sue Kessler in Belize

## ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God.

- In memory of Ruth Loest from her daughter Naomi & grandsons Joe, Ben and Jacob.
- Given to Glory of our Resurrected Lord, by the Ladies Aid.

## Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of March 25, 2024

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$ 9,586	\$621,712
Offerings Received	<u>\$23,423</u>	<u>\$729,514</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$13,837	\$107,802

*Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.*

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

### Enrolling Now Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Please email Rebecca Connolly at [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com) or call 847-438-6103 for more information.

**\*Save the Date : 8th Annual "FORE" the Kids Golf Outing- July 28, 2024.** If you would like to sponsor a hole or golf in our 8th Annual St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Golf Outing "FORE" THE KIDS please email Becky Connolly at [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com) or call (847)438-6103.

## St. Matthew Comfort Dog Ministry Needs YOUR Help!!

\*Comf Dog Handlers

\*Ministry Partners

Visit the Comfort Dog Ministry table in Luther Hall for more information or contact Dennis Rusch @ 847/714-7999

## Weddings & Baptisms at St. Matthew

Planning a wedding or baptism? Contact the Church Office at 847/438-7709 and reserve your date. Or go to [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net) and go to the Worship section and fill out the appropriate forms.

**PLEASE** inform the church office 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.

**Serve/Volunteer At St. Matthew**—Looking for how you can serve at St. Matthew? Some groups that may be of interest: Media Team, Altar Guild, Ladies Groups, Crafting, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Comfort Dog Ministry, Music Ministry, Sharing the Joy Ministry, COOL, Evangelism and many more. For more information contact the church office or view on our website, [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net)

If you miss any of our live worship services or Bible studies, you can find replays on our YouTube channel. While you're there, check out our other playlists, including Hymns and Songs, St. Matthew Minute, Boundless Hope Devotionals and the Reflection Pod Cast. Links: [www.youtube.com/@stmatthewhawthornwoods](http://www.youtube.com/@stmatthewhawthornwoods) Or go to [stmatts.net/online](http://stmatts.net/online) and access the playlists.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—9:00am, Meets in Krueger Hall or Virtually**

Men's Bible Study is currently studying the book of Ezekiel. Study will resume April 6th and will go through May 18th.

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY—9:30am, Meets in Krueger Hall or Virtually**

Adult Bible Study resumes April 7th and will be starting "Everyone's His Witness".

### **SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY— 9:30am, Meets in the Youth Room**

The Youth Bible Study resumes April 7th.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30am, Meets in the Sunday School Rooms**

Sunday School resumes on April 7th and will run through the end of May. The 2024-2025 Session will kick off on Sunday, September 8th.

### **MONDAY LCC BIBLE STUDY - 9:30am, Meets in Krueger Hall or Virtually**

LCC Bible Study resumes April 8

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT, ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS (NEW MEMBER CLASS) - 7:00pm, Meets in Krueger Hall or Virtually**

Class will kick off on April 3rd. This is a 6 week class.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES LIFE - 6:30pm, Meets Virtually**

The Ladies Life Group will resume April 11th. The study will be "Focus Restored"

### **1st, 2nd, & 3rd YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES, 2024-2025 Session will kick off on Sunday, September 15th**

To sign up for classes or for additional information on Bible Studies, please go to: [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net)

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