

St. Matthew's Church & School Announcements
December 1 & 2, 2018



Preacher: Pastor Karl Gurgel
Presiding Minister: Pastor Matthew Schoell
Organist: Linda Berg
Hymns: 2, 366 v. 3, 47, 376
Altar Committee: Cindy Bade & Sue Berg
Councilmen on Duty: Saturday— Don Matthees
 Sunday— Jeremy Church
 Wednesday—Robbie Brown
 Next Saturday— Bruce Volkmann
 Next Sunday— Jeremy Church

Ushers: Saturday – Allen Larson & Ken Krause
 Sunday – Rich Frahm

Greeters: Saturday — OPEN
 Sunday— John & Sue Berg
 Wednesday—Scott & Linda Schomberg
 Next Saturday—John & Sue Berg
 Next Sunday— Darlene Metzler

Last Week

Attendance: Saturday & Sunday—228 Communed –148 Thanksgiving—191

This Week

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	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
	11:30 AM	Club 3:16
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986
Monday	6:00 PM	Adult & Youth Discipleship; Outreach
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986
		Finance #1
Wednesday	7:55 AM	Chapel
	12:00 PM	Circle 8
	4:00 PM	Public School Catechism
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship-meal to follow
Thursday	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
	6:30 PM	Sunday School Teachers
	7:00 PM	Board of Elders
Friday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Class
Next Saturday	8:30-10 AM	Children's Christmas Practice
	1:30 PM	Candlelight Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Worship/Communion

Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion/Children's Church
	10:15 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Handbells
	5:00 PM	Church Anniversary/Candlelight

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$7,500
 Envelope amount received last week: \$6,979

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.

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.

The February Birthday & Anniversary Sheet is in place in the back of church. Please jot down your name if you have a birthday or anniversary in December, January, or February so your special day can be recognized.

Forward in Christ The December edition of Forward in Christ is available in the back of church. Please feel free to pick up a copy!

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!

Midweek Advent Service Our first midweek service will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 6pm. Following the service, St. Matthew's School Booster Club will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, pickle and dessert.

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 the basket in back of church. 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.

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.

Blood Drive Due to a scheduling conflict, St. Matthew's will be hosting a Blood Drive on **December 11th from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. instead of January 8th** as listed in December's newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to help with the drive, a sign up is in the back of the church. If you want to donate blood you can visit redcrossblood.org and enter:stmatthewswinona to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-733-2767.

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Electronic solutions for your giving needs.

You can now give a gift with text!

Simply send a text message to **507-873-4853** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). You'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. Give+ Text is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting St. Matthew's!

Debit/Credit Card Giving

Also new to St. Matthew's, we have the capability to process debit and credit cards for all your giving needs. Just fill out an authorization form! You fill out the amount you would like to give and how often you would like to give and DONE! You can find the form on our website at www.stmatthewswinona.org and clicking the "Giving" tab or pick one up in the office.

Online Giving

To give your gift online head to our website, www.stmatthewswinona.org and click the

"Giving" tab. Click the online giving link. From there you can choose to designate your gift to several different funds here at St. Matthew's.

If you have any questions about these giving options, you can contact Amanda in the office.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR... CHRISTMAS SCRIP!!

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