

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022

8:30 AM



Consider
yourselves
dead to sin

and

ALIVE
to **GOD** in
CHRIST
JESUS.

ROMANS 6:11

OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

During this Covid-19 season, specific instructions for communion will be given by the Pastor. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the Pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Beverly and Alan Hunsberger in honor of Alan's birthday, and by Bob and Barbara Haack in loving memory of their son, Tim Hart.

Sunday School is sponsored by Janet and Denis Hall dedicated to the Glory of God in praise and thanksgiving.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this First Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and are crucified again with Christ as we confess our sins, ask for the Holy Spirit's help to amend our sinful lives, and rise with Him to lives of limitless humble service to our neighbor. New Year's resolutions are typically a tepid, self-centered attempt to make ourselves new. Baptismal renewal means dying to selfish selves, admitting we are unable by our own strength to live new lives, and calling upon the Lord Jesus, who invades enemy-oppressed territory each time we commune, to live in our bodies, souls, hearts, minds, spirits, and relationships that we may lead new lives in Him. Pastor Peter Hoyer, one of our retired pastors, preaches and presides today as Pastor Zumwalt enjoys a vacation weekend. He will be back in the office on Monday, January 10, and all classes and meetings resume this week at their normal times.

I will strive to **Pray daily**
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources



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(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
Text © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

*** THE GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Father in heaven, as you strengthened Jesus for his ministry by your approving voice and the Spirit's gifts, so you have confirmed that we are your beloved ones. Work faith in his fulfillment of righteousness that we may pursue our call to serve you in the world. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

"Holy Baptism: Dead and Alive"

Pr. Hoyer

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
 His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

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| <p>5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.</p> | <p>6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.</p> |
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Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949, alt.
 Tune: *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt;
 setting: William H. Monk, 1823-89, alt.

*** THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.
 Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We Were Buried in the Water
Joyful Noise

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
 Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Heavenly Father,

Congregation: we bring offerings to dedicate ourselves and all we have to you. Since everything is useful to make your kingdom come, encourage us by a vision of your generous salvation to live for the welfare of your glorious creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right...thanks and praise.

People: Amen.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
 Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE LORDS PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

1 We were bap - tized in Christ Je - sus, we were bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
 3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,
 that as Christ was raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;
 And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain
 we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. A - men

Text: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937, alt.
 Music: OUIMETTE, John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Text and music © John Ylvisaker

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: O Lord, our Baptism is your sign which makes us bold to come to eat and drink your sacrament. With the power that comes with its forgiveness and fellowship, strengthen us to serve you when and where you call. We bless you now and evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Congregation: I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

*** THE BENEDICTION**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

*** THE DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Holy Baptism: Dead and Alive

Praying

O God, by the birth of your only-begotten Son you have begun the wondrous work of our redemption: Strengthen the faith of your people so that by his guidance we may attain the promised gift of glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church, 270*).

Listening

Romans 6:2 “How can we who died to sin still live in it?”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople]: “Being dead to sin means not obeying it any more. Baptism has made us dead to sin once and for all, but we must strive to maintain this state of affairs, so that however many commands sin may give us, we no longer obey it but remain unmoved by it, as a corpse does” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Romans, 153*).

Romans 6:4 “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death...”

St. John Chrysostom: “What the cross and burial were to Christ, baptism is to us, though not in all respects. For Christ died and was buried in the flesh, whereas we have died and been buried to sin” (154).

Romans 6:4 “...as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might walk in newness of life.”

Theodoret [Early 5th century bishop of Cyrrhus, Turkey]: “The sacrament of baptism itself teaches us to turn away from sin. For baptism is a type of the death of Christ. In it we have become participants in the death and resurrection of Christ. Therefore, because we have shared in Christ’s resurrection, we ought to live a new life now” (156).

Romans 6:6 “We know that our old self was crucified with him... no longer be enslaved to sin.”

St. Basil the Great [4th century Bishop of Caesarea Mazaca, Turkey]: “By these words we are taught that he who is baptized in Christ is baptized in his death and is not only buried with Christ and planted together with him but is first of all crucified with him. Thus we are instructed that, as he who is crucified is separated from the living, so also he who has been crucified with Christ in the likeness of his death is completely set apart from those who live according to the old man” (158).

Romans 6:9 “...Christ, being raised... will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.”

St. Gregory the Great [Late 6th – early 7th century Bishop of Rome]: “Where his body is eaten, there his flesh is distributed among the people for their salvation. His blood no longer stains the hands of the godless but flows into the hearts of his faithful followers” (161).

Romans 6:11 “... consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

St. John Chrysostom: “We are told to live for God in Jesus Christ our Lord and to lay hold of every virtue, having Jesus as our ally in the struggle” (162).

Reflecting

1. Do I understand that practicing my Baptism daily is to be crucified with Christ daily?

Learning

THE LORD'S PRAYER (from Luther's Small Catechism)

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child and adult you know and for the child's parents, too.
2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.
3. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend what daily bread looks like in your life and together compose a gratitude list for all that your heavenly Father has provided you.
4. Consult Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 186, for the daily lessons appointed for the week of 1 Epiphany (Year Two) and read them daily before offering your prayers on behalf of your family, the world, our nation, our state, and our local communities.
5. Reflect on the speed and manner in which you typically pray the Lord's Prayer. Now, slow it down to carefully say each petition thoughtfully. Meditate daily on this week's introduction."
6. Start 2022 off right by attending adult Sunday School and/or Crossways Bible Study.
7. If you are not yet a member, please sign up for the New Disciples Class on January 29.

For Husbands and Wives

Repeat daily: "I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith."

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Sylvia Hornick (mother of Trevor Hornick), Greg Adams, Joe Rumsey, Howard Beuerman, Holly, Brett, and Lala Limmer, Laurena Sundberg, John Goss, Nate Holway, Jeff James, Joel Peterson, Barbara Duff, Ruth Rice, Hudson Dingfelder, Jennifer Stirrat, Peggy Davis, Bill and Dot Pearson, Janet and Dennis Hall, Ken Manning, Eileen Carzon, Alex Schwartz

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<u>Operating Fund: Dec. 2021 (preliminary)</u>		
	Month	YTD
Revenues:	59,895.05	470,650.78
Expenses:	<u>35,943.99</u>	<u>447,724.18</u>
Income/ (Loss)	23,951.06	22,296.60

<u>Offerings Received through January 2</u>	
Projected Dec. receipts:	50,179.48
Received to date:	<u>5,825.00</u>
Expected add'l receipts:	44,354.48

<u>Expenses</u>	
Budgeted expenses for Jan:	44,327.98
Bills paid to date:	<u>-</u>
Anticipated remaining exp.:	44,327.98

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m. Sunday - Traditional Eucharist, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 5 p.m.
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

First Time Visitors - Please stop by our *Welcome Center* to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew's.

Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Eucharist

Monday, January 10

9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office

12:00 Conversations - Rm. 117

4:00 CFA Basketball - McSwain

5:00 Evening Prayer

7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal - Choir Room

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117

10:00 Prayer Group - Nursery

10:00 Faith Circle - Library

1:00 Peace Circle - Library

6:00 Girl Scouts #354 - Rm. 117

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs

11:00 Finance Team

12:00 Healing Eucharist

6:00 Crossways - McCombs

6:00 MS Youth

6:00 Handbells

7:00 Confirmation Class

7:00 Adult Choir

Thursday, January 13

10:00 Crossways - McCombs

10:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117

7:00 Boy Scouts - McSwain

7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

9:00 Council Retreat

6:00 Eucharist; Installation of Council

Sunday, January 16 Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 Traditional Eucharist; Installation of Council

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Eucharist; Installation of Council

12:30 Grief Support Group - Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like any of the poinsettias in the Commons, please feel to take them. After this weekend, they will be discarded.

From the Finance Office: *Please do not* put envelopes or papers under the door or in the bin next to the door. All envelopes and correspondence should be put in the door slot where they will be securely deposited into the dropbox.

Counters are needed for March. Please sign-up on the big board in the Commons or contact Carol Roller.

Curious about helping with Hospice Meals but unsure of what it entails? Send a message to Sue Mowrey at mowreysu@gmail.com to receive a copy of the instructions, including "meal" ideas. Take a look and see. It's not as hard as it sounds!

Grief Support Group will be January 16 at 12:30pm in the Library.

The 2022 Sunday School Sponsor sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the Commons.

Altar Flowers has a few slots still open for February. Several slots are open March through August. Please see the chart in the Commons to sign up.

January OWL's Luncheon will be January 27 at 11:30am. **Please note that the menu has been revised** and is posted with the sign-up sheet on the board in the Commons.

Our next New Disciples Class for adults new to the Lutheran church is on Saturday, January 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Those, who have never been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, will also be prepared for Holy Baptism. **New Member Orientation** for confirmed Lutheran transfers and those who attended the New Disciples Class will be on Saturday, February 26, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. We will receive new members February 26-27. To express your interest in joining St. Matthew's, please email Donna Capozio at dcapozio@stmatthewsch.org.

Infant Baptisms for the children of St. Matthew's members will be scheduled upon request. Baptisms of the children of those joining in February 2022 will be scheduled for the day their parents are received into membership or on a day after the parents have joined. Please call or email Pastor Zumwalt at 910-791-4582 x200 or szumwalt@bellsouth.net.

Christian marriage is between one biological man and one biological woman according to the Lord Jesus (Matthew 19:4-6). Those preparing for Christian marriage at St. Matthew's are members of the parish, take the *Prepare* inventory, and meet with Pastor Zumwalt a minimum of four sessions several months prior to their wedding date. A wedding booklet with additional details about the worship service for the marriage of Christians will be given to the couple at the beginning of the pre-marriage preparation process.



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