



ST. MATTHEW BROADCASTER



THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

12/17/17

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Traditional Worship - 8:00AM (Nave)

Contemporary Worship - 10:15AM (Auditorium)

Traditional Worship - 10:30AM (Nave)

Grace Space Worship - 5:00PM (Parlor)

If you are our guest this morning, we welcome you!

Please sign the attendance register and include your address.

**Worship at 8:00AM will be re-broadcast
at 11:00AM on Radio WOYK 1350 AM
or www.woyk1350.com**

HEARING ASSISTANCE RECEIVERS are available and are located in the Auditorium prior to worship services. LARGE PRINT WORSHIP MATERIALS are also available at all entrances. An usher will assist you. CHILD CARE PAGERS are available for parents of small children.

- Prelude** Advent Preludes-Gabrielsen
- Welcome**
- ***Hymn #239** Hark, the Glad Sound
- ***Confession and Forgiveness**
- ***Kyrie**
- ***Greeting**
- ***Prayer of The Day**
- ***Candle Lighting Verse**
- Psalm 126**
- Chancel Choir**
- Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- Sermon** "Christmas Joy"
Pastor Kevin Shively
- ***Hymn #439** Soon and Very Soon
- ***Apostles' Creed**
- ***Prayers of Intercession**
- ***Peace**
- Offering** II Est Ne-Haan
- ***Presentation of Gifts**
- ***Offering Prayer**
- ***Great Thanksgiving**
- Communion Distribution**
- Communion Music** Nativity Song-Bingham
- ***Prayer after Communion**
- ***Blessing**
- ***Hymn #248** People, Look East
- ***Dismissal**
- Postlude** Fantasy on II Est Ne-Hudson

WED. ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES - 7:00PM

Dec. 20th at St. Rose - Pastor Keith Fair
"Jesus, the Gift of God Who Offers Hope"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: 8:00, 10:15 & 10:30AM

Musicians: (8:00-T) Eric Riley, organist; Chancel Choir (10:15-C) Praise Band and Praise Team Choir (10:30-T) Eric Riley, organist

Assisting Ministers: (10:15-C) Bill Steel (10:30-T) Darlene Senft

Acolyte: (8:00-T) Ali Grove (10:30-T) Katie Tomassone, Cole Dattisman

PowerPoint: Steph Johnson

Sound Room: Matt Fogleman

Altar: (8:00-T) Sherry Bressler, Linda Knotwell (10:15-C) Deb Goodling, Katie Kerr (10:30-T) Julie Birkholz, Sharon Myers

Communion Assistants: (8:00-T) Denny Reigart (10:15-C) Deb Olewiler, Deb Gutacker, Carol Hovis (10:30-T) Amy Tomassone, Phil Frey

Ushers: (8:00-T) Elwood Bahn, Judith Bankert, James Collier, Carolyn Daugherty, Theresa & Jim Kell, William Mader, Norma & Don Strausbaugh (10:15-C) Eileen & Kevin Herman, Lorraine & Raymond Hovis (10:30-T) Steve Altland, Carol & Gene Burk, Dee & Kent Garson, John Katora, Joel Smith

Library Aide: Diana Billet

Coffee Fellowship: No Volunteer

Welcome Team: (7:30) Maggie & Mike Wood (9:45) Linda Henze, Diane Passaniti



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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30AM - Contemporary Worship Service

11:00AM - Traditional Worship Service

6:00PM - Family Worship Service

8:00PM - Traditional Candlelight Service

10:00PM - Traditional Candlelight Service

Child Care will be available during the 6:00 and 8:00PM services. Communion at all services.



As a good steward of God's creation, St. Matthew Lutheran Church recycles paper. Please help us by leaving paper worship materials at your seat or by using the blue recycling bins located at the exits.

**RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS
11:00AM BROADCAST ON RADIO WOYK
1350 AM AND WWW.WOYK1350.COM**

To the Glory of God and:

In loving memory of Beatrice E. Altland. Sponsored by son and daughter-in-law, D. Barry and Jane Altland & grandchildren & great-grandchildren, Gregory, Steven and Bradley Altland and Melissa Altland and Brittany Miller.

In loving memory of our son, Dirk, on his birthday, December 18th. Placed by his parents, Barry and Ellie Gruver.

**THIS WEEK'S BROADCASTER
To the Glory of God and:**

In loving memory of Chief John Koch, Maurice & Mary (Koch) Adams and Harry and Olive Burk. In honor of Carol and Gene Burk's 57th wedding anniversary, December 17th. Sponsored by Carol and Gene Burk.

Sponsored by Bill and Carla Fishel in gratitude to God from whom all good things come and with hope and expectation for God's continued guidance and blessing upon the ministry and people of St. Matthew Church in 2018. May all of St. Matthew seek God's will, direction and purpose as God's people make Christ known.

**THIS WEEK'S FLOWERS
To the Glory of God and:**

In loving tribute to the December 20th wedding anniversary of my parents, Charles L. and Esther (Grimm) Sandy. Placed by Holly Sandy.

To loving memory of Ronald L. Trimmer who passed away December 23, 2011. Placed by Shirley Trimmer.

**FORUMS ON THE PROPOSED
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

December 17th at 9:15AM in the Parlor

January 7th at 9:15AM in the Parlor

January 17th at 10:15AM in the Parlor

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

TODAY the Youth Group will be selling boxes of homemade cookies in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$10.00 a box and ALL proceeds will help to cover the cost for the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Texas in 2018.

PASTOR'S CORNER

With two Sundays remaining in this calendar/budget year our Christmas and year-end financial gifts are needed more than ever. Without a dramatic upturn in our offerings and other financial gifts the new year will arrive with very significant and unpopular budget cuts. This is an urgent matter that calls for our genuine prayerful consideration and generous response. The time to act is now. Please respond as God leads and you are able.

Pastor Kevin Shively

**MRS. DEBBIE FREY,
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR,
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

Mrs. Debbie Frey has announced her retirement as Director of Christian Education effective February 18, 2018. The Congregation Council accepted her retirement letter. Debbie has served in this capacity for 32 years. Over the next several weeks do take the opportunity to thank Debbie for her ministry in our midst and to extend to her God's blessings as she begins this new chapter in life! A special celebration to thank and recognize Debbie for her service to the church will be held early in the New Year. Please watch for more information. If interested in serving on a planning team for this celebration event, please contact the church office.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

The church office maintains a list of homebound members of St. Matthew so that they may be visited by our Pastors and the Eucharistic Ministers who have been trained and commissioned by the church to administer Holy Communion. Occasionally a member may become homebound and the church is not made aware of their situation. If you know of a member of St. Matthew who is homebound (permanently or temporarily) and would like a visit and/or communion, please call the church office at 845-2721. Thank you very much.

This Week at St. Matthew

Sunday, December 17th

7:45AM: Praise Band/Choir Rehearsal, Auditorium
8:00AM: Traditional Worship Service, Nave
 8:00AM: Youth Group Cookie Sale, Gathering Space
 8:00AM: Christmas Dinner Volunteers, Gathering Sp.
 8:00AM: SMAM Coffee/Chocolate Sale, Gathering Sp.
9:15AM: Sunday Church School, Classrooms
 9:15AM: Constitution & Bylaws Forum, Parlor
 9:15AM: Prayer Time W/ Spiritual Life Team, Chapel
 10:15AM: Children's Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
10:15AM: Contemporary Worship Ser., Auditorium
10:30AM: Traditional Worship Service, Nave
 3:00PM: Compassion York/Youth Group, Kitchen
4:00PM: Lessons & Carols Worship Service, Nave
5:00PM: Grace Space Worship Service, Parlor
 6:30PM: Youth Group Meeting, Youth Center

Monday, December 18th

2:30PM: St. Matthew Staff Meeting, Parlor
 6:00PM: Cub Scout Christmas Party, Parlor
 7:00PM: Boy Scout Troop #23 Meeting, Room 13
 7:00PM: Community Services Ministry Mtg., Room 12

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00PM: Men's Basketball Practice, Gym
 7:00PM: Men's Bible Study, Gathering Space
 7:00PM: Congregational Council Meeting, Parlor
 7:00PM: ChristCare.God Bible Study, Member's Home

Wednesday, December 20th

7:00AM: Lutheran Men's Club Breakfast, Lyndon Diner
 10:15AM: Adult Bible Study, Parlor
 7:00PM: Advent Worship Service at St. Rose, Pr. Fair
 7:00PM: Circle #6 Bible Study, Room 203

Thursday, December 21st

6:30PM: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 6
 7:30PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Friday, December 22nd

Building Closed

Saturday, December 23rd

6:30AM: Community Breakfast Preparation, Kitchen
 8:00AM: Free Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

WAYS TO GIVE

Merry Christmas to our members and visitors! As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find e-Giving a most welcome way to make a Christmas contribution. Check out our electronic giving option. Click "Give Now" at www.stmatt.org or, place an offering in the offering plate as it goes by. Thank you for your generosity.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Kevin T. Shively *Lead Pastor*
 Rev. Keith C. Fair *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Patricia A. Snyder *Visitation Pastor*

ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY

Debbie N. Frey *Christian Education Director*
 Thomas J. Jackson *Director of Music*
 Eric R. Riley *Artist in Residence/Organist*
 Danelle M. Newman *Youth Director*
 LaQuinn N. Thompson *Community Outreach Dir.*
 Stephanie A. Johnson *Discipleship Connector*

PASTOR EMERITUS

The Reverend Dr. E. Gordon Ross

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: 1 Kings 18:1-18
 Ephesians 6:10-17
Tues: 2 Kings 2:9-22
 Acts 3:17-4:4
Wed: Malachi 3:16-4:6
 Mark 9:9-13
Thurs: 2 Samuel 6:1-11
 Hebrews 1:1-4
Fri: 2 Samuel 6:12-19
 Hebrews 1:5-14
Sat: Judges 13:2-24
 John 7:40-52

By God's Grace, We Give, Grow And Go!



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