

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 12 & 13, 2019

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A Voice of **HOPE**

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

Several months ago, Brenda and I made plans to be at a conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida this weekend. Doesn't that sound like a great thing to do in January?! Sadly (infuriatingly), that fell through.

So instead of gazing at the beach today, and dipping our toes in the Atlantic ocean, we are gazing at the snow and the beautiful north Wisconsin woods and warming our toes in front of the fireplace.

Thanks to Pastor B. for filling in today and for bringing us God's Good News in the Baptism of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

TODAY!

8:00 a.m.=The Children's Choir will lead the sung response to the psalm of the day in a setting of the spiritual, "Wade in the Water" (with verses written by Brenda Hugo). Soloists with the choir are Aubree Allen, Ben Kretschman, Renata Kikeh, and Cecelia Kikeh. Our thanks to the choir, the music team (10:45 a.m.), and to all other worship assistants leading throughout the weekend.
To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of Jan. 13

Dorothy Smith is celebrating her 90th birthday.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 138
January Tithes & Offerings to date: \$10,684
January Budgeted Offerings: \$30,500

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Ruth Petersen, Office Manager
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUDITIONS for our 2019 spring show, "Big Fish", are in their final phase **today**, meeting in the choir room, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

This show needs actors, singers, and dancers of all ages, so join in on the fun!

Tuesday, January 15

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 16

4:30 PM CONFIRMATION

5:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

5:30 PM SUPPER

6:00 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

6:00 PM DISCIPLESHIP VISION BOARD

6:45 PM HAND IN HAND

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Thursday, January 17

9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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6:30 PM YOGADEVOTION

Saturday, January 19

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, January 20

8:00 AM WORSHIP

9:30 AM EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

10:45 AM WORSHIP

Come to church ready to eat **Sunday January 20th** during fellowship time at 9:00am and after the 10:45 service at noon. The Youth Group will be fundraising with **warm Breakfast Burritos breakfast!**

All proceeds from this free will donation fundraiser will benefit Youth missions and National Youth Gathering participants.

Please extend your congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy Smith today - in celebration of her 90th birthday!!

ONGOING PRAYER NEEDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME DESK AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE - UPDATED MONTHLY.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Altar Guild - The 2019 schedule is posted in the sacristy, members please sign up at your earliest convenience. Several members have retired; we welcome new members and you will be trained. Prayerfully consider serving and sign up for a month.

Meals on Wheels - St. Matthew's next drive time for Meals on Wheels is January 14-18, 2019. Calling begins soon; please consider driving one or two days. Pat @763-502-1330.

GriefShare begins again in January with new daytime sessions! The 12-week session at St. Matthew begins on Thurs., Jan. 24, 12:30 to 2:30 through April 11. This will replace the Wednesday night groups that we have hosted in the past. Questions or interest? Contact Kathy Rosenberg at 612-296-1812.

VBS "ROAR! Life is wild. God is good." Mark your 2019 calendar for:

- 1) **Sun., Feb. 3, noon** - Information meeting/first opportunity to sign up for volunteer positions. (*lunch provided, rsvp requested*)
- 2) **Sun., June 23 - Thurs., June 27, evenings** - VBS dates

Missions - Sunday School & St. Matthew Congregation

These are the ongoing mission projects we are supporting:

SACA - Southern Anoka County Assistance (PB, Tuna, Mac&Cheese)

FMSC - Feed My Starving Children (Quarters)

Blessings Bags (items for future packing event, bags avail. for dist.)

Pennies for Patients (kids bring pennies, adults may donate on-line)

For further information, talk to a Sunday school child, refer to the 'Newscene' or contact the church office.

GIVE PLUST

Help us grow in our giving!

Please consider electronic giving - it's easy to set up.

Call Ruth in the church office at any time to register.

LIFE FOR A CHILD IN CHRIST (Liberian school/orphanage) is asking for clothing donations during the month of January. A box will be placed in the hallway in which you may place new or gently used clothing for infants and children.

Thanks in advance for your help!