

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**
24500 N. Old McHenry Road

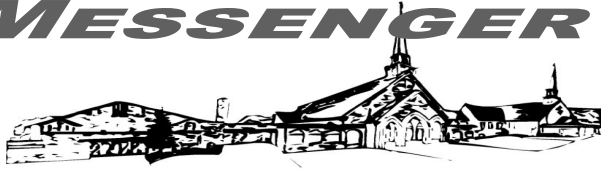
MESSENGER

The First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 10, 2021

The Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Senior Pastor
224/360-2629

The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Sr. Associate Pastor
909/373-7936

Cheri Selimos Administrative Assistant
Mr. Michael Gagne, Principal Organist
Mr. Jim Kuehm, Contemporary Music Director
Mr. Robert Wilson, Music Ensemble Director



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Kristin Gierke, Youth Director
Janet Ganzer, School Secretary

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

Preaching
Presiding

Rev. Timothy L. Kinne
Rev. Edward Blonski

Calendar For The Week

*C.O.O.L. Food Item for January - Peanut Butter
Bread for Life Weekend—1/31/2021*

Saturday, January 9

Men's Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 9:00am
Sunday School - Virtual 10:00am

Sunday, January 10

Classic Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 8:00am
Adult Bible Study - LH 9:00am
Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 10:45am
Pre-Confirmation Class - Virtual 11:00am
Sunday School - Virtual 4:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 4:30pm
1/2/3 Year Confirmation Class - Virtual 6:30pm

Monday, January 11

Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Good news Callers - Virtual 6:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 7:00pm
Handbell Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 12

Staff Devotions 8:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Board of Deacon Meeting - Virtual 7:00pm
Board of Trustee Meeting - Library 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 13

Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Thursday, January 14

Staff Devotions 8:00am
Drive Up Communion - Door 13 10:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
BOCE Meeting - Virtual 7:00pm

Friday, January 15

Limitless Basketball - Gym 4:30pm

Saturday, January 16

Men's Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 9:00am
Sunday School - Virtual 10:00am

Sunday, January 17

Classic Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 8:00am
Adult Bible Study - LH 9:00am
Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 10:45am
Pre-Confirmation Class - Virtual 11:00am
Sunday School - Virtual 4:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 4:30pm
1/2/3 Year Confirmation Class - Virtual 6:30pm

HEART WORK

Romans 6:4

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob & Penny Martens, Kristen Basler, Del Becke, Pam Best, Carol Andrews, Ellen Wehrs, Alexandra Winters, Gordon Trapp, Helen Messerschmidt*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Tyler Sawusch, Bob Hamilton*

Church Attendance

New Years Eve Service - 32
Sunday - 8:00 - 45 10:45 - 29 Total - 74

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance End of 2020 Total

	Last Week	YTD
Offerings Received	\$114,735	\$432,186
Budget	\$36,787	\$453,541
Over (Under) Budget	\$77,949	(\$21,355)

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance

	Last Week	YTD
Offerings Received	\$ 7,920	\$440,106
Budget	\$10,235	\$463,776
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 2,315)	(\$ 23,670)

*Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.
As of 1/4/21*

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10, 17, 24, 31

8:00am - Classic - RSVP Required
10:45am - Contemporary - RSVP Required

Classic Service will be live streamed on Sunday morning at 8:00am and the Contemporary Service will be live streamed on Sunday morning at 10:45am. Live streamed recorded videos will be available to watch starting on Monday. Live Stream & recorded videos are available on Facebook, YouTube or www.stmatts.net

Please don't forget to RSVP.
Church Office at 847/438-7709
or email selimos@stmattsonline.com.
Thank You.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2021

Sunday, Jan. 10 - Installation of the Officers and Board Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center at either of the 8:00am & 10:45am Service

Thursday, Jan. 14 - Drive-Up Communion, outside of Door 13, 10:00am—11:00am, RSVP Required - selimos@stmattsonline.com

FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday, Feb. 6 - St. Matthew Leadership Summit
Place and time to be determined

**Drive Up Communion will be offered on
January 14th from 10:00am-11:00am.**

**Communion will be at door 13
(Main Entrance to Sanctuary)**

RSVP Required - selimos@stmattsonline.com

Those of you that would like to participate in the Drive-Up Communion, need to RSVP prior to attending. Please email selimos@stmattsonline.com or call the church office. Thank you.

****RSVP IS REQUIRED** CALL TODAY
847/438-7709**

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Due to these uncertain times please anticipate a varied approach to the Christian Education Opportunities that are being made available at St. Matthew. Many of the Bible Studies will be held VIRTUALLY via BlueJeans or Zoom technology. If you are interested in any of these studies you may contact the Bible Study Instructor or the Church Office for the correct link to get onto the study. Thank You.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Classes meets on Sunday morning @ 9:20am in Luther Hall. We will be studying The Book of Matthew. If you would like to receive the handouts for either Bible study (or both!) email the Church Office at selimos@stmattsonline.com to get on the email list - You can participate in these Bible studies either in-person in Luther Hall or virtually via our online Bible study program. If you want to participate online, contact the church office for log-in information, or go to the St. Matthew Facebook page for the live stream.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - Bible Study meets virtually on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm via BlueJeans. **Class will start on Tuesday, January 19.** *"The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."* Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)

In our current times, are our emotions an enemy to be defeated or a gift to be enjoyed?

Every one of us has been there—torn between conflicting emotions, crushed by grief, or totally overcome with joy. One moment we can be completely happy and the next we can be confused and sad. Are these emotions and feelings something we need to overcome, ignore, or just accept? Wouldn't life be easier without all the tumultuous feelings we experience? Throughout Scripture, we see God display many emotions—joy, anger, jealousy, grief. Could it be that we're emotional beings because we have been made in the image of an emotional God? Through this study, you will explore twelve Bible passages and characters that expressed raw emotion. You will feel more empowered to handle negative emotions in a healthy way, and you will have a deeper appreciation for emotions in general. You will have confidence that your emotions are not only good, but godly.

For more information, please see Nancy Blonski on the weekends or you can email her at nblonski@truemen.org or call/text at 909-587-9945.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - You are invited to the next Adult Discipleship Class: Thursday, January 7th was the first class. Class meets virtually via BlueJeans @ 7:00pm on Thursday's. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to attend.

MEN'S MINISTRY - SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY The Men's Bible Study at St. Matthew is offered both in person and virtually!

"GENESIS: In the Beginning" is the men's Bible study at St. Matthew. It is held on **Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** **Our first session of the New Year is THIS SATURDAY! We will be covering Genesis 7 and the Flood! Please note, there will be no coffee or treats offered at this time due to the pandemic. God-willing, this will end soon and we can get back to coffee, donuts, and BREAKFAST! If you will be participating in person, please enter through Door 12 - the Church Office entrance. This will be the only door that will be unlocked** (even fobs won't work on any other door).

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Jr. & Sr. High) -

VIRTUAL classes are being offered in January at 11:00am. For ZOOM class details, please contact Kristin Gierke @ 847/438-7709 or Gierke@stmattsonline.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Virtual classes are being offered on the Sunday School registration link: <https://forms.gle/CsZqriBFNUM6yjuVA>

YOUTH CONFIRMATION MINISTRY FOR 6th, 7th AND 8th GRADERS

Class will resumed on January 3, 2021.

PRE CONFIRMATION FOR 5th GRADERS

Class will resumed on January 3, 2021.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL OF 2021 -

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

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.

Weekend Custodial Assistance Needed

Are you aware of anyone looking for part time work? St. Matthew is looking for weekend custodial assistance. Saturday's & Sunday's 7:00am-2:00pm. Please contact Doug Duval at 847-438-7709.

Early Childhood Center News

Happy New Year, and God's blessings to you all! We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas Break! This week our Emerging Skills and Interests were: Exploring Healthy Habits in the New Year! The Number of the Week was 12. The Letter of the Week was H, and our theme for Show & Share. In Religious Studies, the preschoolers are learning about The Three Wise Men.

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week starting Monday, January 25th.

Theme: "Sent to Serve"

Monday, Jan. 25 "Jesus – Sent to Serve"
Tuesday, Jan. 26 "Pastors and Teachers – Sent to Serve"
Wednesday, Jan 27 "Serving Together on God's Team"
Thursday, Jan. 28 "Serving in Home and Community"
Friday, Jan 29 "Sent to Serve in the World"

Music Notes - The hymn "*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*" was written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in 1541. It is a rather wordy hymn that says in the Lutheran belief, baptism saves. The child being baptised is in a state of contrition by proxy, and that the congregation speaks on behalf of the child, confessing the sinful state so the child can be baptised and receive faith.

The hymn tune WINCHESTER NEW was arranged by the famous hymn author, William H. Monk. The original version of WINCHESTER NEW first appeared in *Musikalisches Handbuch der geistlichen Melodien*, published in Hamburg, Germany, in 1690 by Georg Wittwe.

Installation of the Officers and Board Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center at either of the 8:00am & 10:45am Service.

There are still openings on all of the boards. Please consider serving St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center in 2021 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.

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. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

Lutheran Church Charities Bible Study (LCC)

WORD – WHO IS JESUS ACCORDING TO JESUS. A Study of The Gospels. Instructor: Tim Hetzner President/ CEO of Lutheran Church Charities. All classes are offered via ZOOM at 9:30AM AND 7PM on Mondays. Go to LutheranChurchCharities.org to register or call 866-455-6466