

## Sermon Notes

# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 27 & 28, 2021



Greetings Friends,

Last year as the season of Advent began, we talked about waiting. We waited during lockdowns and quarantines. We waited on masks and respirators and toilet paper. We waited on test results for the coronavirus. We waited endless weeks and months, not able to visit our loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes, We waited on our kids going back to school. We waited on stimulus checks. We waited for a vaccine. A lot has changed since last Advent. And a lot hasn't. Among the things that hasn't changed is this: while we wait, God works. That is the message of Advent.

Join us this Wednesday at 5:00 in person or 7:00 online to see what God is doing in Honduras. There will be a brown bag discussion and Bible Study in the fellowship hall after the 5:00 worship service.

Thanks to Pastor B for preaching this weekend while Brenda and I are travelling.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** This is the first weekend of the new church year! As we begin the celebration of Advent, we contemplate the promise of salvation with the first coming of Christ as a baby, and also the end times when Christ returns to earth as our king and as our judge. What type of lives should we be leading? Our thanks to Karrie Kikeh for sharing her keyboard talents with us, and to all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of November 28

## ***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 93  
November Tithes & Offerings to date: \$17,575  
November Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
Kathy Rosenberg, Parish Nurse † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant † Martin Cornes, Pastor  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Tuesday, November 30**

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### **Wednesday, December 1**

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

5:00 PM ADVENT SERVICE

6:00 PM BROWN BAG SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

6:15 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:45 PM LAY MINISTERS

7:00 PM CANDLELIGHT REHEARSAL

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### **Thursday, December 2**

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

6:30 PM CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSAL

### **Saturday, December 4**

9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS

5:30 PM CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE

### **Sunday, December 5**

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS **live and on ZOOM**

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL-CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE (**online and in-person**)

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

*Pick one up today!*

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

**Advent Calendar Available!** On the 'Welcome Table' are copies of an Advent Reading (and Coloring) Calendar. Feel free to pick up a copy for you and/or family members. (*One Bible passage to read and one image to color each day, Dec. 1-25*)

**Wednesday Children's Ministries** – There are no Hand in Hand or Confirmation classes during the Advent/Christmas season. **OTHER ACTIVITIES/CHOIRS:** connect with your individual leaders about schedule changes. **Take advantage of special worship services with your families!**

*(Set 2 of regular Wednesday sessions resumes Jan. 5)*

**Wed., Advent Worship** (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22):

- In-Person, 5:00pm
- On-Line, 7:00pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CHOIR** rehearsals will begin this week Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. These four rehearsals will concentrate on accessible music to be presented on Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m. All singers are invited and encouraged to join us. Questions? Please speak with Carol Blase at 763-788-9427 or [carolblase@juno.com](mailto:carolblase@juno.com). Thanks in advance for your support!

Join us for our **December "Follow Activity"** on Saturday, December 11th from 1-2 pm. We will be caroling on Central Avenue and distributing hats, mittens and scarves to those in need. We are looking for donations of NEW mittens, hats, and scarves. Contact the church office with any questions.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA**, "Song of Joy", will be presented during worship services next weekend, on both Saturday, Dec. 4 (5:30 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 5 (10:00 a.m.). Join us as we continue celebrating the gift of Jesus through our music!

**FREE SHIRTS!** The latest version of the Thrivent ultra-soft t-shirts are available for free this weekend! Please see signs for various sizes (mostly adult) available on the information desk in the church entry.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PARENTS** are reminded that rehearsals for the group move to 6:15 p.m., beginning this Wed., Dec. 1.

**CHURCH DECORATING** for the Advent and Christmas seasons will take place **TODAY** beginning immediately after the worship service. Questions? Please contact Jason Zemke at 763-571-4776.