

TABLETS AND I-PADS NEEDED

Do you have an unused but still functioning tablet? Consider donating it to Kibos Hope Academy in Kenya! This is a school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, a partner church of the LCMS. They are in need of tablets, especially iPads. Pastor Tim Eckert will be visiting there at the end of January and can deliver the tablets in person. Please notify him by phone, 563-508-5040, or by e-mail, iowaeastdeaf@yahoo.com, no later than Jan. 14 if you have a tablet to donate. Thank You!

Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Davenport

Pastor Tim Eckert

2025 ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offering envelopes are on the table in the hallway. If you are a member and did not find envelopes for you and would like to receive envelopes please sign the sheet on the table and we will get you envelopes. Any questions, contact Vicki Lude or Karen Walters.

REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the monthly Congregational Financial reports as well as the recorded minutes from the Church Council meetings are available by request and may be obtained by contacting Karen in the church office (787-4295, or e-mail stmattkarenb@gmail.com).

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to help beautify the altar with flowers, the sign up sheets are on bulletin board A. **Because of the increase in flower cost, the cost this year is \$20.00.**

Please put your payment with your name on it in the offering plate and note that it is for flowers on your envelope. Contact Vicki Lude if you have any questions.



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The Baptism of Our Lord January 11 & 12, 2025



ST. MATTHEW NEWS

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: Greetings in Christ! Thank you for visiting with us today. We encourage you to continue to come back in the weeks to come! If there's anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to join the St. Matthew Family please contact Pastor Larson or the Church Office. Our church website is at www.stmatthewmilan.org and our phone number at the church is (309) 787-4295. Thanks for joining us for worship!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

To those who are unable to listen to services online, we now offer the option to listen via a new toll free telephone number. St. Matthew's toll free number is (844) 700-9449. Give us a listen! The worship service will be recorded and available via this phone by late Sunday afternoon.

PASTOR IS AVAILABLE to bring you communion in your homes or in small groups at the church. Please call (309-787-4295) if you'd like to arrange a visit or wish to come to the church to receive.

If you need a large print bulletin or would like to use a hearing impaired device, please speak with an Usher or Lay Assistant.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Wearing a mask is optional for church activities at this present time. The chairs will remain set up on each side of the sanctuary. We will continue to broadcast the service to the parking lot on FM 89.7 for those of you who prefer to not enter the sanctuary at this time. We will continue to bring communion to all in the parking lot. In addition, the worship service will be available as a livestream on our Facebook page. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of the members of our Board of Lay Assistants.

Our Place After School Care Providing Dignity to Special Needs Teenagers

Isaiah 43:4a "Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you."

Our Place After School Care is a caring, Christian community for special needs students ages 13-20 who are unable to be safe when home alone and have aged out of the Hastings, Nebraska, area's daycares.

Grounded in a Christ-like love for their neighbors, Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills appropriate to each student's needs. It also provides opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities.

Caring for these students after school enables many parents to maintain regular employment. Any family in the south-central region surrounding Hastings, Nebraska, may enroll a student in Our Place.

With increasing numbers of students, a new facility was needed, and the \$20,000 LWML Mission Grant will help with increased rent and utility costs, expansion of programming, and provide scholarship aid to those in need.

The Our Place After School program is Christian-centered, and is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

If you would like to support this and other LWML mission grants, pick up a mite box at church and drop coins or bills inside, returning it to the church's offering plate, or simply designate a Mite Box donation with your regular envelope offering.



Sermon Series For January



Jan. 11-12

Jesus - Our High Priest

Jan. 19-20

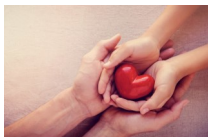
Jesus - Our King

Jan. 25-26

Jesus - Our Prophet

BUDDY BAGS

When children go into foster care they are removed from a home that has been deemed a risk. They often leave the home with no belongings. A blanket or stuffed animal can provide comfort for a child going to an unfamiliar home. It is something they can call their own. These children also often do not have the basic necessities such as a toothbrush, comb or basic hygiene items. Babies often have few or no diapers. A buddy Bag can help assist a child transition to a sometimes unfamiliar living arrangement.



NEEDS:

Sippy Cups and Baby Bottles (high need) Blanket, Stuffed Animal, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Diapers (all sizes), Baby Wipes, feminine products

Any questions, contact Greg Mueller, DCE or someone in Mission and Ministry. **Please put items in the shopping cart North Hallway.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Plan on joining us for upcoming opportunities for food, fun, fellowship and service. Have a suggestion for future activity, contact Greg Mueller or Angie Lindley.

2025 Upcoming Events

February 2 SOUPer of caring Soup & Chili Cookoff after church
February 22 6:00pm Trivia Night

CRAFTS & CONVERSATION

Ladies, let's get together for Crafts and Conversation on **January 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. and February 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts not your thing? Bring your own project!. Or just come to chat. Join us for fellowship and fun while we Serve The Lord with Gladness.



For more information contact Rhonda Krahl at 309-235-2293 or Janet Meeks at 309-787-8336.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

You can attend our weekly Bible study in two ways:

- ◆ Sunday mornings—8:45am in the Gathering Room
- ◆ We are recording the Sunday Adult Bible Study and you can watch it on Face book live , or go to the webpage stmatthewmilan.org. to get the link.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief support Group will be meeting **Tuesday**, February 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larson.

THE MEN'S NETWORK

Our next Men's Bible Breakfast will be **January 11, 2025** at 8:00am.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a women's Bible study on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next Study will be on **January 18, 2025**. We are watching The Chosen. ALL LADIES, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. We meet from 9-11am in the Fellowship Room. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Any questions or concerns, please contact Angi Lindley.

INK CARTRIDGES AND TONER

We no longer collect ink cartridges or toner to recycle. Please do not bring them to church to be recycled.

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Sunday, January 12th after the 10:00 service the taking down of the Christmas decorations will take place.

NEEDED VOLUNTEER / OVERSEER

We are in need of someone who will oversee the nurse room. We need someone who will make sure toys are appropriately clean, books are good, furniture is not broken. You will be responsible for seeing that the nurse room is clean and safe. Questions, Contact Norm Mandel.

Flowers	Carole Hartley in Memory of Terry	
Lay Assistant	5:30 p.m. Ken Brown	10:00 a.m. Adam Schroeder
Altar	Deb DeGrauwe, Vicki Lude and Sue Witmer	

ATTENDANCE			
Last Weeks Attendance	5:30 p.m.	41	Outside
Last Weeks Attendance	10:00 a.m.	120	2 Outside
Bible Study	33	Sunday School	19 Children

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 7:00am — 2:00pm, Friday 7:00am—11:00pm

Saturday, January 11	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Men’s Network Worship
Sunday, January 12 <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship Un-hanging of the Greens
Monday, January 13		Pastor at Circuit Pastors Meeting
Tuesday, January 14	6:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday, January 15	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, January 16	9:30 a.m.	Crafts and Conversations
Friday January 17	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin Assembled
Saturday, January 18	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study Worship
Sunday, January 19	8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Bible Study Worship



ST. MATTHEW AT PRAYER



NEW/UPDATED REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Jordan Dodd (recovering)
Rebecca Racine, Cousin of Danielle Mueller (recovering)
Lincoln Wright, great nephew of Carole Hartley (hospitalized)
Walter Wermuth, friend of James Fowler (recovering)

Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Thea Wesley, Great Granddaughter of Linda Kurtenbach
Family & Friends of Norma, sister-in-law of Evonne Kragness
Family & Friends of Dave Wolf, friend of John & Cindy Leonard

Those Hospitalized

Don Timmermann, friend of Angi Lindley

Those Who Have Cancer

Adam Kershaw, brother of Travis Kershaw
Sharon Knipe sister of Mary Newswander
Reggie Larson, boss & friend of Anni Stevens
Hiedi Schultz, friend of Kelly & Sandy Stevens
Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of Deb Snyder
Pam Whittington

THOSE RECOVERING

Tom Krahl recovering from surgery
Lisa Martens

CONTINUING REQUESTS

Wendy Gurnwald, daughter of Janet Meeks (ALS)
Patricia Moore (memory care)
Jean Miles

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Lieutenant Zach Chapman (Deployed to Djibouti)
Kyle Mandle (Stationed in Norfolk, VA)
Lieutenant Adam Witmer (Iowa National Guard)