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St. Matthew
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Feb. 20 & 21, 2010

The Mission of St. Matthew is to **CONNECT** people to the love of Christ, **NURTURE** people with a faith centered in Christ, and **EMPOWER** people for Christian Living in the world.



Greetings Friends,

Today we are blessed to have as our guest preacher Rev. Dr. Mark Press. Dr. Press is President of the The Hoffman Institute (formerly called Oswald Hoffman School of Christian Outreach (OHSCO)) at Concordia-St. Paul. He is originally from Michigan and was a parish pastor for 30 years before accepting the position at OHSCO.

He has been married to Connie for 36 years. They are blessed with three children and one grandson.

One Lutheran Church/Small world story: Before I was a pastor, I was asked to teach confirmation in my home church in Memphis. Dr. Press' niece was in my class. Brenda also taught three of his nieces in 4th grade.

I am taking some time away this weekend. Blessing on your worship!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

Wednesday worship after Ash Wednesday will look a little different. We will begin with a time of worship with Lenten songs and readings. Then a time of Bible Study (Bring your Bibles). Then a time of prayer.

4:30 Worship and Bible Study
5:30 Meal
7:00 Worship and Bible Study

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM WORSHIP
9:30 AM EDUCATION HOUR
10:45 AM WORSHIP
12:15 PM SCREWTAPE LETTERS
2:00 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, February 24

4:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP
5:30 PM SUPPER
5:30 PM NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
6:00 PM CHILDRENS CHOIR
7:00 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

Thursday, February 25

6:30 PM ST MATTHEW SINGERS

Friday, February 26

9:30 AM QUILTING
6:30 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Saturday, February 27

9:00 AM GRIEFSHARE
5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM WORSHIP
9:30 AM EDUCATION HOUR
10:45 AM WORSHIP
12:15 PM JIM BARGMANN CELEBRATION LUNCH

Bill Hugo, Pastor
Jim Bargmann, Director of Teen and Young Adult Ministries
Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministries
Bob Nikl, Coordinator of Tibetan Outreach
Ruth Petersen, Office Manager
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses
David's Christian Learning Center
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ANNOUNCING...

Jim & Angela Bargmann Farewell Celebration

Join us in celebrating Jim & Angela's ministry to St. Matthew. We will be having a lunch and program immediately following the 10:45 am service on Sunday, February 28th. Plan to attend, bring your stories and well wishes! Please sign up for lunch at the table in the Narthex, or call the church office before Tuesday, Feb. 23 to assist us in our planning!



We have the opportunity to welcome an **Egyptian petting zoo** for one evening of our VBS experience in August. In order to make this happen a \$ 450 donation must be received. If you are able to help with this cost, please place your donation in an envelope marked VBS Zoo. Be sure to tape up a picture of your animal, let's fill that pen!

Golden Agers are reminded of their upcoming Old Log Theatre outing, "Dixie Swim Club", on Thursday, March 4. Call Helen Benson at 763-717-1687 if you have questions. *Sign up deadline is Sunday, February 28th.* We will also be meeting on Tuesday, March 9th for our potluck lunch and "Show & Tell" program.

Craft item needed for SPLASH! Project March 1st. We are in need of **plastic green "baskets"**, the kind that tomatoes come in. We will be weaving ribbons through the slots to make baskets for the Ukranian eggs Rita Norberg donated, thanks Rita! Please leave the baskets at the Information Center. Questions may be directed to Rose Davis 612-781-9663.

Lynne and Dean Saba would like to encourage you to join the online Caring Bridge website where you can send Lynne email messages, and also stay updated with her journey as she seeks a bone marrow donor. Just go to <http://www.caringbridge.org/>. Under the spot where it says "visit a website" type in *lynnesaba*. If you have any questions, contact Parish Nurse Kathy Rosenberg.

Thanks to everyone that sent cards after my surgery. It was fun getting them and it makes you feel that you matter to people. Also thanks for the prayers and kind words of concern before and after. Bless you all, Renee Baggenstoss

CONNECT

WORSHIP NOTES: 8:00 a.m.=St. Matthew Singers will comment on the old testament lesson of Abraham and Isaac in Gerald Coleman's "The Lamb". 10:45 a.m.=The Children's Choir will sing Russell Nagy's "The King's Way", reflecting on the gospel lesson of the temptation of Jesus. Our thanks to the choirs and the music team (10:45 a.m.) for their leadership in worship today!

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsals begin soon! This group will present special music for our Good Friday (April 2) *Tenebrae* service, as well as two of our Easter Sunday services (April 4). This is a short-term commitment (only five rehearsals!), and teens and adults of all vocal abilities are welcome and encouraged to join us! First rehearsal is Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., but if this time doesn't work for you, just give Carol Blase a call and another rehearsal time will be arranged!

STEWARDSHIP PICTURE

Together in Worship

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Financial Information

	Envelope Giving	Ministry Plan	Ahead/ Behind
January	\$ 38,567	\$ 47,689	-\$ 9,122
Jan—Dec	\$ 486,561	\$ 540,000	-\$ 53,439
February to date	\$ 23,839	\$ 19,078	+\$ 4,761

We invite all new visitors to stop by the Welcome Center located outside of the Sanctuary. We would love to share information about St. Matthew with you, as well as coffee and cookies.

NURTURE

Adult Education Opportunities:

A Year in the Word —Takes a break this week. Bible study offered by Rev. Press in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministries :

Sunday school Today - (Rotation, grades PreK-6) (9:30-10:30) February is our break-out month for the Rotation SS children. There will be no opening gathering. After checking in, the children will go directly to their classrooms (watch posted signs). A parent or responsible adult is asked to attend class with your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade child. **Break Out Topics:**

PreK./Kind – "Love"

Grade 2 – "God and Me"

Grade 3 – "Intro to the Bible"

Grade 4 – "Intro to Confirmation"

Grades 5/6 – Stewardship/Service

Sunday School (Early Learners, age 2-3) (9:30-10:30) – The Early Learners will be studying the topic of "Love," God's love for us and our love for others. We Believe!!

Sunday School (Faith Play, children age 0-2 and parents) (9:30-10:30) – This class meets on the lower level. After a brief time of activities for the children and parents together, the children (if willing) move to a connecting classroom with caregivers while the parents continue with Bible Study ('Parenting with Purpose and Grace' by Alice Fryling (Fisherman Bible Studies)).

Wednesday activities – Wednesday confirmation, Hand in Hand, open gym and homework help classes/ activities are taking a break for the Lenten season. Classes/activities will resume Wednesday, April 7. Children's choir will continue to meet.

Screwtape Letters Young Adult Study Anyone is welcome to join us at any time – each letter in the book is self contained and you will benefit from the discussion and reading. This study will be more than a Bible study or book discussion though – a variety of media from songs to movie clips will help illustrate some of the book's themes. We meet each Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Lounge at Saint Matthew.

GriefShare. Moving through Mourning This support group meets every Saturday at 9:00–11:30 am in the Willer Room. The 13-week course runs through May 15. Each session is self-contained. Please contact Jan Boehlke, facilitator, or Kathy Rosenberg if you would like more information.

EMPOWER

St. Matthew ministries are most effective with dedicated, committed servants. Each week we will highlight some opportunities which we hope inspire you to serve. The staff will ensure these service ideas are well defined with instructions, time commitment and duration clearly communicated. If one or more of these touch your heart, please contact the church office to reach the responsible staff.

St. Matthew Service Opportunities -

Cards are available at the Welcome Desk where you may indicate your desire to know more about service opportunities available at St. Matthew. Completed cards may be turned in to the church office.

Check it out! Children's Ministries Opportunities -

Contact the church office (or use the sign-up sheets available on the Children's Ministries Bulletin Board to indicate interest in the following areas:

- Assisting with the Faith Play class Sun mornings
- Leading a workshop for 1 or more units (One unit = 4 consecutive Sundays; next unit "Bread from Heaven," Mar. 7-28)
- Be part of the Wed. night Children's Ministries

Missions – Sunday School Offerings –

Jan./Feb. : Offering will go toward 'wish list' items for DCLC. Some wish list items are: balls (various sizes – rubber or plastic) and washable toddler toys. Additions: stuffed/toy lions, stuffed/toy sheep, feathers. Watch for changes to the wish list in upcoming bulletins.

The St. Matthew community is invited to augment the Sunday school mission offerings.

Teen ministry leaders should await word from the Transition Team concerning future support meetings. Please continue the projects and visits you were already working on.

PRA YERS

Prayers for the Week of Feb. 21

We pray for those with special needs..

Thanksgivings: We thank God for all the ways He blesses us and uses us to be a blessing to others.

New additions: **Mel Kuehni** had gall bladder surgery this week. **Eileen Petry** is hospitalized. **Lil Novak**, at home recovering after a short hospitalization for a severe episode of dizziness. **Darlene Bielejeski** is hospitalized for a mild stroke.

We pray for all those dealing with cancer: Ardyce Alman, Elizabeth Bakewicz, Ron Barrows, Mary Birr, Addie Boe, Diane Breit, Terri Brooke, Phil Colaianni, Barb Cornelius, Ev Cornelius, Linda Godfrey, Joann Hardy, Kenny Hickerson, Tom Hickerson, Martin Heining, Molly Keeney, Mel Kuehni, Stacy Lufkin, Florence Molin, Darrell Norberg, Paul Rothfusz, Lynne Saba, Norma Jean Sadek, Jeanie Stetler, Leroy VonBargen, Kathy Wiebusch, Bob Weiland, Eileen Zierman, Ray Zellmann

Ongoing prayer concerns: Emajoe Ablen, Bekah Aldrich, Melina Bialke, Betty Birr, John Brockopp, Joyce Christopherson, Dave Eide, Les Fuehrer, Don Garrity, Linda Hauge, Willie Jones Sr., Les Linngren, Stacy Marks, Roy Meinhardt, Lynne Midthun, Marlene O'Donnell, Lil Paul, Eileen Petry, Casey Roberts, Arnold Scheid, Bill Schuldt, Kathleen Schuldt, Brenda Sederberg, Donna Stevens
Military: Ralph Asher, Major Jenny Kyseth, Major Todd Kyseth, Eric LeMay, Casey Roberts

We pray for our confirmation students: Eddie Anderson, Jace Brockopp, Luke Chuol, Kaila Gruber, Jordan Naber, Brandon Honl, Ben Hugo, Teathy Pal, Harlan Rorman, Ashley Wagner, Benjamin Wagner.

We pray for people confined to their homes or nursing homes...Dorothy Lasker, Sharon Peterson, Dorothy Eaton, Ruby Entner, Pastor Gary Galchutt, , Elaine Colaianni, Marie Stoekel, Lorraine Tracy, Lorraine Schutte (temp), Eileen Petry (temp), Carmen Kohlmeyer (temp).

We pray for our ongoing ministries... Simple Church Group, St. Matthew Sudanese, Tibetan Outreach, David's Christian Learning Center (families and staff), GriefShare, Caring Ministry, Grace International, Education Ministries, Senior Ministries, Music Ministries, Teen and Young Adult Ministries, Outreach Ministries, Human Care Ministries, Trustees, Elders, Church Council, church staff.

We pray for missionaries... Missionaries in Sudan, Ethiopia and Liberia, Lutheran Ethnic missionaries around the Twin Cities, Todd and Kim Roeske in Alaska, The Spoke Folk crew, The Fitz Family, The Captive Free Youth Encounter team, Pastor Jake and Michelle Gillard (Uganda), Matt and Angie K. (missionaries in Central Asia), Steve and Krista Weisenauer (China).

SERMON NOTES