

## St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield



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Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs

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Associate Pastor Rev. Arturo Mendez Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is said that while it takes only three days to break a good habit, it takes three weeks to begin the same such good habit. March 10 marked one year since social restrictions had been put into place and old good habits were forced to be broken. Now that vaccines have been produced and are more and more available and now that social restrictions are easing, now more than ever it is time to be getting back into reestablishing good habits. One such good habit, even the most important habit to reestablish is the habit of Divine Service attendance. Certainly while staying at home and participating in Divine Service via the internet was one way to keep in the habit of being in the Word, what was missing was one's participation in the mutual consolation of the saints as our confessional writings called it, that is our being able to meet together, to encourage one another, to build up our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. Even though some made other arrangements with the Pastor, the other thing that could not be a part of online services was the ability to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to eat our Lord's body and drink His blood so that His perfect life, suffering, death and resurrection became our perfect life, suffering, death and resurrection.

As Holy Week is upon us, now more than ever we have the opportunity to return to our good habit of being in Divine Service as Holy Week offers services on Maundy Thursday with the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday as we commemorate our Lord's death and most especially on Easter Sunday at our Sonrise Service and our regular morning Service where again we rejoice and celebrate our Lord's resurrection and defeat of sin, death and the devil where we will also have opportunity to partake in His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in His Holy Supper.

Please know that as I encourage you to return to the good habit of regular Divine Service attendance, I also encourage you to take whatever precautions you believe you need to take in your returning, precautions including having had your vaccination, wearing mask and social distancing.

God's richest blessings. In His Service,

Pastor Bogs 1 Cor. 15:3-5

Don't forget, if you miss a Sunday, you can read the sermon on my blog: http://rabswritings.blogspot.com.

#### Happy Birthday to You



04-03 April Harvey Daniel Cross, 04-07 Scott Gentes, &

Dalhardt Goebel Katie Easlon

04-10 Barbara Ellis & Mary Garrett

04-16 Jonathan LaShomb

04-19 Mary Davis & Ashley Massuda

04-23 David Christie & Robert Sindlinger

04-27 George Gentes & Dwayne Lilley

04-28 AJ Parsalaw

#### **Baptismal Birthday**

04-03 Carol Clark, Rose Goebel, Jake McIlhany, & Kate McIlhany 04-08 Pat LaShomb 04-09 Marilyn Kron, Aileen Mercer & Cindy Sentesi 04-14 Kelly Gentes



04-19 Shirley Coyle 04-21 Bryce Koslan 04-22 Aurora Franks 04-25 Jennifer Cornman 04-27 Tess Clark & Trent Clark

#### **Confirmation Anniversaries**

04-01 Jonathan LaShomb 04-02 David Cowger 04-03 Mary Garrett 04-05 Caleb Bogs & Tiffany Cowger 04-06 Eda Nitz 04-07 Joyce French & Jan Stayton 04-09 Hannah Bogs, Jordan Christy, Nathan Cross, Will Gentes, Aaron Lilley, Becky Mendez, Naatah Mollel, & Dillon Mosier

04-11 Larry Harvey

04-14 Barbara Ellis, Barbara Newbould, & Cody

Williamson

04-15 Pastor Bogs & Mary Gibbs

04-16 Gary McCorquodale II

Dixie Garrett 04-18

04-25 Cathy Smith

04-28 **Robert Sindlinger** 

04-30 **David Christie** 



#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Joe & Shirley Michka (53 yrs) 04-23 Robert & Melissa Sindlinger (15 yrs)

Sonny & Joyce French (67 yrs) 04-24 04-25 David & Mikaela Reese (1 yr)



#### Holy Days and Holidays in April

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holy Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday

**April 21st:** Administrative Professionals Day

April 25th: St. Mark, Evangelist

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** 174<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LCMS

#### **Upkeep & Maintenance**

- We are working to update our key inventory list and we are requesting that anyone who has keys to the church to please contact one of the trustees and let us know that you have a key.
- We are requesting the support of the congregation to assist with minimizing any additional expenses associated with outsourcing projects and/or repairs needed around the Church. How can the congregation help us? By volunteering your time, talent, and materials. Starting Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a list of the projects and repairs that we need your help with posted in the Narthex. Volunteers can choose to do the projects/repairs according to their own schedule. If you sign-up for a project that requires access to the building and you do not have direct access to the building, a trustee will be happy to accommodate. All we need you to do is put the date you wish to complete the project next to your name and a trustee will help coordinate access to the building. If you are attending services online due to COVID19 but feel one of the outside projects/repairs below is something you would like to assist with you can contact a trustee or the main office and make us aware and we will add your name to the list. Your support is appreciated!
- Included is the list of projects and/or repairs needed:
  - oSomeone who can tear down and haul off the old wood playground set.
  - o Building of handrails for the stairway in the gym and the stairs in the children's building.
  - oSomeone who can haul off the old refrigerators in the back of the church.
  - Cleaning of the Treasurer's office (Library)
  - Cleaning of the upstairs in the fellowship hall
  - Cleaning of the Trustee closet
  - oSomeone who can repair the manifold at the water well to supply cemetery with water
  - oSomeone who can spread the sand at the back of the white building
  - o Repair the paneling on the wall from water leak in fellowship hall
  - Sand and paint the train on the playground

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Maundy Thursday 10am - Bulletin Cutoff 12pm - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 7:30pm - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	2 Good Friday 12pm – Good Friday Service 7:30pm – Tenabrae Service	3
4 Easter 7am – Sonrise Service 8am – Easter Breakfast 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	5	6	7 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	8 <b>10am</b> - Bulletin Cutoff	9 Church Office Closed	10 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am- Elder's Meeting
11 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	12	13	14 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	15 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	16 Church Office Closed	17 10am- Trustee's Meeting
18 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	19	20	21 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	22 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 8:45am – Sunday School & Bible Class 10am - Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper	26	27	28 10am-Bible Class 7pm-Evening Bible Class	29 10am - Bulletin Cutoff	30 Church Office Closed	