

January 19 & 20 – Announcements

This Week at St. Matthew

Sunday (1/20)

- **Guest Preacher Rev. Fred Toppe**
 - Pastor Toppe is retired and is our first guest preacher during our vacancy.
- **Underground/Sunday School**
 - *Immediately after worship*: children ages 3-12 will be excused to the back of church. Parents may accompany them.
- **Teen Bible Study**
 - Meets at **10:15am** in the church basement.
- **Bible Study**
 - Meets at **10:30am** in room 108. We're studying: "*So What Do You Lutherans Teach . . . about Conversion / Coming to Faith?*" Join us to get answers not just to acquaint people with our church, but to give them the hope of being saved.

Monday (1/21)

- **Pastors' Conference**
 - Pastor Kuske will be our of town. He may be reached on his mobile number.

Tuesday (1/22)

- **Pastors' Conference Ends**
 - Pastor Kuske returns late afternoon. He may be reached on his mobile number.
- **Piecemakers** (Quilting and Sewing Group)
 - Meets at **9:30am** in the church basement.
- **Outreach Meeting**
 - Meets at **6:30pm** in room 108.

Wednesday (1/23)

- **Confirmation**
 - Meets at **5:30pm** in Room 108.
- **Choir**
 - Meets at **7:00pm** in the church at 7:00pm

Thursday (1/24)

- **Thursday Bible Study**
 - "*So What Do You Lutherans Teach . . . about Conversion / Coming to Faith?*"
10:00am and **6:30pm** in room 108.
 - **This Bible study is repeated next Sunday at 10:30am.**

Saturday (1/26)

➤ **GriefShare**

- Meets from **9:00am – 11:00am** in room 108.
- For more info contact Pastor Kuske, or Joyce Schroeder joymarie48@yahoo.com.

Other St. Matthew Announcements

➤ **2018 Statements**

- 2018 offering statements are in the mailboxes of members who use envelopes.

➤ **Winterfest in Two Weeks: Saturday, January 26 Noon – 2:00pm**

- Lots of winter fun: horse drawn carriage rides, snow painting, & ice bowling.
- **Chili cook-off: sign up** to enter your “famous” chili in a friendly contest.
- Other fun foods too, like smores and cookies.
- Invite your friends and family!

➤ **Year End Forum & Voters' Meeting**

- The forum will be held on Tuesday, **January 29 at 6:30 pm**. Please attend to learn how souls are being saved, nurtured, and given significant service. Give input and help direct our church family in the ways God will bring blessings.
- Pick up an agenda next weekend, or contact the office at that time.

➤ **Also Save the Dates for . . .**

- **Sunday, February 3: Pastor Mielke installation & appreciation pot-luck;** guest preacher Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director WELS Ministry of Christian Giving.
- **Sunday, February 10, 10:30 am: Pre-Call Meeting.** The entire congregation may give input concerning our present ministry & the pastor we will call.
- **Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3: Mission Festival** speaker, Pastor & President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Rev. Mark Luetzow.

➤ **Volunteers (& Cooks!) Wanted for the Mielke Farewell**

- The Mielke's Farewell Dinner on Sunday, **February 3** will be held in the gym after the service.
- We would like to serve lasagna along with a salad bar and breadsticks. Would you be willing to make 1 or 2 pans of your favorite lasagna for this dinner? There will also be a second option for the main meal.
- **Sign up sheets in back of church and side hallway. Also, please sign up if you plan to attend.**
- Questions please call Leanne Stoop at 850-5835 or Curt Wentzel at 915-4892.

➤ **Dorcas**

- Dorcas Women's group will meet on Monday, **February 4 at 6:30pm** Rm 108.
- Bring scissors & a glue gun to assemble shut-in gifts after the business meeting.
- Dorcas is our Mission-focused group here at St. Matthew. Please Come.

➤ **Pre Call Meeting Surveys**

- Today and in following weeks members of St. Matthew are encouraged to pick up a survey at one of the doors, and complete it. It allows individual input regarding our ministry and the next pastor we will call. These surveys will be tabulated and used by District President Pastor Zank, as he prepares a call list of candidates from which we will call a pastor to serve St. Matthew.
- The Pre Call meeting for a new pastor will be held on **February 10** at 10:30am with our Circuit Pastor, David Pries.

➤ **Coffee House Ministry**

- Members continue to have the opportunity to support this ministry with a special gift that will be *double* matched until the donations reach \$15,000. We are at the \$13,400 mark! Handouts are available for more information, as well as envelopes for donations. Be sure to check the funds chart in back of the sanctuary as we “fill the cup.” Thank you to all of our donors!

Church Community News

➤ **Apple Valley Food Pantry**

- The next monthly distribution is February 10th. Food may be donated at St. Matthew before that time.
- Items needed are baked and pork 'n beans, carrots and mixed vegetables, all crackers, spaghetti noodles & sauce, canned fruit, boxed & canned potatoes, dish & laundry soap, paper toweling, hamburger helper, all canned meats such as chicken and manwich.
- Thank you all for your help in spreading the word for the needs of the pantry.

➤ **Men of His Word Conference**

- The 10th Annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, **February 9**, 2019. The theme is “*Built on the Rock.*”
- Please register online at www.menofhisword.org and get schedules. Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth is \$25. Fees increase after **January 27** to \$60 and \$30.

➤ **Faith Fit Dance Fitness Class**

- Our Shepherd Child Care & Family Ministry, 3335 North Lynndale Drive, Appleton will host an 8-week Dance Fitness Class on Mondays from **5:30pm–6:15pm** beginning **January 14**. Faith Fit is a dance fitness class (*think Zumba-esque*) that encourages women of all ages and abilities to continue on their fitness journey, one step at a time! The class is free, but childcare is available for a small fee.
- For more information contact Emily Suedmeier churchoffice@bethanyappleton.org.

- **GriefShare-Loss of a Spouse Special Seminar**
 - On Saturday, February 16 at **10:00am** at St. Luke's, 705 E. Greenfield Dr., Little Chute.
 - Reserve your seat by calling 920-788-4408 / www.stlukeslittlechute.com/RSVP.
- **FVL Musicfest**
 - FVL Musicfest 2019 will be held **January 27** with performances from **12:00pm – 4:00pm**. Doors will open at 11:30am. Adults are \$3 and students with a FVL ID or FVL passport are free.
 - Proceeds benefit the FVL music programs and the *Let the Children Come* mortgage effort.
 - Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest.
- **Pathways to Christ Retreat**
 - Sisters in Christ, please consider attending the 19th *Pathways to Christ* Retreat on **March 8-10, 2019** at LaSure's Hall in Oshkosh. The 2019 theme is "*I Have Learned the Secret of Being Content.*" (Philippians 4:11-13)
 - Registration forms can be downloaded from their website: pathwaystochrist.org. If you don't have internet access, the church office can provide you with a brochure.
- **DivorceCare Offered**
 - *DivorceCare* is a teaching tool to support anyone who has been hurt by the pain of divorce or separation. This program will be held at Immanuel, Greenville in the Emmaus Library on Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8:30pm started **January 8 – April 2**.
 - To register visit www.divorcecare.org or call 757-5639. The cost is \$20 for the workbook.
- **Camp Bird for Lutherans**
 - Camp Bird is a camp for grades 5-8. The dates for 2019 are Sunday, **July 7 – July 12**, Sunday, **July 14 – 19** and Sunday, **July 21 – 26**.
 - Registration is now open. The price for each child is \$150 per week. For more information or to register visit www.campbird.org.
- **FVL Costume Designers needed**
 - Looking for a volunteer to help with costumes for our March musical.
 - They need someone organized and reliable who can communicate well with teens and adults. Knowledge of clothing design and sewing is a must.
 - Will work with a director to create costumes appropriate to roles and setting. If interested or for more information email Sharon at smundt@fvlhs.org.