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

MESSENGER

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 8 & 9, 2021

The Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Senior Pastor
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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Kristin Gierke, Youth Director
Rebecca Gamble, School Secretary

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Sharing in the Mission of Christ: Learning, Connecting & Serving

Presiding	Rev. Edward Blonski
Preaching	Rev. Timothy Kinne

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for May - Canned Fruit
Bread for Life Weekend—5/30/2021

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

Monday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 11

Staff Devotions	8:00am
Circuit Pastoral Meeting - LH	9:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym	3:45pm
Ladies Evening Bible Life Group - Virtual	7:00pm
Board of Deacon Meeting - LH	7:00pm

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13—Ascension Day

Staff Devotions	8:00am
Limitless Basketball - Gym	3:45pm
Ascension Day Service - In-House - RSVP	7:00pm

Friday, May 14

Limitless Basketball - Gym	3:45pm

Saturday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 16

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
Lichter Baptism	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
LIVE PRAYER TIME is on Facebook, YouTube, **and Instagram.**

HEART WORK **ACTS 10:42**
And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Skinner, Marvin Sneller, Bob & Penny Martens, Kristen Basler, Alexandra Winters, Gordon Trapp, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Joyce DeLeon, Jackson Field, Delores Kniggee, John Schockmel, Nancy Chibe, Nick & Stephanie Anderson*
- *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

- Celebrating the birthdays of Derek & Corinne (21) Chambers-Boucher.
- Celebrating the 59th wedding anniversary of John & Audrey Lahr.

OFFICIAL ACTS
None

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2021
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)

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

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 - 33
Sunday - 8:00am - 64 10:45am - 38
TOTAL - 135
Sat. Men's Bible Study - 7 Sunday Bible Study - 7
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study - 12

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance

	Last Week	YTD
Offerings Received	$17,057	$695,716
Budget	$17,131	$731,762
Over (Under) Budget	($74)	($36,762)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

As of 5/3/2021

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 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 The next Bible study for the Ladies Life Group is Praying with Power. We start May 4th. We will explore journaling prayers, prayer attitudes, and how to pray through a desert or a valley. It will be 12 weeks of study with down to earth illustrations and reflections to help you move the truth from your head to your heart. For more info, see Nancy Blonski. Email 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 May. 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

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER – God's blessings to you! This week our Emerging Skills and Interests were: Bloom Where You Are Planted-Exploring Flowers. This was a review week for both our letters and numbers. Our theme for Show & Share was to bring in your favorite toy. In Religious Studies, the preschoolers are learning about Peter and the Cripple.

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 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.

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.

MAY BIBLE CHALLENGE
The May daily Bible challenge has begun.
Go to: www.stmatts.net/youth-ministy.html
and view the daily schedule.
Hard copies of the schedule will be located on the Church Office counter.

VBS - Vacation Bible School 2021
"Rainforest Explorers" - July 26th—July 30th
Registration is OPEN for attendees and volunteers
Go To: www.stmatts.net/youth-ministy.html
and register today...

Music Notes - Joseph Scriven's text to "**What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** has remained largely unchanged since it was first published in 1857. The verses build on one another, carrying the same theme throughout: first raising the questions we have about our pain and sorrow, and then answering those questions with assurance of God's power and love. As the editors in the *Psalter Hymnal Handbook* write, the text "is not great poetry," but it has "spiritual appeal and an effective repeated phrase, 'take it to the Lord in prayer.'" This is a hymn that acknowledges the pain we experience in life, and then assures us of the comfort we have in Christ. The hymn tune **CONVERSE**, written by Charles C. Converse, in 1868, is almost universally paired with Scriven's text. It is a tune that speaks of assurance and hope.

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. May food item Canned Fruit. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.