

## St. Matthew's Church & School Announcements

December 15 & 16, 2018

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Matthew Schoell

**Organist:** Linda Berg

**Hymns:** 14, 366 v. 3, insert, 443

**Altar Committee:** Sue Berg & Joyce Kastenschmidt

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

Sunday— Matt Cole

Wednesday— Jesse Meyer

Friday 9:30am—Craig Smith

Next Sunday—Robbie Brown

Christmas Eve—Don Matthees

Christmas Day—Jerry Klein

**Ushers:** Saturday – Allen Larson & Ken Krause

Sunday – Rich Frahm

**Greeters:** Saturday — Dan & Angela Bunke

Sunday— Jim & Lila Nelson

Wednesday— Betty Czaplowski & Kris Bell

Next Sunday— Wayne & Donna Ruben

Christmas Eve—Bob & Judy Brommerich

Christmas Day—Dean & Pam Rupprecht

### Last Week

Attendance: Saturday & Sunday— 187 Communed—137 Candlelight—197 Midweek Advent—110

### 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
	10:15 AM	Transform Youth
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986
Monday	2:30 PM	Sing-a-long at Sauer Healthcare
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Communion Service at Sauer Healthcare
	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on Charter Channel 986 Finance #3
Wednesday	7:55 AM	Chapel
	10:30 AM	3-Day PreK Jesus' Birthday Party
	4:00 PM	Public School Catechism
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship with meal to follow
Thursday	10:30 AM	2-Day PreK Jesus' Birthday Party K-Grade Caroling
	9:30 AM	Children's Christmas Service <i>No Men's Bible Class</i>
Next Saturday		<b><i>No Worship</i></b>



Next Sunday 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Service

10:15 AM Bible Class

### Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$7,500

Envelope amount received last week: \$9,495.05

### 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.

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

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

**A Door Offering** will be taken this weekend (Dec. 15 & 16) to help cover the expenses of the children's Christmas bags given out after the children's service on Christmas Eve.

**Offering Envelopes For 2019** Offering envelopes for 2019 are available for pick up in the church basement. They are arranged alphabetically on the pews in the basement fellowship area.

**Babysitting Available!** Club 3:16 will be offering babysitting on December 16 from 1:00-4:00. There is no cost, but a free will donation is appreciated. The children can be dropped off and picked up in the gym. Signing up on the back of the sheet in the church is encouraged, but not mandatory.

**Christmas Caroling** On Thursday, December 20 at 12:15 pm., students K-8th Grade will be singing at the Merchants Bank. At 12:30 p.m. they will be at the Watkins Manor and Sugar Loaf. They will wrap their caroling at the Winona Manor, Adith Miller, & Roger Metz resident homes. Not only will the students be singing carols, they will also share portions of the Christmas story. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to let their light shine in song and tell what Jesus has done for them! If you are in the area, stop in and join us!

**Scrip News** For your Christmas shopping needs, don't forget to pick up a (yellow) copy of all the available scrip. Scrip is also available in the office during the week. The final special order will be placed this Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need scrip cards before Christmas, be sure to get your order in!

**Anniversary Celebration** Following our Sunday service next week St. Matthew's will recognize Pastor Gurgel's 50 years of ministry with brief reception. We hope you'll be able to join us in thanking God for this wonderful blessing!

**Christmas Eve Invitation** As you exit today, please take one of our Christmas Eve postcards to give to someone as an invite to our service titled, "Through the Eyes of a Child". Through songs and Scripture we will rediscover the joy and meaning of the very first Christmas.

### Opportunities to Hear God's Word

**Children's Christmas service** "Saints and Angel Hosts Rejoice" is the name of the Children's Christmas Service this year. Once again, we will offer two services at St. Matthew's. The first service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 21. After the service on Friday, December 21, there will be a time for snacks and fellowship in the church basement. The Children's

Christmas Service will also be presented on Sunday, December 23 for the morning worship service at 9:00 am.

**Special Communion Service for The Month of December** will be held at Sauer Healthcare this Tuesday, December 18, at 11:00AM. The chapel is to the left as you come in the main entrance.

**Midweek Advent Service** Our final midweek service will be on Wednesday, December 19 at 6pm. Following the service, Club 3:16 will be serving sloppy joes, chips, and desserts.

#### **Christmas Season Worship Schedule:**

Friday, December 21	Children's Christmas Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 23	Children's Christmas Service <i>No Communion</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>No Sunday School</i>
Monday, December 24	Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Festival Worship Service <i>with Communion</i>	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 29	Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30	Worship	9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 31	New Year's Eve Worship Service <i>with communion</i>	6:00 p.m.

#### **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. **Donations must be here by Friday, December 21 at 9am.** Please continue to save your soda can tabs for the McDonald House. They really add up!

**Attention Altar Committee Members:** The schedule for February through July will be done in the next couple of weeks. If you would like a certain time frame, please contact the office with your request. We need at least one more person to serve on this committee. Please contact the office with any questions.

**Taking Down the Decorations** Everyone is invited to join Adult Fellowship in taking down and packing away this year's Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 6th. We will start with a potluck lunch after Bible class. COME ONE – COME ALL.

*Today's bulletin is given in memory of Robert Neumann from his family.*

## '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		

**One final special order will be made on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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