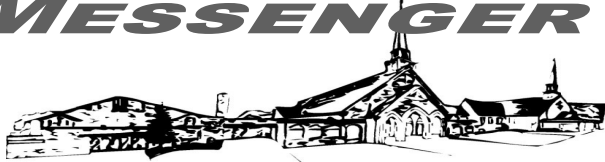


**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
24500 N. Old McHenry Road

# MESSENGER

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 1 & 2, 2021**



The Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Senior Pastor  
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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Nancy Chibe, Early Childhood Center Director  
Kristin Gierke, Youth Director  
Rebecca Gamble, School Secretary

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

Presiding Rev. Timothy Kinne  
Preaching Rev. Edward Blonski

**HEART WORK** John 15:5  
**I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

**Calendar For The Week**

*C.O.O.L. Food Item for April - Juice or Powdered Milk  
Bread for Life Weekend—4/24/2021*

**Saturday, May 1**

Men's Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am  
Saturday Night Service w/Communion 5:30pm

**Sunday, May 2**

Classic Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 8:00am  
Adult Discipleship Class/Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am  
Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am  
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion 10:45am  
Women's Guild Meeting - LH 12:00pm  
Sunday School - Virtual 4:00pm  
Sunday School - Virtual 4:30pm

**Monday, May 3**

Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm  
Good News Callers - Virtual 6:30pm  
Sunday School - Virtual 7:00pm  
Handbell Practice 7:00pm

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

**Wednesday, May 5**

Administrative Meeting - LH 9:00am  
ECC Chapel 10:00am  
Full Staff Ministry Meeting 2:30pm  
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm  
Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

**Thursday, May 6**

Staff Devotions 8:00am  
National Day of Prayer 9:00am  
Ladies' Aid Meeting - KH 11:30am  
Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm

**Friday, May 7**

Limitless Basketball - Gym 3:45pm

**Saturday, May 8**

Men's Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am  
Saturday Night Service w/Communion 5:30pm

**Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day**

Classic Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 8:00am  
Adult Discipleship Class/Bible Study - LH & Virtual 9:00am  
Praise Band Practice - Sanctuary 9:30am  
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion - RSVP 10:45am  
Sunday School - Virtual 4:00pm  
Sunday School - Virtual 4:30pm

Watch "SCRIPTURE & PRAYER TIME"  
with Pastor Blonski

at 7:00am on Tuesday & Thursday and Noon on Wednesday

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob & Penny Martens, Kristen Basler, Carol Andrews, Ellen Wehrs, Alexandra Winters, Gordon Trapp, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Pauline Kalodimos, Karl Riehn, Joyce DeLeon, Jackson Field, Richard & Bobbie Maple*
- *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 honor of the 56th wedding anniversary of *Roger & Sally Henning*
- In honor of the birthday of *Herb Watts*
- In memory of the birthday of *Gene Burnidge* from his wife

**OFFICIAL ACTS**

None

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 2021**

6th - National Day of Prayer  
9th - Mother's Day  
13th - Ascension Day Service w/guest speaker - 7pm  
23rd - Pastor Kinne's Retirement Celebration  
10:00am In-House Service (ONLY) Reception to Follow  
28th - ECC Graduation  
30th - Unity Sunday / Baseball - 10:00am Service  
31st - Memorial Day

**June 2021**

13th - Voters' Assembly, Noon  
19th/20th - Guest Speaker—Rev. Seltz  
20th - Father's Day

**July 2021**

4th - Independence Day  
24th/25th - Guest Speaker - (TBD)  
25th - Pastor Blonski's Ordination Anniversary Celebration  
25th - Golf "Fore" the Kids Golf Outing  
26th -30th - Vacation Bible School

**August 2021**

8th - Pig Roast (TBD)  
Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Allan Buss

**VOTERS' MEETING** - Save the date...

Our next Voters' Meeting will be on June 13, 2021.  
Meeting will be held in the main sanctuary at Noon.

Please RSVP to  
selimos@stmattsonline.com or call 847/438-7709

### **Church Attendance**

Saturday - 5:30pm - 35  
Sunday - 8:00am - 69    10:45am - 109  
TOTAL - 213  
Sat. Men's Bible Study - 9    Sunday Bible Study - 11  
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study - 14

### **Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Received	\$16,433	\$678,659
Budget	\$17,437	\$714,632
Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,004)	(\$35,972)

*Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.  
As of 4/26/2021*

### **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.

#### **LUTHERAN WALK OF FAITH —SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY & ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

Starting Sunday, April 11th, the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will be combined with the Adult Discipleship Class. This will be a 8 week class, concluding on May 30th. (No class on May 23rd). Classes meet on Sunday morning @ 9:00am in Luther Hall. If you would like to receive the handouts for either Bible study (or both!) email the Church Office at [selimos@stmattsonline.com](mailto: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](mailto:nblonski@truemen.org) or call/text 909-587-9945.

**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 April at 11:00am. For ZOOM class details, please contact Kristin Gierke @ 847/438-7709 or [Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com)

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

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

**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. April food item is Juice or Powdered Milk. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

**DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR TIME & TALENT QUESTIONNAIRE.  
GO TO WWW.STMATTS.NET  
AND FILL IT OUT ONLINE.  
THANK YOU.**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER** – This week, our Emerging Skills and Interests are: Come Rain or Shine: Exploring Weather. The number of the week is 4. We are reviewing the alphabet letters for the remainder of the school year. Our theme for Show and Share is to bring in something that sinks in water. In religious studies, the preschoolers are learning about the Ascension of Jesus.

#### **YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS -**

Save the Date:

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

#### **Mark Your Calendars...**

The next scheduled Ladies Aid meeting is Thursday, May 6 at 11:30. Please bring brownbag lunch and your own beverage. Crafting begins on Wednesdays starting June 1, in Krueger Hall.

**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](mailto:selimos@stmattsonline.com) We are currently having services on Saturday's at 5:30pm and on Sunday's at 8:00am & 10:45am.

**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.

#### **MITE BOX CHALLENGE**

The next Mite Box challenge will be:  
MEN versus WOMEN

The challenge will end May 2.

There will be two boxes labeled accordingly in the Narthex.

#### **5th Annual Golf Outing "FORE" the Kids**

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Renwood Golf Course, Round Lake

Registration & Donation forms are on the church office counter.

**ST. MATTHEW YOUTH** - The youth of all ages are invited to come help with the Ascension Day service on May 13. Kristin is looking for youth to help blow up the balloons at 5:30pm and also hand out ice cream bars following the service. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Kristin Gierke, Director of Youth Ministries, at (847) 438-6103 or [Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com).

#### **Music Notes - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

In about 1674, Bishop Thomas Ken wrote three hymns for morning, evening, and midnight as an addition to his *A Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Scholars of Winchester College*. These hymns were published by Ken in a pamphlet in 1694, and were included in the *Manual* in its 1695 edition. "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" was the text of the final, doxological stanza for all three of them. **OLD HUNDREDTH** is by far the most common tune to which this text is sung. This psalm tune is often attributed to Louis Bourgeois, who edited the Genevan Psalter of 1551, in which it first appeared. The tune became associated with William Kethe's version of Psalm 100 in the Anglo-Genevan Psalter of 1560, from which the name OLD HUNDREDTH is derived.

This great, timeless, memorable hymn of our faith is something that we will begin our Classic services with each weekend immediately following the prelude as we give our Praise to God from all of the countless blessings he has given to us. Generally, this great Doxology has been sung as a way of giving thanks to the Lord after receiving our offerings. HOWEVER we should at all times give praise to the Trinity, for all of the good things that have come from God as we proclaim with the greatness that comes from God which we should at all times, places and circumstances to "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".