

February 2 & 3 – Announcements

This Week at St. Matthew

Due to water damage in the church basement, it is not useable today. Parents who need to step out with young children may use a classroom, accessed through the side doors of the assembly. Please see an usher for assistance.

Sunday (2/3)

- **In Worship: Installation of Pastor Thomas Mielke**
 - Pastor Mielke is installed as WELS Deferred Giving Counselor for the Northern Wisconsin District.
 - Pastor Kurt Lueneburg, Director of WELS Ministry of Christian Giving is our guest preacher, and installing pastor.
- **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 Being Completely Forgiven?*" Join us to get answers, not just to acquaint people with our church, but to give them the hope of being saved.
- **Pastor Mielke Farewell Appreciation Lunch Today**
 - The Mielke's Farewell lunch will be held in the gym at **11:30am today** after Bible Study.

Monday (2/4)

- **Dorcas Women's Group**
 - Dorcas Women's Group meets at **6:30pm** in room 108.
 - Bring scissors & a glue gun to assemble shut-in gifts after the business meeting.
 - Dorcas is a Missions-focused group here at St. Matthew.

Tuesday (2/5)

- **Piecemakers** (Quilting and Sewing Group)
 - Normally meets at **9:30am** in the church basement. Please check with the office to confirm that this area is able to be used this week.
- **Organ Committee Meeting**
 - Meets at **6:30pm** in room 108.
- **Outreach Meeting**
 - Meets at **6:30pm** in room TBD.

Wednesday (2/6)

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

Thursday (2/7)

- **Thursday Bible Study**
 - *“So What Do You Lutherans Teach . . . about Being Completely Forgiven?”*
Only at 10:00am this week in room 108.
 - **This Bible study is the same one that was offered last Sunday at 10:30am.**
 - Due to the Pre-Call meeting next Sunday, February 10, no Bible study will be held then.
- **Fourth Quarter Forum / Voters' Meeting**
 - Rescheduled from last week.
 - 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.

Saturday (2/9)

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

Other St. Matthew Announcements

- **Pre-Call Meeting Next Week after Worship, February 10**
 - The entire congregation may give input concerning our present ministry & the pastor we will call.
- **Pre-Call Meeting Surveys**
 - Today and next 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.
- **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.

➤ **Dorcas Gifts for Shut-ins**

- Our Dorcas Women's group makes and delivers shut-in gifts for our elderly St. Matthew members. If you would like to help with a delivery or two, please stop in the office between 8:00am and 4:00pm before **February 14** to pick up a gift.
- It is just to stop in and say hi, share a bit of Christian fellowship and brighten someone's day.
- Any questions please call Sheryl Hagen at 734-0029. Thank You.

➤ **Winterfest Rescheduled for Saturday, February 23**

- Join us that day from Noon – 2:00 pm for horse-drawn wagon rides, a Chili-cook-off, snow painting, ice bowling, smores, and more.
- **Please sign up to enter the Chili-Cook-off**
- Questions please call Leanne Stoop at 850-5835 or Curt Wentzel at 915-4892.

➤ **Mission Festival, March 2 & 3**

- **Mission Festival** speaker, Pastor & President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Rev. Mark Luetzow.

➤ **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

➤ **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 \$60 and youth is \$30.

➤ **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Ironmen of God Men's Conference**
 - The 6th 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.
- **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 or call 757-5639. The cost is \$20 for the workbook.