Sermon Notes

Last week's worship attendance: 54

Last week's giving:

Weekend offerings: $1,800.00

Vanco contributions: $2,730.42

Month-to-date giving:

Weekend offerings: $18,059.00

Vanco contributions: $7,865.88

Prayers for the Week of November 1

Pastor Hugo for continued strength and endurance.

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Rachel Tougbay, Office Manager
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Sarai Kretschman, Coordinator of Technology † Kathy Rosenberg, Parish Nurse
Andrew Wagner, Coordinator of Music † Julie Sventek, Director - DCLC - 763-789-4030

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 31—November 1, 2026

Go and Serve

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)
7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE ONLY

Wednesday, November 4
1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM LAY MINISTERS
7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, November 5
9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT COMMUNITY GROUNDS

Saturday, November 7
9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS
5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8
8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS LIVE AND ZOOM
8:45 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM YOUTH BIBLE CLASS
10:00 AM WORSHIP

WORSHIP NOTES: Thank you to Dr. Samuel Deressa for filling in for Pastor Hugo this weekend!

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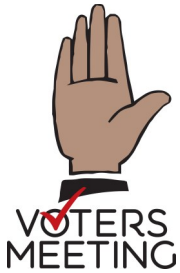
Upcoming Events!

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Surviving the Holidays Event
2:00—4:30 PM

Registration is requested so we have enough materials for all participants. You can register online or by contacting Sarai Kretschman in the church office.



Sunday, November 22, 2026
Voter's Meeting following worship

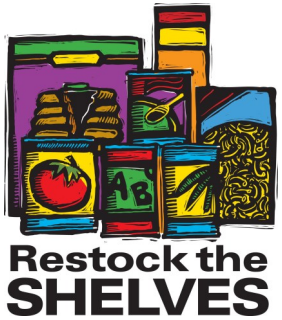
A voter's meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

This year we are Connecting to our Community with the theme of "Go and Serve." The church as a community is working on having one outreach event each month. There are many other ways we can be involved in our community and Go and Serve. Below are a couple of Volunteer sites that have many different volunteer options around the Twin Cities, and many of them are family friendly.

Idealist.org/en/volunteer

doinggoodtogether.org/family-volunteering-twin-cities

Announcements!



The school pantries set up and stocked mostly by teachers in Columbia Heights in the wake of Metro Surge are starting to run dry and are in desperate need of restocking. As part of St. Matthew's efforts to be known by love, we will be setting up an ongoing collection to help keep these pantries stocked. We are asking for donations of the following items:

- Canned tuna, salmon and chicken
- Peanut or other nut butters
- Bagged or canned beans, lentils or chickpeas
- Canned soups and stews
- Diced tomatoes and tomato paste
- Bagged rice (long grain white, basmati, or brown)
- Cereals
- Cooking oils
- Pasta noodles and sauces
- Kids snacks
- And pantry staples like sugar, flour and corn flour

All of your donations will go directly to these pantries to help families in our city. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Faustina or Lisa Neaderhiser.

A collection box will be set up in the narthex (i.e., lobby) area at St. Matthew and the donations will be taken to the schools by Faustina/ others on a regular basis.

Prayer before worship: Holy God, it is our privilege and joy to praise you. As we sing, let us make a joyful noise to you. As we pray, may our words and thoughts be a pleasing aroma to you. As we open your word may we trust in your unfailing promises. Your word holds true, it is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see you more clearly today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.