

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN
February 2019 Newsletter

Rejoice in Life and Death

When a person comes face to face with their own mortality, there are generally two different reactions, “I don't want to die!” or “I'm ready for death!” These are two totally different reactions to death. Which one is Christian?

You might be surprised with the answer: both. Both are true. Christians fight against death and treasure life, while at the same time they look forward to death as a gift from God. This might seem strange. It might be confusing at first, but the more we consider the Scriptures, the more it makes sense.

First, we know that death is our great enemy. In the very beginning, God told Adam that if he disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit, he would die (Genesis 2:17). Death is the punishment for sin (Romans 6:23). If there were no sin then there would be no death, only life forever and ever.

Death is not part of God's original plan; it's not the way things are supposed to be. Death, then, is bad. It is our enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). We are not supposed to “like it” or “accept it”. After all, when Jesus Himself hears that His friend Lazarus has died, He weeps. When a parent comes to Jesus begging for Him to raise their child, Jesus doesn't say, “Oh, don't worry about that; death isn't that bad. Just accept it.” No, Jesus raises them from the dead. Hours before His own death, our Lord prays in the Garden of Gethsemane that the cup of death and God's wrath would pass from Him. Jesus doesn't like death, and He came to overthrow death and destroy it once for all.

And that is exactly what the Lord Jesus has done. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead; He overcame death; He destroys the grave. On the cross Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for all of our sins; He dies in our place. The death He dies is our death, so that the life that He lives can be our life, eternal life. And this changes things.

And now, because death has been destroyed (Hebrews 2:14) through the death of Jesus, we can rejoice in death as a gift from God. Paul says this very thing in his letter to the Philippians, “For me, to live is Christ; to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21). Death is our defeated enemy, our hated friend. We fight against death, but when our last hour comes, we welcome it like an old friend, for we know that to be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). We can lay down and sleep in peace because the grave, for us, is the door to eternal life.

Because Jesus died for us, we live and die to Him. While we live, we rejoice in His gifts of life and salvation, and when we die we rejoice in His presence forever. This is how a Christian is to rightly think about death.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

WINTER IS HERE – In the event of bad weather, please tune into radio stations:
FM = 95.1, 93.5 and 104.3 and 730AM for updates about our services and/or activities.
Or you may check our Facebook page – facebook.com/stmattworthington. **Reminder:** *if Worthington schools are Closed or Released Early, due to the weather, activities will not take place at church that evening either.*

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning February 10th

Make plans to join one that interests you!

Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. – held in various parts of the church.

- 1) **“Death...Then What?” by Rev. Michael Newman.** That we all die is pretty much agreed upon, it's what takes place two seconds later that makes us wonder. Explore this lively and completely relevant topic in *“Death...Then What?”* Softening death with euphemisms or denying its approach with cosmetic surgery doesn't change the fact it's there – waiting for us all. Eating healthy, avoiding vices and exercising regularly are all touted as ways to get more mileage from our bodies. And while these practices may increase physical performance, they will not put the skids on our demise. Looking beyond our mortal lives, here, man has formulated complex religions, philosophies and ideology to attempt a glimpse behind the final curtain, dropping on each of us, when we close our eyes in this world for the last time. Innovative as these systems of thought may be, they offer no solace against the perfect judgment of an omniscient and righteous God. *That* relief is available only through Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. In Him all the speculations of religious thought and baffling intricacies of philosophical inquiry come crumbling down. As God's creatures – *as sinner*, the end of our days is entirely in His hands. In this fact neither our clever wordplay nor our comedic explanations will do any good, but only faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **This Bible study will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall.**

- 2) **“The Best Yes” by Lysa TerKeurst.** This study is geared more toward women. Do you find yourself spending a lot of time figuring out when to say yes and when to say no, thinking about how to manage your time, reduce stress, do your best for your family and still find a little time for yourself? Lysa TerKeurst found herself in that same situation until she learned the power of “the best yes,” the choice that shapes all of our other choices. In this six-session video-based study, Lysa uses her signature mix of transparency, Scripture-laced insight, and “been there” humor to suggest usable strategies for making wise decisions day by day. Lisa will help you: A) Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love; B) Escape the guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no; C) Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom-based decision-making process; D) Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your Best Yes today. **This Bible study will be held in the Fireside Room.**

- 3) **“Wild at Heart” by John Eldredge.** This study is geared more toward men. In this book, author John Eldredge thrust a generation of men, young and old, toward a journey to recover true masculinity – the soul of a man as God designed him. If you've already begun the journey, you know how thrilling – and hard – it can be. So you may have longed for a tool to maximize the impact, a guide to show the way. For too long, the call of Christianity to men has evoked no higher goal, ultimately, than becoming a “nice guy.” No wonder many men are bored to tears with church. The hero instinct has been trained out of them. But Eldredge invites men to come alive again, to find their great battle, adventure, and beauty. He revised and updated his best-selling Christian classic, and in it invites men to recover their masculine heart, defined in the image of a passionate God. **This Bible study will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Basement.**

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS

A Singing Valentine: Three Great Hymns of God's Great Love for Us

*"How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure." Stuart Townend*

With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, this month's music and worship article will highlight three hymns from three centuries that convey God's great love for us.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LSB 700)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) the English leader of the Methodist church wrote over 6000 hymns during his lifetime! "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is one of Wesley's greatest hymns. The hymn is really a prayer — a prayer to Jesus, who is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." It implores Jesus to take away our love of sinning — to set our hearts at liberty, and for Jesus to dwell in us. It asks Jesus to finish in us His new creation so that we might be pure and spotless, perfectly restored, and ready for heaven because of what He has done for us. This hymn first appeared in a book of Wesley's hymns in 1747. Today, it would be difficult to find a hymnal that does not include "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling".

"What Wondrous Love is This" (LSB 543)

This hymn comes from Appalachia and dates back to the early 1800s—to a time and place where hymnals were scarce—where people learned hymns by singing them again and again. And so it repeats and repeats—"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!"

The melody at the beginning of this hymn is haunting and plaintive. But the tune that begins on a sad note won't let us remain sad. It lifts us a bit in the second line and then becomes almost a lilting melody in the third line. This mix of sad and joyful—sour and sweet—is the perfect accompaniment for the words, which wonder how Jesus could love us enough to die on the cross for us.

The hymn begins with a question, "What wondrous love is this?" But then, in the third verse, they become an anthem—"To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing." The last verse is triumphant—"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on." This hymn reminds us that Christ frees us from the power of sin and death. It looks forward to an eternity filled with song—joyful song. .

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Written in 1995 by Stuart Townend (b.1963) "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" is comprised of three simple verses, but they eloquently express the basics of our Christian faith. They share not only the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the love of God and the sinfulness of man. In these profound words we sing both of our sinful and lost condition, and the gracious gift of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Townend has written numerous modern worship songs and is committed to writing Christ centered music. States Townend, "I want to encourage the expression of joy, passion, and adoration, but I want those things to be the by-product of focusing on God. I'm trying to write songs that refer to us as little as possible, and to Him as much as possible!"

Many people, upon first hearing "How Deep the Father's Love for Us", think it is an old hymn. The melody sounds more like a classic hymn than a modern praise song. Townend had a feeling from the outset that he would write this song as a hymn. He states that the melody came to him easily, but it took some time to tweak and rework the lyrics to fit the simple, yet beautiful melody.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", "What Wondrous Love is This", and "How Great the Father's Love for Us"-- three hymns, from three songwriters, from three centuries--all sharing the greatest Valentine message ever--the message of God's great love and gift of salvation that He has so graciously offered to all who believe.

Lorenda Glade and Joy Schreiber, Directors of Music

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES
PARISH NURSE NEWS
By Roxann Leckband

Greetings, one month of winter is down! As winter is still a reality remember to bundle yourself and those you care for. Frostbite is a real threat and can happen very quickly, actually before we even can note it.

Mom's Group will be on February 1st, 8th, and 22nd from 10:30-11:30 AM. What does a mom, who serves her Lord and family, look like? What are the joys and what are the challenges? Moms, please join us for one Friday or all three Fridays scheduled in February. It does not matter. We would love to see you when you can make it. Moms are very busy, but moms who have taken time out of their busy schedule to join us have indicated mom's group to be helpful and enjoyable. The children will participate in age appropriate Bible stories, crafts and snacks. The children are cared for by Karen Knigge and Sandy Meyer when the moms meet together.

Noon Fellowship will be on Monday, February 11th. The menu for the meal will be chicken and rice casserole, cranberries and dinner roll. Please bring a dish to pass, free-will offering or just bring yourself. Dan Biever from Compassionate Care Hospice will be our guest presenter. Dan will educate us on what hospice care includes, the benefits, and who would qualify for this type of medical care. Dan is very knowledgeable and committed to those clients he serves. Dan will present following the meal. If you are unable to come to the meal but would like to hear the presentation just let me know. The presentation will last for approximately 30 minutes.

The St. Matthew Food Ministry is up and running. Please let the church office/Roxie know your needs at 376-6168. We want to provide support and encouragement to the members of our church family. If you or your family member have been hospitalized, had a new baby, or experiencing difficult times, we would like to provide a little food. We can make a visit and share the love of Jesus or you may stop in and we can help you get what you would like.

The Widow's Group Ministry will be on Wednesday, February 13th from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Please join us as we support one another with the love of Christ through the journey of being a widow, the sadness and the joy which comes in time. Please feel free to contact Roxie with questions you may have 376-6168 (church) 712-260- 3820 (cell).

Attention Parents and learners: Sunday school is still in full swing! Please have your child in attendance at Sunday school and worship. If transportation is a problem let us know 376-6168.

Parents of 6th-12 grade youth, St. Matthew's will be hosting the 507 Youth Event on February 6th from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please pass an invitation to all friends or family members with children within this age range. This is a community wide event. Youth will attend for a time of fellowship, worship and a Christian message presented by Lee Stover of Rise Fest Ministries.

Thank You to those who signed up for a Secret Prayer Pal, this is always such a fun and exciting time for our 6th-8th grade Confirmation kids as they see God working through prayer in their lives. Your identity will be revealed at the end of our Confirmation year in late April.

Reminder: the lower level of the East Wing is open for walkers on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. The path that is marked is approximately .1 of a mile. Come in and walk, enjoy fellowship and work on improving your health.

CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths

- Audrey Stanton passed away January 5; funeral service was January 9, 2019.

Transfer Out/Released

- Dale Larson
-

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

The Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Hope Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 19 at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. The Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

ALTAR GUILD

Serving in February will be: Sandy Meyer and Marge Ruesch at the 8 a.m. services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Velma Cortright 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer 376-6290.

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) NEWS

The next LWML Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Martha Circle will host. Hope Circle will host the February 17th coffee hour. Delegates, please plan on attending the February 23rd zone meeting here at St. Matthew.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to enjoy coffee, refreshments and good fellowship during the Coffee Fellowship held each Sunday morning following the 8 a.m. service. A free-will donation is received to benefit the various projects. **Hosts are needed for the coffee fellowship hour on the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Sundays of the month.** Please sign up on the sheet located in the church basement if you or your church group would like to help out. *Please sign-up at least two weeks in advance.*

The third Sunday of the month, the LWML sponsors the coffee hour. The fourth Sunday of the month the youth (YPOGs) sponsor the coffee hour. Proceeds go to support their various activities.

Mark your calendars for our NEXT Pictorial Directory.

We want our ENTIRE Church Family to be photographed for this directory. Scheduled dates for the photography are: **August 20-24, 2019 and September 3-7, 2019.** There is NO cost to you or your family to have your picture photographed for the directory. We will have more information available as the date gets closer.



THANK YOUS

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for Wayne and our family during his recent surgeries. Thank you also to Pastor Schreiber for his hospital visit and prayers with us for comfort and strength and healing.

Wayne & JoAnne Smith

Thank you to all of our church family for your prayers, cards, many hugs and kind words of comfort given to our family on the passing of our dear Joe. Special thank you to Pastor Mark for coming to the house the morning Joe went to heaven and the beautiful funeral sermon about Jesus. Thank you Lorenda for the lovely music and Bob for running the sound. Thank you, once again, Velma for taking care of the flowers and Bev for all you do in the office to make the service run so flawlessly.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever. Psalm 100:5

Donna Welnetz, Bill Henderson, and all the family of Joe Welnetz

Thank you to each of you who donated supplies for the Thrivent Action Project we did. We will be delivering 50 hygiene kits to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE. Each kit contains a towel, washcloth, bar of soap, comb, toothbrush and six bandages. Many individuals will be blessed through your generosity.

Daryl Doeden

BLANKET MINISTRY

Mission Sewing and the blanket ministry at St. Matthew Lutheran continue to flourish. In 2018 John Galstad made four trips to Norfolk, NE to deliver items to the Orphan Grain Train. He delivered 370 quilts, blankets, and baby blankets along with 92 pillowcase dresses, 256 pair of underwear, 31 washed book bags, and 2 boxes of candles.

Daryl & Karen Doeden delivered 74 quilts, blankets, and baby blankets to their daughter, Sarah How, who is a school psychologist on the White Earth Indian Reservation. She is very grateful for these as she was able to gift children and families with much needed blankets. Many of these children hadn't received a gift in years. Other children were thrilled to have a blanket to keep warm or lay on the floor so it wasn't so cold. One boy hugged the down comforter he received, as he shuffles from home to home and has nowhere to call home. There is 100% poverty at her school. Sarah is grateful for the quilts and blankets as it also improved her relationship with the children.

2011-2018 Totals: 2,875 Shipped

2,801 Blankets, Quilts & Baby Blankets to Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE

74 Quilts, Blankets & Baby Blankets to White Earth Indian Reservation

345 Pillowcase Dresses (277 to Orphan Grain Train and 68 to Puerto Rico)

Thanks to each and every one who in any way helps to keep this ministry going – to each lady who comes and helps put these quilts together, those of you who donate blankets (good and not so good), sheets, mattress pads, pillowcases, thread, and everyone who helps pack the blankets or delivers them. God bless you all!

Reminder –please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes.

They are on the table in the Great Hall. Even if you do “automatic giving”, please pick up your box of envelopes. **The box includes “Special Giving Opportunities” throughout the year! Thank You!**

Notes from the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: December expenses were \$42,528.72. Income was \$45,598.25. Building Fund income was \$75.00. Net Income for the month was \$3,144.53. Balance in the General Fund Checking Account on December 31, 2018 was \$37,773.87. Memorial Fund Balance is \$74,067.24. Scholarship Fund Balance is \$435,967.25. Youth account monthly report was \$14,860.54. Advanced \$82,000.00 from SWS Financial on December 11th and was included on last month's report also. This is the last amount needed for the Building Fund expenses.

Staff Reports: *Pastor Schreiber:* Average weekend attendance was 252. Had cancelled 8:00 a.m. service on Dec. 2nd due to weather. December 16th was only one service as was children's Christmas program. Average Wednesday evening attendance was 138 as there were 3 Advent services. Christmas services attendance was 5:00 p.m.: 385, 10:00 p.m.: 138, and 9:30 a.m.: 176. Offering envelopes for 2019 are here & encourage members to pick them up. Banquet signup sheet is posted. Need cooks and servers. Date is Saturday, January 26th. Have ordered materials for Lent entitled "Behold the Man". Ash Wednesday service will be on March 6th, and Easter will be on April 21st.

Will be starting new Bible study groups in February. *Roxann Leckband:* Confirmation classes are going well. Using a reward system for accurate memory work. Youth have an opportunity to place their earned tickets into a jar and there will be a drawing at the end of each month with prizes to be received by up to 3 youth. Food Ministry has been going well. Have brought meals to 2 of our shut-ins and to one family in need for Christmas. I also delivered a meal to 2 of our "new moms". Have only 1 large container of hot dish left in freezer. Sandie Spittle and Sandy Meyer will be cooking and restocking the freezer next week. Caring Tree went well and a family was blessed with \$380.00 worth of gift cards to assist them. Thank you to Karen & Ron Obermoller for furnishing the tree and the ornaments. Secret prayer intercessors will start in January. Continue to make shut in visits under Pastor Mark's directions. Child care is provided in the nursery for those not wanting to bring their child to adult Bible studies on Sundays. Noon fellowship will have a new look as Steve & Marlis Rohwer have retired from being the hosts. The "Walking with Jesus" path has been utilized by 6 individuals. Planning to have a speaker come in March to speak to our congregation about the hospice program and caring for individuals with dementia. Working with Jenna on planning some youth and family events in the upcoming months. *Jenna Bents:* Youth group had a Christmas party on December 19th. Wednesday night youth group continues to do the "Live Life on a Mission" video series. Sunday mornings they are doing "The Bible Project". Senior night was held on December 30th at the Bents' home. Continue to go through "Sticky Faith: How to Build Lasting Faith After High School" book. Met with several of the college students for lunch over the Christmas break. Had a parent and youth National Youth Gathering meeting on January 6th. Expectations for pre-trip planning sessions and details about the trip were discussed. Dates are July 10-15th in Minneapolis. July 10th will be our Valleyfair day. Have 30 youth and 7 chaperones signed up. Four girls will be attending the LCMS Youth Leadership training event in St. Louis, MO on March 14-17th with Jenna & Val Wolford. They have started taking on different leadership roles in the youth group. 19 high school youth and adults served at the Banquet on Saturday, December 29th and then went to Sky Zone afterwards. Will be hosting the 507 event on February 6th and Pastor Schreiber will move Wednesday church service to the chapel that night. Have started taking a Lutheran Worship class as one of her classes. Youth will be hosting a Sweetheart Banquet on Friday, February 15th. Planning a family/ youth Great Bear tubing event for Sunday, February 24th. Planning a Creative Spirits adult/child painting class for March 24th. *Lorenda Glade and Joy Schreiber:* Had three midweek Advent blended services. Each service included special music from several musicians. Sunday School Christmas program was held on Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 a.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve services were held at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. Joy Schreiber led the 5:00 service which included organ, keyboard, worship band, and special music by small groups. Linda Lang served as organist for the 10:00 p.m. service which included the adult choir and the bell choir led by Louise Clausen providing special music. Christmas morning worship was at 9:30 a.m. Lorenda Glade was the organist with hymns that were accompanied by brass instruments being played. Jessica & Autumn Arnt and the Schreiber family provided the special music. Have already been discussing with Roxie Leckband about plans for Sunday School Christmas program next year. Would like to return to

Council Meeting Notes Continued:

having the younger kids present separately from the older kids. Preparing for this year's program was especially challenging because of the delay in the start of Sunday School due to the construction project. Sanctuary piano and Music room piano were tuned by Larry Paulsen.

Elders: Had review and training on common cup communion. Discussed the need to have more congregation members trained to help serve communion. Plan to offer a training that will be open to all voting members. If member takes this training, then can be utilized to assist the elders and Pastor Schreiber serve communion. Discussed the process if an elder is asked prior to the service by a nonmember if they could take communion. Individual must agree to the printed statement that is in each bulletin. If have further questions, then refer the person to Pastor Schreiber.

Trustees: Chancel lights project and possibly replacing them with LED lights is tabled for now. Safety concerns with needing to set up scaffolding to reach them. Counter underneath coffee pot in the kitchen will need to be replaced soon. Insurance auditor was here and recommended fixing some issues with the 2007 van. Having some heating issues as Roxie's office and the youth room are too cold. Have been looking at vents and trying to correct this. Have been keeping the overhead fans on continuously in the sanctuary to help with heat control. Boiler in the north entryway and elevator area needs to be replaced. Was installed in 1985 and can't get parts to fix it anymore. Have contacted a plumber and was given an estimate of approximately \$3,200.00 to replace it. Motion was made to have the trustees get the boiler in the north entryway replaced.

Education: Have started a new quarter with Sunday School. Have been discussing some type of Easter program or special event to try to keep Sunday School attendance up, as usually have a marked decrease in attendance after the Christmas season. VBS dates have been set as June 16-20.

Unfinished Business: Building Committee report update given by Nathan Holt - Flooring not finished yet, but only have a few minor things to complete. New east door entrance is in, but entryway flooring not finished yet. By-laws committee has finalized the recommended changes to be presented to the Voters Assembly at the January meeting.

New Business: Discussed church security and Board of Elders recommendation to offer some training to a group of members. Have suggested that all of the elders, trustees, ushers, church officers, and some of our younger men/fathers be trained. Suggestion was made to have at least 15-20 members trained to be more observant of any possible security issues. Received a thank you from Nobles County 4-H for the memorial given on behalf of the Nickel family. Discussed having a dedication for the remodeling of the Education wing. Will have a 15 minute dedication on Sunday, January 27th at 9:15 a.m. Quarterly voters meeting to follow at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Youth will serve coffee and donuts. Discussed suggestions of some members to ask if they would be willing to serve on the new Ministry Planning Board that needs to be formulated if the proposed bylaws are approved at the next voters meeting on January 27th. Will need six individuals to serve. Will have 3 one-year positions and 3 two-year positions. Would like to have different age groups represented. Positions will be appointed this year and will be elected per bylaws in the future.

Next council meeting date will be on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Altar Flowers – if you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific Sunday please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex. **Please sign up at least two weeks in advance.** Bouquets are ordered from McCarthy's Floral for \$25. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ramert, 372-7225.

“Always leave your campsite in better shape than it was when you found it.” This is a good saying to abide by in our daily lives. Therefore, if you use a room at the church, you may move the furnishings around to work for you (please be careful when doing this); however, **PLEASE RETURN the room to its original setting before you leave. Thank You for your attention to this.**

Worship Service Helpers for February 2019

ACOLYTES

February 3	(8 AM) Alecsander Brunk	(10:30) Kenadie Thiner
February 10	(8 AM) Paige Barber	(10:30) Kyle Ahrenstorff
February 17	(8 AM) Isaac Lowe	(10:30) Jonathan Banegas
February 24	(8 AM) Mersaydes Marten	(10:30) Brandon Bosma
March 3	(8 AM) Tavin Miller	(10:30) Hunter Echternach

NURSERY (10:30 service only)

February 3	Alaina Feit
February 10	Natya Khamphanh
February 17	Dalton Larson
February 24	Alaya Rowley
March 3	Madison Sieve

Nursery Adult Supervisor

Gail Holinka
Jessica Larson
Kasen White
Val Wolford
Beth White

** Please be sure to mark your calendars. If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date, please find a replacement and **call the church office with the change.** Also, please arrive 15 minutes before service begins. Thank You.*

GREETER SCHEDULE for February 2019

If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date, please find a replacement and call the church office with the change. THANK YOU FOR SERVING! If you would like to be added to the Greeters Rotation Schedule please contact Bev in the church office, 376-6168.

February 3	8 AM - Kent Brunk; Cindy Brunk 10:30 - LaDean & Lori Fletcher
February 10	8 AM - Leonard & Marge Ruesch 10:30 - John & Marlene Moberg
February 17	8 AM - Gary & Velma Cortright 10:30 - Chris & Stacy Heinrichs
February 24	8 AM - Sue Koob; Ilona Benson 10:30 - YOUTH
March 3	8 AM - Chad & Stacey Hokeness 10:30 - Greg & Roxie Leckband Family



**EVERY
ONE**
HIS WITNESS
LUTHERAN EVANGELISM



**Join us here at St. Matthew's
on Saturday, February 16th
from 9:00am-3:00pm for the
Lutheran Evangelism Program.**

*(Please Note: date change from what was
published in the newsletter. Snow date would
be March 2nd.)*

The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program considers the real-world context in which Lutherans find themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. It puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with the people whom God has placed alongside His witnesses in their everyday lives.

Here's what participants will learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? The "how-to's" of witnessing, using the **LASSIE** approach: LISTEN-ASK-SEEK-SHARE-INVITE-ENCOURAGE.

Lunch and childcare will be provided. A Sign-up sheet is located in the Great Hall or contact Bev in the church office. We will need to plan for the correct amount of food for the lunch. Also, if you need childcare, please indicate that on the sheet. Thanks!



**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sweetheart Banquet
Friday, February 15
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Hosted by the YPOGs
Tickets are \$15/individual.**

Menu: Side Salad, Chicken Breast Alfredo (choice of red or white sauce), garlic bread, California blend vegetables, cupcakes and sparkling juice.

Adult supervised childcare available (free-will donation), youth entertainment and the Not-So-Newlywed Game! **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Youth will be selling tickets in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings, or you can contact a youth or Jenna at stmattyouthdirector@gmail.com.