

**St. Matthew's Church & School Announcements**  
**November 24 & 25, 2018**



**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Elroy Conradt

**Organist:** Tami Koenig

**Hymns:** 341, 217, 488 v. 1 & 4, 216, 29, 496

**Altar Committee:** Joyce Kastenschmidt & Rose Drazkowski

**Councilmen on Duty:** Saturday— Cory Putz

Sunday— Jesse Meyer

Next Saturday—Don Matthees

Next Sunday— Jeremy Church

**Ushers:** Saturday – Kris & Amanda Wenzel; Ron Wrobel

Sunday – Jay Bade

**Greeters:** Saturday — Dennis & Irene Rislov

Sunday— Dave & carol Gerdes

Next Saturday—Available

Next Sunday— John & Sue Berg

**Last Week**

Attendance: Saturday & Sunday— 232

**This Week**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion/Children's Church
	9:00 AM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
	10:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Handbells
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
Monday	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986
	6:00 PM	Boy & Girl Pioneers
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986
Wednesday		Finance #4
	7:55 AM	Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Catechism
Friday	6:15 PM	Board of Christian Education
	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Class
	1:00 PM	Church Decorating
Next Saturday	6:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Handbells

**Financial News**

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$7,500

Envelope amount received last week: \$5,147

**St. Matthew's Announcements**

**Prayer Partners** are wanting to serve you. Request a prayer at SMLCPP@gmail.com, by using in the gold box in the narthex, or by speaking to the pastors, Susan Gannaway, Joleen Smith, or Barb Gurgel.

**Bookstore** Boxes of Christmas cards are now available for purchase. They are priced individually. Please use the drop box for payment.

**Holiday Sale** St. Matthew's Cookbooks are on sale for just \$1! Pick one up today!

**It's Time to Order Your Christmas Poinsettias!** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for poinsettias that will be used to decorate the front of church over the Christmas season. Plants are just \$9.50 each and are available in red, or white. Please send payment to the office. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Church. These can be given as memorials and can be taken home with you after the Christmas Day service. Deadline to order is December 9th.

**LWMS** 25 women/girls attended the LWMS Spa Night on October 15th. Everyone enjoyed the pampering, treats, and exhibits. A big thank-you to all who provided services for the evening. We were blessed with \$255 in donations for the Apache Missions.

**Club 3:16** Club 3:16 will meet on Sunday, December 2nd at 11:30am. Lunch will be served.

**Transformed Youth** Transformed Youth will meet on Sunday, December 16th at 10:15am.

**Advent by Candlelight** You are invited to join us at Goodview Trinity on December 2 at 2pm for our Advent Tea. The theme this year is *Presence*. We invite all the women and their friends to attend and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. If you would like to attend, please call Alice at 507-452-5629 by Thursday, November 29. You can leave a message if she does not answer.

**Opportunities to Hear God's Word**

**Church Anniversary** Our Church Anniversary Candlelight Service will be on December 9th at 5:00pm. Join us for this yearly opportunity to cherish the past and prepare for the future of St. Matthew's. Women's Fellowship will be serving dinner following the service. There are signup sheets in back for bringing salad and bars. The committee thanks you for your support!

**Ways to Serve**

**Ronald McDonald House** Again this year, instead of a gift exchange among students, the families of St. Matthew's School are encouraged to purchase Christmas presents for the Ronald McDonald House. Last year was a great success and an amazing way to show God's love to those who are suffering. If you would like to be involved in this mission, please pick up a copy of the WISH LIST (green sheet) in the back of church. These are items that are needed the most. Please note: All items must be unopened, unexpired, and unused and cannot be wrapped. This is for the safety of the patients at the house. You can bring any RMDH donations to office or leave in a basket in back of church. Please be sure to label your gift for RMDH. Please continue to save your soda can tabs for the McDonald House. They really add up!

**Poinsettias** are traditionally delivered to all our shut-ins during the Christmas season. If you are willing to help with this need on December 10, please sign up in the back of church or by calling Amanda in the church office at 452-2085. We thank you for your willingness to serve!

**St. Matthew's Wish Tree** This Christmas we ask that you give a gift of love to a child in our community by choosing a card from the St. Matthew's Wish Tree located in the main entrance

of the church. Simply choose one or more cards, take a Christmas card for each child you choose, purchase an item listed on the child's wish list. Wrap it, tape the Christmas card to the gift) and place the wrapped gift under the St. Matthew's Wish Tree. Please do not spend more than \$35 on a child's gift. Gifts are due no later than December 9.

**Midweek Advent Meals** Looking ahead to the Advent season, a meal is being offered following the December 5 service. December 12 and 19 are available for any group who would like to provide this service to our congregation. Contact Amanda in the office to sign your group up.

**Attention All Present and Potential Church Greeters!** A new greeters schedule will be prepared soon. Please fill out a new form (short!) found on the table in the narthex. Place the completed forms in the accompanying manila envelope. Forms are needed by early December. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way.

**Church Decorating** Adult Fellowship is **needing the congregation's help** to decorate the church for Christmas. We are meeting on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00. Any amount of time you can help will be appreciated. We will be ordering pizza for supper and sharing the cost. Please bring 6 Christmas treats per person for dessert.

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## **SCRIP MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT!**

Are you going to be giving Christmas gifts this year? If so, think about give Scrip gift cards. It is easy, and it will profit both St. Matthew's School and for parents & grandparents of kids in school you can earn tuition credit for your student. We average 5% profit from our Scrip sales. Not only can Scrip cards make your shopping easier, but it can also do double-duty by giving you tuition credit.

Stop in and see the Scrip ladies after church services or stop in the office during the week. Pick up the quick list of the local and more common Scrip merchants or take the bigger (yellow) copy that lists all of the merchants that participate in Scrip.

Here's just a few that can be ordered:

Amazon	Best Buy	Domino's
Buffalo Wild Wings	Cabela's	iTunes
Taco Bell	Home Depot	Maurices
Texas Roadhouse		

We can also order VISA or Discover cards in \$50, \$100, \$250 increments.

Here are a few ideas that are in-stock as stocking stuffers:

Midtown & HyVee - \$10 (as well as \$25, \$50 & \$100)

Kwik Trip - \$5 (as well as \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100)

Pizza Hut - \$10

Papa Murphy's - \$10

Subway - \$10

Culver's - \$10

Ground Round - \$5

Arby's - \$10

Dairy Queen - \$10

Perkins - \$10

Caribou - \$10

Starbuck's - \$10



**Special orders will be placed on December 3 and December 17.**

Orders will be back later that same week. Leave your order with the scrip lady or call the office on Monday morning.

Don't forget to ask for your holiday gift wrappers. Free with a \$25