

# January 26 & 27 – Announcements

## This Week at St. Matthew

### **Sunday (1/27)**

- **Guest Preacher Rev. Aaron Dolan**
  - Pastor Dolan teaches religion & coaches baseball at Fox Valley Lutheran HS.
- **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.

### **Tuesday (1/29)**

- **Piecemakers** (Quilting and Sewing Group)
  - Meets at **9:30am** in the church basement.
- **Fourth Quarter Forum/Voter's Meeting**
  - Meets at **6:30pm** in the church.
  - Pick up a meeting booklet & agenda in back. 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.

### **Wednesday (1/30)**

- **Confirmation**
  - Meets at **5:30pm** in Room 108. Parents join the class at 6:15pm.
- **Choir**
  - Meets at **7:00pm** in the church

### **Thursday (1/31)**

- **Thursday Bible Study**
  - "*So What Do You Lutherans Teach . . . about Being Completely Forgiven?*"  
**10:00am** and **6:30pm** in room 108.
  - **This Bible study is repeated next Sunday at 10:30am.**
  - Due to the Pre-call meeting on Sunday, February 10 no Bible study will be held that Sunday. Thursday morning study on February 7 is still scheduled.

## ***Saturday (2/2)***

### ➤ **GriefShare**

- Meets from **9:00am – 11:00am** in room 108.
- The topic will be “Lessons of Grief, part 2.”
- For more info contact Pastor Kuske, or Joyce Schroeder joymarie48@yahoo.com.

## **Other St. Matthew Announcements**

### ➤ **Winterfest Postponed**

- Due to the extreme cold temperatures watch for the new date for Winterfest.

### ➤ **2018 Statements**

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

### ➤ **Also Save the Dates for . . .**

- Sunday, **February 3: Pastor Mielke installation & appreciation lunch**; 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.

### ➤ **Pastor Mielke Farewell Appreciation Lunch**

- The Mielke's Farewell Dinner on Sunday, **February 3** will be held in the gym at 11:30am after bible study.
- **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** Room 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.

### ➤ **Women's Bible Class**

- Bible Class will start on Monday, **February 11**. This is an 8 week session.
- The title will be “Waiting” A study of Patience, Hope and Trust. Through this study we will examine the lives of 8 women of the bible who had to wait out God's plan in their lives. We will learn how to accept the waiting times God has planned for our lives.

### ➤ **Pre Call Meeting Surveys**

- Today and in following week 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**

### ➤ **FVL Musicfest**

- FVL Musicfest 2019 will be held this Sunday, **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](http://fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest).

### ➤ **Apple Valley Food Pantry**

- The next monthly distribution is **February 10**.
- Items needed are chunky soup, all crackers, cookies, all canned meats such as salmon & beef, rice, canned fruit, jam/jelly, frosting, paper toweling, diapers & baby items
- Thank you for your generous and continued support of the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry. We are very appreciative of the support we continue to receive from you. A happy and blessed new year to you!

### ➤ **Men of His Word Conference**

- The 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.menofhisword.org) and get schedules. Adult registration fee is \$60 and youth is \$30.

### ➤ **OWLS February Meeting**

- All Seniors are invited to join us on Tuesday, **February 12** at NOON at the Golden Corral Buffet, 1169 N. Westhill Blvd. Guest speaker will be from Bargain Garden Thrift Shop.
- You may bring a small item to donate to be taken to Bargain Garden.

➤ **Faith Fit Dance Fitness Class**

- Our Shepherd Child Care & Family Ministry, 3335 North Lynndale Drive, Appleton will host a Dance Fitness Class on Mondays through March 4 from **5:30pm–6:15pm**. 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](http://www.stlukeslittlechute.com/RSVP).

➤ **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](http://pathwaystochrist.org). If you don't have internet access, the church office can provide you with a brochure.

➤ **Ironmen of God Men's Conference**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Ironmen of God men's conference will be held Saturday, **March 23** from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia. Come and hear God's word aimed straight at men.
- Speakers and registration information at [www.ironmenofgodwi.org](http://www.ironmenofgodwi.org).

➤ **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 through **April 2**.
- To register visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://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](http://www.campbird.org).