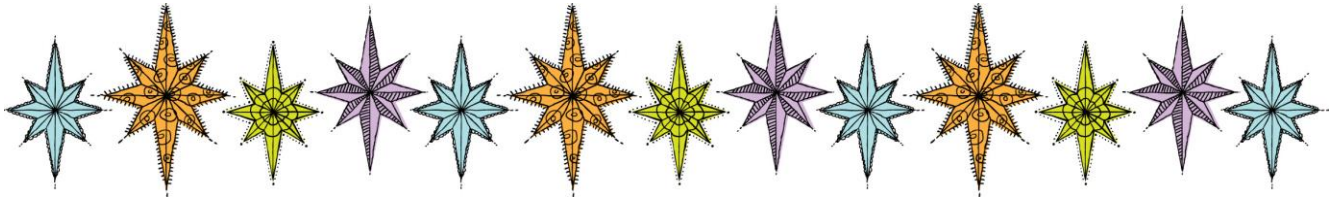


**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
**1505 Dover Street, Worthington, MN**  
**January 2018**



**VOTERS MEETING**  
**Sunday - January 28, 2018**  
**at 11:45 a.m. in the church basement**  
**Watch the weekly bulletins for more information!**

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**CHURCH RECORDS**

**Deaths**

- Kim Rowley passed away November 27; funeral service was November 28, 2017.
- Lucille Harms passed away December 3; funeral service was December 8, 2017.
- Lois Shelton passed away December 15; funeral service was December 20, 2017.

**Transfers**

- Casie (Smith) Pohlman transferred to Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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**ALTAR GUILD NEWS**

**Serving in January will be:** Ruth Ramert and Lynn Dierks for the 8AM worship services. If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Velma Cortright, 376-5600 or Sandy Meyer, 376-6290.

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**EVANGELISM NEWS**

**THE BANQUET:** St. Matthew's will be serving at the Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD on **January 27**. Please watch for more information in the weekly bulletins. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the north/elevator entrance bulletin board beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It is St. Matthew's turn to deliver **Mobile Meals in January**. Be the hands and feet of Jesus and help out with this wonderful ministry. Please contact Pat Arnt, 360-8717 to sign-up!

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**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN**

The Martha Circle will meet on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Hope Circle will meet January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the Youth room. The Sarah Circle will meet January 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

## THANK YOUS

*A Belated Thank You – we want to thank all those who supported our LWML bake sale, during our Reformation Celebration, by making all the delicious goodies and to those who bought them. Also a special thanks to the ladies who helped with the bake sale. Your efforts helped us to gift more to the missions we support. Blessings to All.*

*Rosemary King for LWML*

*Thank you to all the kids, teachers, helpers and everyone involved in the Sunday School Christmas Program. Thank you for all your hard work and the wonderful message of Christ's birth.*

*Lorenda Glade, Roxie Leckband, Board of Education*

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## 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 by Ruth Ramert. If you wish to order your flowers from Hy-Vee, you will need to place the order directly to Hy-Vee yourself and Hy-Vee will need to set up a delivery time with us to ensure someone is here when they deliver. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ramert at (507) 372-7225.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: With Winter upon us, in the event of bad weather, please tune into the following radio stations for information about church services and activities.**

- FM Stations 95.1; 93.5 and 104.3
- AM Station 730 (KWOA)

*OR Check out our Facebook page – [facebook.com/stmattworthington](https://facebook.com/stmattworthington).*

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**Interview with Caleb Barber:** Caleb is the son of Jeff & Susan and has one brother, Austin and one sister, Paige. Caleb is 12 years old and is in the sixth grade at Worthington Middle School. His favorite class is math because they actually do stuff in math and don't just sit and listen. He is also in the band where he plays the trombone. His extracurricular activities include Boy Scouts and archery. He says scouting keeps him active and he has learned a lot. He also likes to ride bike, play games, and play outdoors when he is with friends. Caleb goes to Sunday School and likes the story about creation because it tells how God made the earth and everything on it. He plans on using the money he is saving for college someday.

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**The "Faithfully Fit" exercise class** meets at 5:15PM on Mondays in the new church basement. Beginning on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> this class will also meet on Saturday mornings at 8:00AM. Contact Roxie Leckband with any questions, 376-6168.

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**NOON FELLOWSHIP** will take place on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM in the Fireside Room. Chicken noodle casserole, cranberries and coleslaw will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, a free-will offering, or just yourself! We'd love to have you join us! Blood pressures will be taken at 11:30AM for those who wish. An Advanced Care Planning class will take place at 1:00PM for those who would like more information about that.

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### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**Daniel Plan Bible Study** – Another session of the “Daniel Plan” will begin on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> during the Adult Bible Study (9:30-10:15AM). Watch for more information about this in the weekly bulletins.

**“His Needs Her Needs”** – Pastor Mark will start up with this Bible Study again on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. There's still time to join! They will meet in the Fireside Room from 9:30-10:15AM on Sundays.

The **“Martin Luther”** Bible Study still has a few more weeks left. This Adult Bible Study takes place in the church basement on Sundays from 9:30-10:15AM.

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**“Walk with Jesus”** program continues! We have a designated walking path in the lower level of the church. The church is open for walking Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Please sign-in on the sheet in the entrance to the basement.

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**If haven't already done so – please pick up your box of 2018 Offering Envelopes – they are on a table in the Great Hall!**

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### **EVANGELISM MOMENT**

Evangelism is an honor, a joy, and a pleasure! Our actions shout louder than our voices. We are living examples of the grace of God. Confidently, ask God to provide opportunities to share your faith. Pray...let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!

**LOVE INC FAITH CHALLENGE** - Take some time on a snowy day to visit a shut-in.

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**EMAILING NEWSLETTER** – You can receive our church's monthly newsletter via email! Persons who do this get the email quicker than those who get it via the US Postal Service. Contact Bev in the church office if you'd like to get our news by email and help the church save on printing costs and postage costs!

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE** – This is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow! It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form available at each entrance to the church and on our church website, [www.stmatthewworthington.com](http://www.stmatthewworthington.com) and return it to the church office.

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***2017 Giving Statements will be ready for pickup by January 21<sup>st</sup> – watch the weekly bulletins for updated information. Any statements not picked up by January 29<sup>th</sup> will be put in the mail to you.***

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## Worship Service Helpers for January 2018

### **ACOLYTES**

Jan. 7	(8 AM) Jordis Weber	(10:30) Jake Ahrenstorff
Jan. 14	(8 AM) Caleb Barber	(10:30) Eli Hansberger
Jan. 21	(8 AM) Aleksander Brunk	(10:30) Dimitri DeNoble
Jan. 28	(8 AM) Lance Gordon	(10:30) Carson Wolford
Feb. 4	(8 AM) Nia Iverson	(10:30) Maelie Holt

### **NURSERY (10:30 service only)**

Jan. 7	Kyle Ahrenstorff
Jan. 14	Mark Geertsema
Jan. 21	Jennifer & Christine Preuss
Jan. 28	Sierra Goedtke
Feb. 4	Evan Hansberger

### **Nursery Adult Supervisor**

Gail Holinka
Angie Kopplow
Tammy Markus
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.** THANK YOU*

## GREETER SCHEDULE for January 2018

*\*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please try to find a replacement and call the church office with the change. Thanks for serving.*

Jan. 7	8 a.m. – Daryl & Karen Doeden 10:30 – LaDean & Lori Fletcher
Jan. 14	8 a.m. – Sandy Cuperus; Donna Lee 10:30 – John & Marlene Moberg
Jan. 21	8 a.m. – Clarence & Twyla Mess 10:30 – Chris & Stacy Heinrichs
Jan. 28	8 a.m. – YOUTH 10:30 – YOUTH
Feb. 4	8 a.m. – Dale & Bonnie Schroeder 10:30 – Joel & Kim Rogers