

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**
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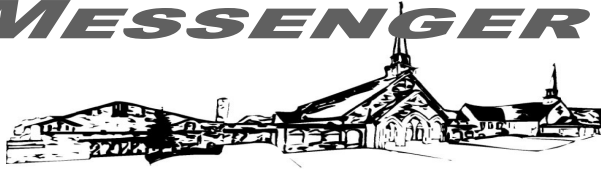
MESSENGER

**The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021**

The Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Senior Pastor
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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Sr. Associate Pastor
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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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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL **Sharing in the Mission of Christ: Learning, Connecting & Serving**

Preaching Rev. Timothy Kinne
Presiding Rev. Edward Blonski

HEART WORK *Mark 1:13*
And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Calendar For The Week

*C.O.O.L. Food Item for February - Breakfast Items
Bread for Life Weekend—2/28/2021*

Saturday, February 20

Pack 92 Pinewood Derby - KH/Virtual 8:00am
Men's Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 9:00am
Sunday School - Virtual 10:00am

Sunday, February 21 -

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
LWML Meeting - Virtual 12:30pm
Sunday School - Virtual 4:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 4:30pm
1/2/3 Year Confirmation Class - Virtual 6:30pm

Monday, February 22

Finance & Stewardship Meeting - LCR 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Good news Callers - Virtual 6:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 23

Staff Devotions 8:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Ladies Evening Bible Life Group - Virtual 7:00pm
Church Council Meeting - LH 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 24 "Prayers In The Bible"

Drive-Up Communion - Door 13 11:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Mid-Week Lenten Service - ONLINE ONLY 7:00pm

Thursday, February 25

Staff Devotions 8:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Comfort Dog Ministry Meeting - Virtual 6:00pm
Sharing the Joy Ministry Meeting - Virtual 7:00pm
Adult Discipleship Class - Virtual 7:00pm

Friday, February 26

Limitless Basketball - Gym 4:30pm

Saturday, February 27

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

Sunday, February 28 - Bread For Life

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, March 1

Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm
Good news Callers - Virtual 6:00pm
Leadership Summit - Virtual 7:00pm
Sunday School - Virtual 7:00pm

Watch "SCRIPTURE & PRAYER TIME"
with Pastor Kinne or Pastor Blonski

at 7:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

LIVE PRAYER TIME is on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#).

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob & Penny Martens, Kristen Basler, Carol Andrews, Ellen Wehrs, Alexandra Winters, Gordon Trapp, Elaine Braun, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Pauline Kalodimos, Darlene Meyer, Karl Reihn*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Tyler Sawusch, Bob Hamilton*

ALTAR FLOWERS - Have been given to the Glory of God

- In loving memory of Tom Steiner, from his family.
- Celebrating the birthday's of Dwight & Gloria Sawusch

OFFICIAL ACTS

- The funeral of Friedrich "Fred" Scheu was held at St. Matthew on February 16, 2021. Fred entered into eternal life on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 28

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

Mid-Week Lent Services

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
11:00am—Noon Drive Through Communion
7:00pm Service - Virtual ONLY (Recorded in Historical Chapel)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 28

8:00am - Classic w/communion - RSVP Required
10:45am - Contemporary w/communion - RSVP Required

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 1

11:00am - Noon, Drive Through Communion
7:00pm Classic Service w/communion
In-House & Live-Streamed—RSVP Required

Good Friday - Friday, April 2

The Liturgy of the Cross
Noon & 7:00pm - In-House & Live-Streamed - RSVP Required

Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 3

5:30pm - The Vigil of Easter w/communion
InHouse & Live Streamed - RSVP Required

Easter - Sunday, April 4

6:00am & 8:00am - Classic Festival Easter Service
10:45am - Contemporary Easter Service
Communion will be celebrated at all services
Services are In-House & Live Streamed—RSVP Required

Classic Service is live streamed on Sunday morning at 8:00am and the Contemporary Service is live streamed at 10:45am. 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.

Church Attendance

Sunday - 8:00 - 40 10:45 - 22 Total - 62
Men's Bible Study - 7 Sunday Bible Study - 7
Ladies Life Group - 16

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 9,378	\$523,645
Budget	\$17,513	\$539,741
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 8,135)	(\$ 16,096)

*Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.
As of 2/15/21*

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 meet on Sunday morning @ 9:00am 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' LIFE GROUP - Ladies Life Group will meet each Tuesday at 7:00pm for a virtual Bible study - Making Sense of Your Emotions. Join Nancy and many other ladies as we read God's Word and share, grow and encourage one another. For more info, see Nancy Blonski. Email nblonski@truemen.org or call/text 909-587-9945.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - The Adult Discipleship Class will start a new class in March. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Church Office at 847/438-7709.

MEN'S MINISTRY - SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Men's Bible Study at St. Matthew is offered both in person and virtually! It is held on **Saturdays at 9:00 a.m** We are currently studying: "GENESIS: In the Beginning"

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Jr. & Sr. High) - VIRTUAL classes are being offered in March 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

Meets on Sunday's at 6:30pm- Virtual

PRE CONFIRMATION FOR 5th GRADERS

Meets on Sunday's at 11:00am- Virtual

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)

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

REMINDER..

**THE 2021 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON:
MONDAY, MARCH 1 @ 7:00PM**

MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA BLUEJEANS

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
THANK YOU.**

Early Childhood Center News

2021-2022 Preschool Registration is OPEN. You can find details on our website: www.stmatts.net/weekly-news.html There will also be registration packets available in the school office. Please contact us if you would like to have an in-person tour @ 847/438-6103 or chibe@stmattsonline.com

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. February food item is Breakfast Items. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

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 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 Kinne (224) 360-2629, or Pastor Blonski (909) 373-7936.

USHERS NEEDED - We are in need of Ushers for the 2021 calendar. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 847/438-7709 or selimos@stmattsonline.com We are currently only having services on Sunday's at 8:00am & 10:45am.

Music Notes - The hymn "O Christ Who Walked the Road" was authored by the late Rev. Dr. Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) He served as President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He attended Hughesville public schools, and was a graduate of Susquehanna University and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He received additional advanced degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York and a doctoral degree at Southern California School of Theology at Claremont. He retired in 1989. Rev. Dr. Stuempfle was the author of several books and numerous articles and lectures on preaching, history, and theology. He was also among the most honored and respected hymn writers of the 20th and 21st centuries. Rev. Dr. Stuempfle was known for his leadership in community and civic projects. Always taking an active stance on social issues, he participated in the creation of day care centers, served on the Gettysburg interchurch social action committee, helped create and support prison ministries and a homeless shelter, and tutored young people in the after school program of Christ Lutheran Church, where he was a long time member.

CROCHETERS NEEDED - Looking for something to pass the time during these last days of winter and the Covid pandemic?

St Matters needs people to crochet the balls of plastic strips into mats for the homeless. We also need people to loop the plastic strips together to make a large ball of plarn. If you can help, Call Helen, (847) 438 - 4644

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS -

Save the Date:

Easter Bunny Drive Through - Saturday, March 27th, 10:30am

VBS - "Rainforest Explorers" - July 26th—July 30th

COLD-WEATHER POWER OUTAGES -

With the bitter cold weather there may be cold-weather power outages. If you find yourself without power please contact Doug Duval @ 847/707-1676 or Pastor Blonski @ 909/373-7936 for emergency assistance.