

# The St. Matthew Lutheran Church Voice



St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School

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## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

*Cool Monthly Item  
Breakfast Items*

- 7 - Ladel's Birthday - 11 years old  
8 - Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball  
21, 28 - Lent Mid Week Worship 7pm  
Lenten Dinners 5:30pm  
16 &17 - Ladies' Book Sale

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## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

*Cool Monthly Item -  
Tuna*

- 6 - Ash Wednesday Services Noon,7pm  
Lenten Dinner 5:30pm  
10 - Adult Discipleship Class Begins  
13, 20, 27 - Lent Mid Week Worship 7pm  
Lenten Dinners 5:30pm

April 2019						
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## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Cool Monthly Item  
Juice/ Powdered  
Milk*

- 3,10 - Lent Mid Week Worship 7pm  
Lenten Dinners 5:30pm  
6 - Breakfast & Clean Church 8am  
14 - Seder Meal 6pm  
18 - Maundy Thursday Service 7pm  
19 - Good Friday Services Noon & 7pm  
20 - Vigil of Easter 5:30pm  
21 - Easter Services 6:00, 8:00, 0:45am  
22 - Easter Breakfast 7:00-11:00 am  
28 - Youth Confirmation 10:45am

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!**

VBS - June 10-June  
Pig Roast - Sunday, August 11

**Clarence Feldbusch**

Born : May 15, 1927  
Entered Eternal Rest: November 6, 2018

**Lois Jean Powell**

Born : April 5, 1935  
Entered Eternal Rest: November 15, 2018

**June Pastryk**

Born : June 20, 1932  
Entered Eternal Rest: November 26, 2018

**Reid Minden**

Born : January 7, 1963  
Entered Eternal Rest: December 24, 2018

**Robert D. Brennan**

Born : August 6, 1951  
Entered Eternal Rest: January 3, 2019



October 21 - *Eli Erhardt*  
Son of Tommy & Nichole Erhardt  
December 1 - *Abigail Mae Kalodimos*  
Daughter of Steven & Nicole Kalodimos

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for St. Matthew's own and all those currently serving around the world.

Justin Brown  
Charles Moneyham  
Elise Neilson  
Steve & Ice Sandy  
Adam Imaoka  
Tyler Sawusch



JAKE WILSON AND CHARLOTTE LICHTER  
were united in marriage at St. Matthew  
on Saturday, November 3, 2018

JACOB ALAN LEE AND  
KATHRINE ELIZABETH GOODMAN  
were united in marriage at St. Matthew  
on Saturday, November 10, 2018

### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jason & Jennifer Cooper and son, Graham  
Iris Crandall  
Kristin Gierke  
Michael Gagne  
Lisa Owen  
Siegrid Pesnilov



To order altar flowers in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office at 847-438-7709. We were recently blessed to receive a generous donation from the Clarence Feldbusch family. This donation has allowed us to pass on a cost to you of \$25.00 for a standard, one-sided altar arrangement or centerpiece.

Happy 11th birthday Ladel  
on February 7th!!!



PLEASE inform the Pastoral staff when a call or visit is desired – the hospitals and rehabilitation centers do not contact us. If you or a loved one is receiving medical treatment, please make contact with the:

Church Office (847) 438-7709  
Pastor Kinne (224) 360-2629  
Pastor Blonski (909) 373-7936

## A Message from our Senior Pastor ... Pastor Timothy Kinne

**Jesus said, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”      Mark 10:45**

The theme for ministry this year (2018-2019) at St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School is **SHARING IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST: LEARNING, CONNECTING & SERVING**—with the emphasis on **SERVING**. This theme is based on the words of Jesus from the Gospel of St. Mark 10:45 “**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to SERVE, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**”

The final words of Mark 10:45 explain exactly what our Lord did to Serve others—you and me and many more. It was something only He could do—**to give His life as a ransom for many.**

Only Jesus Christ could accomplish the ransom that was needed to buy us back—to purchase us from Satan. His life had to be perfect according to the law of God (The 10 Commandments) and His blood had to be shed (He had to die) in order to pay the price of our sins.

Now, by faith, begun by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the holy Word of God, we are brought to saving faith. This faith connects us to the perfect life of Christ—dressing us in His holiness. This saving faith also connects us to the blood of Christ by which all our transgressions are paid for. You and I have been ransomed—you and I have been redeemed—you and I have been purchased and won from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death that we may be His own. This is the message of salvation that we are to share with all people.

**SHARING in the  
MISSION of CHRIST**



**LEARNING  
CONNECTING  
SERVING**

**exploreGod™**

### EXPLORE GOD - CHICAGO

During this Season of Epiphany (January 13 – February 24) we have and will continue to participate in **Explore God Chicago 2019**. This a Community Outreach Initiative meant to involve each and every member of the congregation.

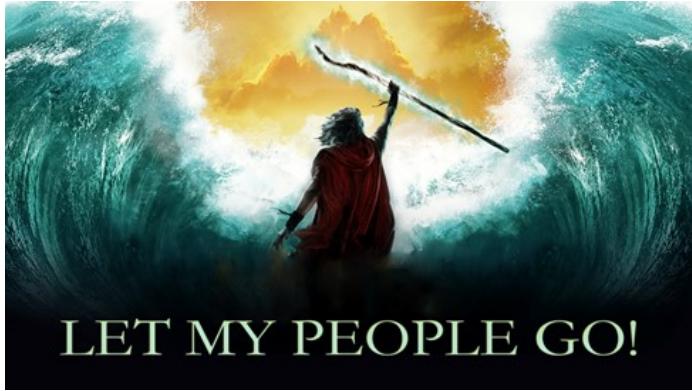
As we seek to share the message of salvation in Jesus Christ with those who may not believe in God—You and I need to realize that helping people think in new ways is usually a slow process. Be patient, and be ready to explain it again and again, and be prepared to talk about additional questions they might want to raise.

Next, we should refer to the Bible’s teachings in talking about our faith, but realize that many people do not accept the authority or truthfulness of the Bible—particularly those who question God’s existence. The message of the Bible still has power, but other sources of information are needed to reinforce the truths of the Bible.

Also remember that love draws people, and disagreement can drive them away. So let love be your motivation, and be ready to back off—if a conversation gets too heated or disagreeable.

May the Spirit of the Lord bless each of us as we seek to engage the world so that others may come to saving faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and by believing have eternal life.

## A Message from our Senior Pastor . . . (continued from page 3)



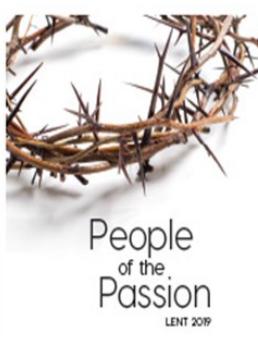
**LENT BEGINS** with Ash Wednesday March 6 and so does our emphasis on the Book of Exodus. In Exodus, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the Exodus 125 times!

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

During the Sunday Morning Bible Class will look at the exciting history and theology connected with the book of Exodus. It will all be very practical and useful!

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring his promise to Adam and Eve "I [the LORD] will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus.



In **People of the Passion**, you will see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim; our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians -- each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. You may see yourself in some of these people -- ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.

### **PASSOVER SEDER —**

**Palm Sunday, April 14,  
2019 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

The Last Supper our Lord celebrated with His disciples was a Jewish **Passover Seder**, a solemn sacrificial meal carried out



according to ancient Jewish ritual. For Christians, the **Passover Seder** is like a scene from a Passion Play, a dramatic representation of the events of the Upper Room. In the **Passover Seder** we will show the intimate meaning of the Passover with the work of Christ as our Savior, and the connection the **Passover Seder** has with the Lord's Supper. The Supper of our Lord will be celebrated at the close of the meal. Reservation forms will soon be made available on the Church Office counter.

### **NEXT ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

You are invited to the next **Adult Discipleship Class** that will be held **Sunday** mornings March 10 – May 19 at 9:20 a.m. In the Upper Level Conference Room. The eleven (11), one hour sessions of this course are offered for both those who desire to become members of the congregation and for those who would like to review the basics of Biblical Christian teaching from the Lutheran perspective. All are welcome!

May the Lord continue to bless us as we are

**SHARING IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST:  
LEARNING, CONNECTING & SERVING**  
Rev. Timothy L. Kinne, Sr. Pastor

## A Message from our Associate Pastor . . . Pastor Ed Blonski



### “Who Am I ... Really?

I was shaving the other morning and as I looked at my face in the mirror a question popped into my head, “Who am I, really?”

Most people ask this question at some point in their lives. Some several times in their lives. The answer to this question actually leads to a lot of other questions. In other words, the answer to the question “Who Am I” leads me to questions such as “Where do I belong?” and “What is my purpose?”

It is really more than simply a question of my name. And because of that, it is a more complex question to answer. I want to get at the core, at my heart. The answer encompasses who my parents were, my ancestors were, where they came from, ethnic origin, and, ultimately, it goes all the way back to the founding of my faith. I am asking a question of *identity* and, for a Christian, that identity is found in only one place – Jesus Christ.

When I was baptized in 1965, the person I was, as new as I was, ceased to exist. According to Galatians 2:20, a new person was born, who is really a very old person – if “old” is a word that can be used to describe Him.

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

My *identity* is linked with Jesus Christ, who was crucified and rose again from the dead. Who I am is tied together with the crucified and risen Savior. My identity defines where I belong and establishes my purpose.

As a Christian man, I belong where Christ is. Not necessarily where He was, on a cross outside Jerusalem or in a tomb nearby, but where there is hurting and lost people. Where people are in need of salvation is where Christ is and where I belong.

#### And so do you!

It's not a matter of simply taking on the label of “Christian” and sitting in a church once every four to six weeks – or even every week. Your identity in the crucified and risen Savior establishes that you belong where people need to hear about Christ.

The purpose of one identified with the crucified and risen Savior is one and the same as the crucified and risen Savior. “*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost*” (Luke 19:10).

My purpose as a Christian is to seek out the lost and bring them the Good News of Jesus Christ. And that's your purpose, too! The Holy Spirit has given you specific gifts – talents – and passions with which to do this. But we have all been given a common gift to share the Good News of our Risen Savior – a place to worship that is comfortable and beautiful. This Easter, I encourage you to invite someone you know to worship and hear the Good News of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP THE LORD AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lenten Dinners are served beginning at 5:30 PM prior to the service in Kruger Hall.  
All mid-week services include the Sacrament of the Altar.

Ash Wednesday, March 6 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM <b>“BIG THINGS WITH SMALL STUFF”</b> <i>Exodus 2</i> With the Imposition of Ashes	Wednesday, March 27 - 7:00 PM <b>“STRIKE THE ROCK”</b>
Wednesday, March 13 - 7:00 PM <b>“HOW GOD CHANGES US”</b> <i>Exodus 3</i>	Wednesday, April 3 - 7:00 PM <b>“MINE”</b>
Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00 PM <b>“STOP TRYING &amp; START TRUSTING”</b>	Wednesday, April 10 - 7:00 PM <b>“DIGGING OURSELVES INTO A HOLE”</b>



Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Weekend **“A NEW BEGINNING”**

Saturday, April 13 - 5:30 PM – Sunday, April 14 - 8:00 & 10:45 AM

**“SEDER MEAL”** – Sunday, April 14 - 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 18 – **“ACCESS”**

7:00 PM Sacrament of the Altar — First Communion — Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19 – **“AGNUS DEI”**

12:00 Noon — Liturgy of the Cross

7:00 PM – Tenebrae Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 20 - 5:30 PM – The Vigil of Easter – Sacrament of the Altar

Easter Sunday, April 21 - **“AGAINST ALL ODDS”**

6:00, 8:00AM - Classic Service - Sacrament of the Altar

10:45AM - Contemporary Service - Sacrament of the Altar

7:00 - 10:30 AM - Easter Breakfast

## A message from our Chair - Mr. Keith Kalodimos

Old man winter may be here but there are many things that can keep us warm and outgoing during these cold and blustery days. One way is to stay in touch with your church family. Come early or stay late and enjoy some camaraderie with your fellow Christian brothers and sisters. Have some fun with your children in the gym. Remember, adult supervision is required. Please take your street shoes off -- bring your gym shoes with you to change into and enjoy yourselves. Enjoy coffee hour in between services. Join the Sunday morning Bible Study for some lively conversation. Take your children to Sunday school from 9:20 to 10:30am. So, join in, don't miss out on all these opportunities to connect with each other.

### **MEET JOHN FILANTRES**

If you want to get to know a small group of people of like minds there are many opportunities. If you are good with any ONE aspect of these descriptions, maintenance, contracts, service personnel, personal relationships in our community, cost analysis, billing, blue print reading, etc. you may be a great fit for the Trustees. Join this small band of brothers. Sisters also welcome. The Chairman of the Trustees is John Filantres and you may contact him at [retdc08@yahoo.com](mailto:retdc08@yahoo.com). or seek him out at church.



*John Filantres*



### **NEW ORGAN PROJECT**

With Valentines Day coming up quickly we hope you will take into account one way to share love this year is to make a donation to the New Organ Project. You have all recently received a brochure and letter mailed out by Pastor Kinne. Please prayerfully consider donating to the project this Valentine's Day. Sharing the love amongst us!



Ah, the holidays are officially over!!!!

DO you need to burn some calories?

Did you know that you can burn off some of those extra calories with helping us clean church on:

**Saturday, April 6  
beginning at 9:00am**

Nicole Nichols, a personal trainer, estimates that one can burn the following calories while doing these common cleaning activities:

- Taking out Trash: 2 minutes = 5 calories
- General to Heavy house cleaning: 1 hour = 191 calories
- Dusting: 15 minutes = 40 calories
- Socializing while standing: 1 hour = 127 calories

Since we are concerned about you having enough energy to work, Pastor Blonski and the men of his Bible Study invite you to breakfast on the 6th at 8:00am in Luther Hall.

### **A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES**

If you are the last person to leave church or school . . . PLEASE take time to turn off the lights before you leave. Thank you for your assistance.



# Sharing the Joy Ministry

The Sharing the Joy Ministry of St. Matthew has continued to show the love of Jesus Christ by sharing . . . .



We have continued our push with Meal Train. This is a great opportunity for families that may need help with meals for a short period of time. The families/individuals that have received meals have been so grateful. Please keep Meal Train in mind if you or someone you know is going in for surgery, having a baby, or just needs some support. Sharing the Joy will be happy to assist in making meals. Please contact the church office if you have a need.



In November we kicked off the St. Matthew Giving Tree. The Giving Tree supported Love Inc. and the mission to provide bedding to children in the Southwest region of Lake County. With the very generous support of our congregation members and friends we were able to supply the following:

- Pillows: 25
- Twin/Full/Queen Sheet Sets: 48
- Twin/Full/Queen/King Comforters: 31
- Blankets: 68
- Stuffed Animals: 35
- Books: 66

We were also given a donation of 20 sets of Hats/Scarfs/Gloves from Joanne Becke, who is part of the Caring Hands group that makes Project Linus Blankets.



In 2019 we are hoping to get more involved with different organizations within our area. Our goal is to get out in the community and show God's love by Sharing The Joy with our children. Some of the activities we are excited about are, reaching out to families in need and individuals that are sick. We will be going to nursing homes, helping at the Alpine Food Pantry, working with Love Inc. and their continued mission to help families in the Southwest region of Lake County. We will continue supporting the Fremont, Lake Zurich, and Mundelein Townships. We look forward to working with the St. Matthew Youth Program and getting the children at St. Matthew involved with some volunteer opportunities.

Please watch for announcements from Sharing The Joy.

We are always looking for new members to this great ministry. Please contact Cheri or Linda in the church office for more information on how you can spread the Joy of God's love.



**Greetings from your Board of Deacons**  
**and may God's Spirit be with you**  
**ALWAYS.**



Happy 2019 Greetings from your St. Matthew Board of Deacons.

The Term "Deacon" means servant, and it our duty as chosen Deacons to serve God's Kingdom and the Congregation of St. Matthew. All of our Deacons here, are all, your Deacons. We have a Deacon team assigned to every service and are here to help with any questions you may have, or help you may need. Always feel free to ask for our help, we are here to serve.

The Board of Deacons would like to thank our departing Deacons who have had their terms expire: Steve Schockmel, Rob Fosness and Glenn Wickboldt. Their work and fellowship have been priceless over the last 6 years plus. We offer our heartfelt appreciation. We also welcome our newest Deacon, Don Brusa. Don is a longtime member and currently our host family for our Comfort Dog Malachi. Please welcome him when you get the chance.

If you have not done so before, please get familiar with our newly designed website and phone 'apps' : Our website address is - <https://www.stmatts.net> - This can be typed into any computer and take you right to our updated website.

The mobile phone application can be found at either the Apple or Android stores by searching for: St. Matthew Lutheran - Hawthorn Woods - Download the app and you are connected.

Both of these allow you or your family to be linked to current happenings and schedules for St. Matthew. Of course our excellent office staff can assist you if you need additional help with these.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the recent highlights around the Church and share some opportunities where you too, can be part of the support team for God's Kingdom as we spread the words of Jesus, heading into the Lenten Season.

Our four, Christmas Eve candlelight services had very strong attendance and great feedback from those attending. The 'new' 2-o'clock service, has turned out to be very popular. Thank You brother DP, you are dearly missed. Our contemporary group did a wonderful job at the 4:00 service, including a truly inspiring version of "O Holy Night". Our talented contemporary band is doing an excellent job at our 10:45 services here every week. Our choirs and musicians filled the sanctuary with wonderful spiritual Christmas music, that help make the Christmas worship experience special for all of our families and friends. We thank You all.

Our new youth director, Kristin Gierke, has had an excellent start. She has had many functions and outings which have all gone very, very well. Her spirit and passion for bringing the spirit and wisdom of Christ to the children, is wonderful to experience. Take the time to say "Hi". You will find her to be very approachable and easy to relate to, when talking about anything Child or Christian related. Our "Sharing the Joy" group continues to make a difference wherever they go. From Halloween "treating" local seniors, to supporting our families who are in difficult times. Their work is touching many spiritually needy families. God Bless your work.

The New Organ Committee has been busy in doing field research and getting a list of potential new organs for our sanctuary. They should have results soon.

If you haven't already done so, please take the time this year to attend one of the many excellent Bible-Study opportunities for your family here at St. Matthew. Various options are available to you throughout the week day or night as well as Sunday mornings. Visit our office, website, or app for more information.

What is your Christian Resolution for 2019? There will be new ways you can make a difference in God's Kingdom. You just need to find them, and then, you too can make a difference.

Thank You All for Your Support of God's Kingdom and St. Matthew.  
 May God Bless You and may God's Peace be with you always.  
 Your St. Matthew Board of Deacons

## **From the Treasurer**

God's riches blessings to you. Financial statements for the first six months of fiscal year 2018-2019, are shown below. Total operating income is \$489,407 compared to the budget of \$637,616. Envelope and plate offerings to cover annual operating expenses **have fallen short by \$127,101**. We pray that this is a temporary shortfall as all of us prayerfully consider how God has blessed us individually and give back to him accordingly. Designated contributions help raise funds for specific purposes and we are grateful for them, but these funds cannot be used to pay salaries or keep the lights on!

Expenses are slightly under budget primarily due to delayed hiring in administrative staff and the elimination of the Pre K program this year. However, property costs are over budget by \$11,427 due to additional maintenance expense.

Fundraising revenue and expense represents the 2018 Pig Roast activity; which realized a profit of \$7,098. Restricted income and transfers show capital improvement offerings of \$12,535 which is a shortfall of \$10,639. For school operations, \$56,000 was set aside from Fiscal Year 2017 for future school expenses. \$23,000 was used last year and the remaining \$33,000 is budgeted and being used in the current fiscal year.

The Balance Sheet reflects \$873,380 in cash and investments, of which \$626,797 are designated funds.

### **St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School**

#### **Statement of Income and Expense for the six months ending Dec. 31, 2018**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<b>Last Year 12/31/2017</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Envelope & plate offering	\$431,086	\$558,187	(\$127,101)	\$552,765
User fees	8,348	2,321	6,027	4,433
Gifts, Thrivent, auxiliary, other	3,998	4,877	(879)	5,992
School Tuition	19,070	46,231	(27,161)	62,167
Fundraising donations & revenue	26,905	26,000	905	28,465
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$489,407</b>	<b>\$637,616</b>	<b>(\$148,209)</b>	<b>\$653,822</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Outreach beyond congregation	(\$16,000)	(\$25,167)	\$9,167	(\$4,650)
Pastoral, administration	(274,638)	(323,808)	49,170	(223,063)
School staff	(38,300)	(62,494)	24,194	(85,126)
Property	(121,878)	(110,451)	(11,427)	(124,041)
Fundraising expense	(19,807)	(18,000)	(1,807)	(19,162)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(\$470,623)</b>	<b>(\$539,920)</b>	<b>\$69,297</b>	<b>(\$456,042)</b>
<b>Restricted Income &amp; Transfers</b>				
Capital improvement envelope income	\$12,535	\$23,174	(\$10,639)	\$27,750
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	(\$12,535)	(\$23,174)	\$10,639	(\$27,750)
Funds to Parking Lot Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$60,000)
Funds from School Year 2016-17	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Restricted Income &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$60,000)</b>
<b>Income less Expense &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$35,284</b>	<b>\$114,196</b>	<b>(\$78,912)</b>	<b>\$137,780</b>

**Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2018**

**Assets**

Cash and Investments	\$873,380
Land and Buildings	<u>\$5,700,000</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$6,573,380</u></b>

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$977
Dedicated Funds	<u>\$626,797</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$627,774</u></b>

**Equity**

Equity	\$5,729,253
Fund Balance	<u>\$216,353</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>\$6,573,380</u></b>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*Blessings to all,*

Bonnie McLeod; 847-438-9322; mcleod810@comcast.net

## ***Workshop Invitation***

Join the Ladies Aid Crafters Workshop



**Wednesdays 9am-noon  
in Krueger Hall.**

*What is this?* If you have attended the Christmas Bazaar you have seen the beautiful items offered for sale, these items have been made by the Wednesday crafters. They work most of the year preparing for the Bazaar in November.

You don't have to be a member of Ladies Aid to participate, this is open to all, whether you like sewing, woodworking, painting, knitting or jewelry making. Or maybe you don't think you have these skills but we also need people who can do some sanding, gluing or stuffing sewn items. We need your God given talents and ideas.

We have a spot for you. Of course there is always coffee, treats and conversation. And the chance to make a new friend or learn a new skill. **Hope to see you soon.**

**Invite  
someone  
to  
CHURCH**



Join us for Mid Week Lenten dinners every Wednesday at 5:30pm in Krueger Hall.

## EVANGELISM

### EXPLORE GOD

Explore God Chicago 2019 is a Community Outreach Initiative led by a committee of local pastors and business and ministry leaders. We all have questions about God, faith, and purpose; Explore God is a unique effort to come together to look at these questions in an open, authentic way. Join us as we explore *The 7 Big Questions*.

**1**

**Does Life Have a Purpose?**

**2**

**Is There a God?**

**3**

**Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?**

**4**

**Is Christianity Too Narrow?**

**5**

**Is Jesus Really God?**

**6**

**Is The Bible Reliable?**

**7**

**Can I Know God Personally?**

Continuing thru March, St. Matthew joins churches throughout the greater Chicago area to explore these big questions through our sermon series and our Sunday Morning Bible Study. Topic and dates of when the questions will be discussed are listed on the church website: [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net)



## **EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS**

**LUTHERAN EVANGELISM™**

The Gospel is simple, but the world is complex. How do we share the Good News of Jesus in today's world? Here at St. Matthew, we want to help you be equipped to be a more active and effective witness of Jesus by participating in the Every One His Witness.

You will learn the LASSIE approach to witnessing in specific witnessing contexts.

**LASSIE** is:

**Listen**  
**Ask**  
**Seek**  
**Share**  
**Invite**  
**Encourage**



**Classes will be offered on six consecutive  
Sundays, April 28 thru June 2 in Krueger Hall  
during the Educational Hour (9:20am-10:20am).**

**If you would like to meet at another time & day, see Pastor Blonski.**

## CEMETERY NEWS



Former members of St. Matthew have moved and no longer wish to be buried in the St. Matthew Cemetery. If you have an interest in purchasing cemetery lots in the new north section of the cemetery, Please contact Doug Duval ([duval@stmatts.net](mailto:duval@stmatts.net))

### TEAM GARDENERS ....

Our first meeting date will be April 13th, from 9-Noon. We will clean up winter debris and get ready for Easter. If you like gardening, come and join in the fun. You will meet some of your fellow parishioners and serve the Lord at the same time.

Our regular meeting dates are the second Saturday of every month through November. Hope to see you on the 13TH!

Any questions, call Sally Henning (847) 438-8740, or Helen Burnidge (847) 438-4644.



### *A note from our PARISH NURSE - Deb Andersen*

The holidays are fast approaching which is also meaning we will be ringing in 2019 soon. This is a time of family, sharing and the birth of our Lord. A time to celebrate but be careful of too much celebrating.

Celebrating tends to tip the scale to an undesirable number. Here are some healthy tips . . . Eat at least 8 servings of fruits and veg's per day, go caffeine free 6 hours before bedtime to reset sleep, incorporate at least 150 minutes of moderate plus 75 minutes of vigorous intensity aerobic exercise per week, aim for 10,000 steps per day plus 5,000 steps spread throughout the day, include at least 2 days or more of resistance training plus 1 day agility training per week, get 8 hours of sleep and lastly refuel 30-60minutes after strenuous exercise. These are things that we have heard many times before.

It is good to hear them now and then especially this time of year. It is not wrong to enjoy that pie or cookies but remember to walk it off. Have a very Merry Christmas!!!!



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday Morning CSI Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the north end of Krueger Hall . This Bible Study mirrors the lesson taught to the children attending Sunday School.



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

### Adult Discipleship Class

The next Adult Discipleship Class will begin meeting Sunday Mornings March 10 – May 19 during the Education Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m. in the Upper Level Conference Room. This is an eleven (11) session, one-hour informational class for those desiring to study the Basic Teachings of the Bible from the Lutheran Perspective. The study is designed for those individuals seeking membership in our congregation, and is also strongly encouraged as a review for all current members of St. Matthew.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study -

Our next study will be: Our Hope and Our Future A Study of Jeremiah 29: 11-12 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” The study will consist of 4 lessons: January 15- God’s Plans, January 22- Prosperity and Protection, January 29- Hope and a Future, February 5 - Call Upon the Name of the Lord. All women are invited to join us starting Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 in Luther Hall and we will continue this study for about 7 weeks. For more information or questions, contact Nancy Blonski at home at 847-847-1945 or a nblonski@truemen.org.

### Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The ladies will begin a new study in February and welcome all women of the congregation, pre-school moms and the community. We meet in Luther Hall on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. For further information, please contact Deb Kinne at 224-360-2015 (Cell/Text).

## MENS' MINISTRY and BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

This past November and December the Men's Bible study explored seven important questions that most people have in the “Explore God” initiative that is the current sermon series set to conclude on February 24. In January we began a study of the Book of Proverbs. We are digging deep into this incredible book of wisdom. It seems that foolishness is running rampant in today’s world. Since foolishness is rebellion against God, fools condemn themselves to destruction. But instruction curbs the misdeeds of fools and guides the deeds of the wise.

All the men of our congregation and community are encouraged to join us on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. We eat well, we have deep discussions, and we pray together. Join us at the men’s Bible study!

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Middle & High School Bible Study** - All students are invited to this study every 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month from 9:20am-10:20am. Come for a Bible Study and snacks with open gym and hangout time to follow.

### Monday - Lutheran Church Charities Bible Study - Who is Jesus? - According to Jesus!"

Join Tim Hetzner as he teaches live on Mondays at **St Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods** at 9:30AM or 7:00PM in Luther Hall.



### C.O.O.L CHRISTIAN OUTREACH OF LUTHERANS

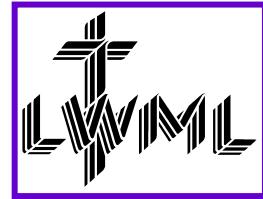
February - Breakfast Items (*Bread for Life is the 24th*)

March - Tuna (*Bread for Life is the 31st*)

April - Juice or Powdered Milk (*Bread for Life is the 28th*)

# LWML NEWS by Nancy Blonski

## ALL LADIES OF ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL



All ladies of St. Matthew are members of LWML.  
No membership fees!

LWML will meet on:

March 24

May 5 - Spring Rally\*

July 21 (picnic)

October 13

December 8 (Christmas luncheon)



\* Please join us for the above meetings/events as well as the Spring Rally on **May 5** as we host the event for our district.

Please contact Nancy Blonski for more information at  
[nblonski@truemen.org](mailto:nblonski@truemen.org)



### ALL LADIES OF ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

**We would love for you to be a part of our Ladies Ministry**

- Ladies Aid meets on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30.
- Women's Guild meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in Luther Hall at noon.
- You can also join one or both Bible classes on either Tuesday at 7:00pm or Thursday at 8:30am in Luther Hall.

### ALL WOMEN

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is in the second year of funding 22 Mission Grants that total \$2,075,000. 10 of these Grants have been completed. The last 12 need to be funded this year. We can all help by taking home a mite box and filling it with our loose change. When it is full bring it back to the church and put it in the big blue Mite Box in the right side corner of the Narthex, as you enter the church. Take an empty mite box home; and when you get more change, put it in your little box. There are mite boxes for children, too. Any small coins they can put in their box will help our missionaries spread the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. Pick up a copy of the winter Quarterly (by the big blue Mite Box) as you leave church today. Turn to the last page and see how our little coins have been put to good use! Thank you!!!



## GREETINGS from the BOARD OF EVANGELISM & PARISH SERVICES

**Carol Haste - Chairperson**

Welcome to 2019!!!

The Board of Evangelism and Parish Services is looking forward to 2019. We are contemplating the Parades in July, how to increase our mission projects, and how to fund them.

As we start this year, we have three board members returning, Wendell Peterson, Vicki Finzel, and me (Carol Haste). Nancy Blonski has offered her services in fulfilling the 1 year remaining on Jennifer Ambrosi's term, and I have asked Arlene Meyer to join our board, and am awaiting her final answer. I am so looking forward to her joining us. If you are interested in a three-year term, please contact me or Pastor Blonski.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 4:00pm. We meet in the large conference room adjacent to the church offices. We are going to have to start working on the 2019-2020 board budget, which goes into effect July 1, 2019. All projects will have to be discussed

We were just approached in December through the Finance Board, to provide additional funding for Walcamp. As you know, our Confirmation classes along with the Pastors, use their facilities for retreat instruction. Our congregation has been going to Walcamp since my children were in school here at St Matthew. Increased expenses have put Walcamp in dire straits....so if you can help with a monetary donation, please use your BLUE church envelope (it's the monthly envelope) and help out WALCAMP.

In speaking of the blue monthly giving envelope, we are going to drop off the COOL Food Pantry slot and reinstate EL COMIDOR (the Soup Kitchen provided by St Matthew Lutheran Church, Chicago). Your wonderful support for the COOL Food Pantry at Thanksgiving/Christmas was greatly appreciated. Keep bringing the Bread for Life on the last Sunday of the Month. We increased our loaves from 39 in November to 98 in December. They really need BREAD.

The soup kitchen was given \$130.00 through the generosity of Ladies Aid members at Christmas. The donations of canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, etc. are still needed. There is a bin in Luther Hall specifically for this purpose.

As we approach the Lenten season, we are asking for groups from the church to volunteer a date to serve the Lenten Dinners. March 6 is the first dinner and will be served by the Ladies' Aid, followed on March 13 by the Women's Guild. I have volunteered the Choir to serve on March 20, but we need volunteers for the remaining 4 dates. Would the Comfort Dog ministry, the Deacons, or the School Board/Staff, be interested in any of the other dates?

Looking forward to 2019... In the Lord's service, the Board of Evangelism & Parish Services.

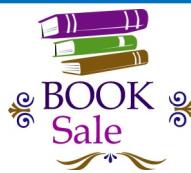


### Ladies' Aid News by Judie Johnson



Our crafters will begin working on items for our annual Bazaar on

January 30. We meet every Wednesday morning from nine to noon in Krueger Hall. All are welcome to join us for crafting and fellowship. Proceeds from our Bazaar are used to support various local charities as well as special needs for our St. Matthew church and school.



Our annual Book Sale will be Sat. February 16th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday, February 17th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in the school gym. Please bring your gently used books, games, puzzles, CD's, videos, and tapes to the school stage by February 15th.



We meet the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 in Krueger Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. We have dessert and coffee, devotions, a speaker or an activity and a brief business meeting.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD by Ellen Wehrs**

All women of St. Matthew Lutheran Church are invited to join this wonderful women's group at its monthly meetings and activities. Come share in the fun and fellowship as we explore opportunities to enrich our lives and support the mission of our congregation.

### **THANK YOU!!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in our Cookie Walk back in December and purchased a variety of tasty, homemade cookies. We would also like to thank all the cookie bakers who contributed to the success of this event – we couldn't have done it without you! Special congratulations to Deb Brennan, winner of the gift basket that was raffled off to cookie bakers. Guild members – terrific job!

### **Upcoming Activities and Events!!**



**Sunday, February 10, 2019**  
**Meeting – Noon – Luther Hall**

It's time for pizza and Bunco! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift and join in the fun.



**Sunday, March 10, 2019**  
**Meeting – Noon – Luther Hall**

A light lunch will be served. Be prepared for washing, polishing, and tidying as we plan to do some spring cleaning.



**Sunday, April 14, 2019**  
**Meeting – Noon – Luther Hall**

A light lunch will be served. Again this year, we will be assembling Easter Baskets to be delivered to St. Matthew shut-ins.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP EVENT - We are planning our next fellowship event for Sunday, October 20, 2019. Stay tuned for further information!**

## **COMFORT DOG MINISTRY**

Where have you seen us? Our team has been out and about actively training with Malachi in area stores/restaurants. Some of our favorite places to take him are Home Depot, Target and Wal-Mart. There are LOTS of distractions and training opportunities at these places! Malachi has slowly taken over many of Ladel's senior living visits, and has added Azpira and The Solana in Deer Park to his calendar. Ladel continues to mentor Malachi and makes visits of her own. During the Christmas season, our team raised funds to purchase a gift of hand cream for the residents in many of the senior centers we visit with the dogs, offering the gift of physical comfort as well as the comfort of our visit. The residents were all so appreciative! HOW CAN YOU HELP? We are currently looking for people to volunteer for our "Distraction Team." As part of our ongoing training, we need a few people to meet with us as we train Malachi to provide "distractions" that we will attempt to help him ignore. It would only be an hour-long obligation and hopefully short-term over the coming months. If you are interested, please contact our "Top Dog," Deb Kinne at 224-360-2015 (Cell/Text).



### **Thank You St. Matthew Hawthorn Woods Ladies Aid**

Lutheran Church Charities extends a gracious thank you to the Ladies Aid Society at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods, Illinois. On January 13, Tim Hetzner, President /CEO, received a generous donation to be used for the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry that was gifted to them as a bequest from a long-time member who passed away last year. St. Matthew is the home of LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Ladel and Malachi. The Ladies Aid donation will be used to bring comfort to people in need.



# CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

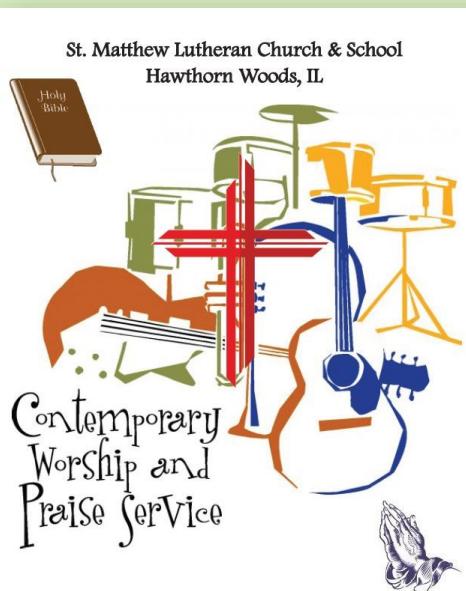
**every Sunday  
10:45 service**

The Contemporary Worship Service committee has been meeting several times over the past six months to develop a new meaningful worship service in our 10:45 service that is on the same level as our Saturday and Sunday 8:00 Classical Worship Services.

The many ideas being formulated make this service of outreach an exciting opportunity for each member.

We recently had Pastor John Scott inform our volunteers and committee members how we can effectively use our video software to improve our presentation of the message of Christ. We also are trying to develop a plan to reach out to the community unitizing various types of media for publicity.

Our efforts need your support, ideas, and prayers to make this a successful outreach. Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives that St. Matthew's can fulfill their worship needs.



## ST. MATTHEW THANKSGIVING DINNER REPORT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH - HAWTHORN WOODS, IL

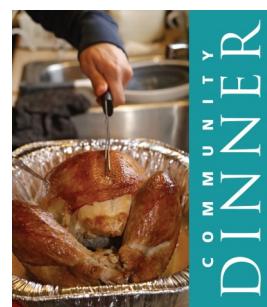
*Matthew 25:35 – “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”*

This year marked the 13th year of our “Free to All” Thanksgiving Dinner. Just like every year, we are blessed to be able to share our family day with scores of friends and family who make this a special time for us all.

We would like to thank all of the people who helped... Helped provide food. Helped to provide time and skills to prepare the food. Helped to supply the supplies. Helped to provide the facility and setting for the dinner. Helped clean up before and after. Helped to provide the spiritual support. Helped to provide the Christian Love that abounds every year.

With all of the help we received, we were able to feed over 300 people both here, and at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on 21st street in Chicago. Where we dropped off 16 full trays of food which helped them provide their Christmas dinner for the needy.

We are truly blessed and would never be able to do this without all of your help... God Bless and Thank You All!



The St. Matthew Thanksgiving Dinner Group



## ST. MATTERS Plastic Bags for the Homeless

### CROCHETERS NEEDED

Do you like to crochet? Come join the St Matters, who meet every Thursday from 10AM to Noon, in Luther Hall. If you don't crochet we still need you! There are bags to be folded and cut, strips need to be looped together to make the "plarn" that is used to make the mats. We especially like the colored bags that some stores use. Bring your bags to Luther Hall and put them in the corner bin. While you are there, take a look at Pilar Norenberg's newest mat with the blue cross in the center of the mat.

There are still many weeks of cold weather ahead. This is a good time to get involved with this indoor out reach project. Hope to see some new faces on Thursday mornings at 10AM.

Any questions about this ministry, call Helen, at 847.438.4644.



## People of the Passion LENT 2019

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LENT 2019

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring His promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus. In *People of the Passion*, we see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim: our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians—each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. Readers may see themselves in some of these people—ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.

Pick up your free devotional booklet from Lutheran Hour Ministries on the church office counter. Read how ordinary people played a role in the high drama of Christ's passion.

# Kids Love to Learn About Jesus!



## Sunday School Children's Christmas Worship 2018

We are so blessed with such talented children, willing to share their gifts with our church! Thank you to all who participated in the Children's Christmas Service on December 16, 2018. We prayed before the service and the Holy Spirit definitely guided our steps as well as our voices to share the good news "that Jesus Christ is born!" We asked our Sunday School students as well as the Confirmation students to volunteer for reading parts. With a great response we had readers as young as 1<sup>st</sup> grade and multiple willing Jr. High readers to help with the more challenging verses. It was amazing to watch the progression of all of our students (especially the preschoolers) learning songs, which they had to memorize, under the direction of Mr. Gagne. We celebrated after the service with lunch, gifts, and a Happy Birthday, Jesus cake.



We started the new year teaching the visit of the Wise Men on Epiphany. We will continue to follow Jesus growth into adulthood, exploring His Baptism, Temptation and calling of His Disciples. In late February, we will begin to study God sending the Holy Spirit to and His work through the Apostles, concentrating on Paul over the Spring months. We are always amazed at the curiosity and insight from our students each week. It is a blessing that we continue to have approximately 30 students each week and would love to see even more.

Our students will sing in church again this semester. Parents, please watch from announcements and handouts once dates are finalized. There will be Sunday School each Sunday through May 19, 2019, except for Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

With thankful hearts,

Jaime Davison, Co-Superintendent  
Kristin Dwyer, Co-Superintendent

Sunday School  
welcomes  
your child from  
Pre-School (age 3)  
thru 4th grade  
each week  
from 9:20-10:30am.



Watch the Messenger  
And our web site for the date and time of our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

## BEING JESUS' HANDS AND FEET

*"A joyful heart is good medicine" Prov. 17:22*

On January 5, 2019, 19 members from 7 Chicago area LCMS congregations began their journey to Port Arthur, Texas. In 2017 and 2018, Port Arthur, and much of Texas suffered torrential rains which flooded many homes and businesses. The Chicago Area Mission Partnership (CAMP) chose to make its annual mission trip to Port Arthur to offer hope and help to the people affected by these floods. CAMP first began these trips in 2006, immediately after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and much of the Gulf Coast. The group has sponsored more than 20 trips since then to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Joplin and Houston to aid those affected by various natural disasters. The CAMP team offers construction and reconstruction along with humanitarian outreach to the residents of these communities.

In Port Arthur we met up with 17 members from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas and 6 members from Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, Illinois. We were led by Pastor Phillip Baerwolf of Immanuel, Dundee and Pastor Kevin Westergren of Redeemer, Austin. We were guests of Pastor Dinger and Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur. Trinity was established in 1899 and has served the community as both a religious center and social ministry. To accommodate mission trips to assist Port Arthur, the congregation has turned their gym into a dormitory and one of the congregation's trustees, Michael Turner, serves as the sight coordinator to facilitate these trips and to provide a contact for the community to request assistance.

While on site, we served 5 different homeowners whose homes were devastated by flooding. In one instance, a widow's home was damaged twice in the space of a year. Our work included insulation, drywall, flooring and some framing work. Our 10-person Outreach Team worked at a food pantry and spent 4 mornings at the Community Center which offers a soup kitchen every day for lunch. They also took time to visit an assisted-living center where they visited with the 25 residents and led them in a rousing game of Bingo with prizes we brought along. As part of CAMP'S work, we bring along funds and Thrivent Action gift cards to use to purchase items we can use to make these peoples' lives better. In one case, we replaced a destroyed bathtub for a resident of Port Arthur. We also assisted Trinity Lutheran Church with a playground repair and we installed a new drop ceiling in an area of their school where the ceiling was damaged by the rains. With everyone we speak to, we stress the hope of Jesus Christ and listen as they tell us of their experiences. Each volunteer comes home from this trip inspired by the love they feel from the people we meet.

Our theme for our nightly worship services was JOY. Each night we recounted the individual joys we experienced that day and talked about Joseph, Josiah, Jonah and Jonathan and their joyful experiences. All of us came home feeling the love of Christ and, more importantly, knowing we were Jesus' hands and feet. We do not have to journey to some far away place to do the work God has commanded us to do. There is a myriad of opportunities locally to help and ministries like the Comfort Dog Ministry, Sharing the Joy, COOL Food Pantry Feed My Starving Children and Habitat for Humanity provide those opportunities. Our faith is more than attending worship and Bible study,

we need to exemplify Christ to the world and outreach of any kind gives us that chance. Typically, CAMP makes its trips in January of each year. No special skills are necessary, only the willingness to demonstrate your faith. If you might be interested in journeying with us next year, please contact John Kelly.



Winter/Spring 2019

# Preschool News

Saint Matthew Lutheran Early Childhood Center News



## School Happenings

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year! Here's a brief recap of some of our Fall highlights.

In October, the preschoolers celebrated with a special "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" movie and craft event. At the end of the month the class participated in a masquerade parade and party. November brought "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" movie and activity. In the library, *Ladel Comfort Dog* and Mrs. Deb Andersen joined the preschoolers for story time and activities.

December was overflowing with activities and events, starting with Breakfast with Santa! Santa made the long journey to St Matthew to help usher in the Christmas season. Everyone enjoyed a morning of fun, food, shopping, and chatting with Santa. We had "A Charlie Brown Christmas" event featuring the movie, snacks, crafts, and cookie decorating. The preschoolers enjoyed a Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration with their families. The morning began with a very special Christmas Chapel Service, led by Pastor Kinne. The children did an outstanding job singing, accompanied by Mr. Michael Gagne, on the piano. Afterward, everyone enjoyed a luncheon. We look forward to more fun in 2019!

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

- January 27 - February 2 - Lutheran Schools Week
- January 31 - St. Matthew Early Childhood Open House
- February 14 - Valentine's Day Celebration
- February 18 - No School - Presidents' Day Holiday
- March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service
- March 7-8 - No School - Teacher In-Service
- March 25-29 - No School - Spring Break
- April 19 - No School - Good Friday Holiday
- April 22 - No School - Easter Holiday

## 2019-2020 Registration

Join our preschool fun! Registration for St. Matthew Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now underway for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact the school office to schedule a tour or for more information about our Early Childhood Program, for ages 2 years through kindergarten. Registration packets are available in the school office, by calling 847-438-6103, or via email: [schooloffice@stmattsonline.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmattsonline.com).



<https://www.facebook.com/stmattslutheranpreschool/>

2019-2020 Program & Grade Options	Tuition	
<b>2 Year Old Preschool Program</b>		
<b>Age 2 (2) Half Days: Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-11:00am</b>	<b>\$123</b>	<b>\$1,102</b>
<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Old Preschool Program</b>		
<b>Ages 3/4 (2) Half Days: 8:30am-11:00am</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$1,620</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (3) Half Days: 8:30am-11:00am</b>	<b>\$255</b>	<b>\$2,295</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (4) Half Days: 8:30am-11:00am</b>	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$2,970</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (5) Half Days: 8:30am-11:00am</b>	<b>\$388</b>	<b>\$3,492</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (2) Full Days: 8:30am-2:30pm</b>	<b>\$348</b>	<b>\$3,132</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (3) Full Days: 8:30am-2:30pm</b>	<b>\$484</b>	<b>\$4,356</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (4) Full Days: 8:30am-2:30pm</b>	<b>\$595</b>	<b>\$5,355</b>
<b>Ages 3/4 (5) Full Days: 8:30am-2:30pm</b>	<b>\$716</b>	<b>\$6,444</b>
<b>Prekindergarten Program</b>		
<b>Prekindergarten (5) Half Days: 8:30am-11:30am</b>	<b>\$465</b>	<b>\$4,185</b>
<b>Prekindergarten (5) Full Days: 8:30am-2:30pm</b>	<b>\$716</b>	<b>\$6,444</b>
<b>Kindergarten Program</b>		
<b>Kindergarten (5) Full Days: 7:45am-2:30pm</b>	<b>*Contact School for Rate</b>	

Winter 2019

# Youth Director Updates

The St. Matthew youth have been engaged in many fun activities and are excited for the upcoming events and programming! During the holidays our younger youth were invited to attend a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and a Charlie Brown Christmas where they watched the movies and made crafts. They also got to visit with Santa and have breakfast with Santa during our Santa Breakfast in December. It has also been a fun end of the year for our Middle School and High School youth, in November we had our first Youth Night Out, and had a great time Bowling at Brunswick. In December they had an ugly sweater Christmas party. The Middle School and High School group will kick off their bible study on Sunday January 13th from 9:20 to 10:20 in the gym. 2019 will bring many exciting events and programs! We recently began our Mom and Tots program which is for infants through age three. This will take place the first Sunday of each month from 9:20-10:20 in the gym, then again the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:00. On January 18, 2019 we will be hosting Winter Fest featuring Christian music artist Joe Guerra. Many exciting events ahead for 2019 including The Sweetheart Ball, Glow in the dark party, and Superheroes and Princesses party. Finally, we have been working hard to get our St. Matthew alumni reconnected and will be looking to host an event for our alumni in February! Thank you for making 2018 such a fun year, the youth and I are looking forward to more fun to come this upcoming year.



## Looking Ahead:

January 6th: First Mom and Tots from 9:20AM-10:20AM

January 13th: First Middle and High School Bible Study 9:20AM-10:20AM in the gym

January 15th: Mom and Tots from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the extended care room of the school

January 18th: Winter Fest 2019 featuring Christian Music Artist Joe Guerra from 7:00PM-9:00PM in the gym (open to all)

January 20th & 27th: Middle and High School Bible Study 9:20AM-10:20AM in the gym

February 8th: Sweetheart Ball for Preschool-5th grade from 6:30PM-8:30PM in the gym

March 16th: Middle/High School Glow in the dark party from 7:00PM-9:00PM



## Let's Connect!

**Visit us on facebook or stop by and say hi in the school office!**

(youth) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/304620326608166/>

(Alumni) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/544954955970172/>

(Mom and Tots)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279323349417282/>



# Check out what's happening!!!!

## Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball

Friday February 8, 2019 From 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School  
24500 N Old Mc Henry Rd, Hawthorn Woods, IL, 60047



Dads, Uncles, Grandpas etc. are all welcome to come dance the away with their sweetheart!

RSVP to Kristin Gierke @ [Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com)



\*Preschool-5th Grade\*

## Superhero & Princess Party

March 23, 2019 | 3:00PM-5:00PM  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School  
24500 North Old McHenry Road  
Hawthorn Woods, Illinois 60047

Wear your favorite Superhero or Princess outfit

Contact Kristin Gierke with Questions or to RSVP  
[Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com) or (847) 438-6103 ex. 235



\*Middle school & High school Youth\*

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019

7:00PM-9:00PM @ St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
and School in the Youth Room

24500 North Old McHenry Road  
Hawthorn Woods, Illinois 60047

Contact Kristin Gierke @  
[Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com) to RSVP

Wear white and bring a plain shirt to tie-dye!

## Relentless 2019 Youth Conference

April 5th- April 6th 2019 at Trinity Roselle  
\$50.00 a person (meals included)

Middle & High school students are invited for a weekend of fun!

Featured performer Bryan Drake (illusionist and comedian), worship sessions, overnight stay, after hours parties, class sessions, concerts, service opportunity and more!

Contact our Youth Director Kristin for more details  
[Gierke@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Gierke@stmattsonline.com) or  
(847) 438-6103



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### St. Matthew on Facebook

You can follow us on Facebook and get updates of our events & worship services. You'll also see the Devotional Moments, Sermons and Feeding of the lambs. You can submit prayer requests, ask questions, make comments, and see pictures from our events! Click on the red box below to go to our Facebook Page.

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## St. Matthew Mom & Tot Time

Ages: Infant-Three

Moms & Tots will meet the 1st Sunday of every month from 9:20AM-10:20AM in the extended care room in the school.

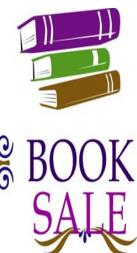
and again on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the extended care room in the school.

Contact Kristin Gierke with any questions!  
E-mail: Gierke@smattsonline.com  
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## Ladies' Book Sale St. Matthew Lutheran Church School Gymnasium



Saturday, February 16: 9am-3pm

Sunday, February 17: 9:30am to 1:00pm

Please drop off your used books (including paperbacks), games, puzzles, CD's videos, books on tape, audio tapes and music discs to the School Stage by Friday, February 15.