



The Bridge Builder

St. Matthew's Weekly News

JANUARY 12-13, 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Memorizing God's Word Together

The verse for next weekend (January 19-20, 2019) is:

Psalm 128:1

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in
vain.”

Youth Night at Staubus' Home

Join in the fun at this Sunday's Youth Night at the Staubus home from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm. All 6th thru 12th Graders welcome!

Grades 8-12—Let's Play Whirlyball!



Calling all 8th through 12th grade youth...
Save the date!

Sunday, January 20, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Let's play WHIRLYBALL!

Attention all 8th through 12th grade students!!! It's time for Whirlyball – part basketball, part lacrosse, and part bumper cars, all rolled into one super-fun activity. We'll play at the Lombard Whirlyball court on Sunday, January 20, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Pizza will be provided in the church gym to participants after Sunday School and before we head to the Whirlyball court in Lombard. Plan to come join in lots of good fun with WHIRLYBALL!!! Sign up now! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

St. Matthew Chili Cook-Off



CHILI COOK-OFF Mark your calendars and get out your recipes for the 10th annual *St. Matthew Chili Cook-Off* to be held Saturday, February 16,

2019 at 6:00 pm. More information will be in next week's Bridge Builder. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new year 2019 are available for your pick-up downstairs.

March for Life

Join area Lutherans at the March for Life Chicago this Sunday, January 13, 2019. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison is among the featured speakers. Meet at Federal Plaza (50 West Adams Street, Chicago) at 1:55 pm under the LOVE AFFIRMS LIFE and the EYES FOR LIFE banners. RIDE A BUS LEAVING FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LISLE, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, at 1:00 pm. FREE WILL DONATIONS will be received to cover the cost for the round-trip bus ride. Call Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

LWML News



LWML will meet on Wednesday, January 30 at 12:30 pm. We will be planning the agenda for this new year, 2019. Come join us!

Issues, Etc.



EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...Issues, Etc., radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, Illinois, presents this week's teachings: The Confession of Peter, Mortification, The Wedding at Cana, Daily Bread, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Lost and Found

Lost anything or left something behind at St. Matthew? Please check the Lost and Found box located in the Communications Center some time this month. Valuable items might also be kept in the church office. Please call the office if you are looking for something specific. Any unclaimed items will be thrown away in **February**. Thank you!

Those celebrating birthdays. . .

Sebastian Erdman	Jan 1	Paul Butt	Jan 10	Jacob Elder	Jan 19
Thomas Rivera	Jan 1	Michael Herman	Jan 10	Kevin Earnest	Jan 20
Paris Ward	Jan 1	William Heyden, Jr.	Jan 10	Ernie Langheld	Jan 20
Maryann Krieg	Jan 4	Kristin Kupiec	Jan 11	Nick Obbish	Jan 20
Dori McCastland	Jan 4	Emily Metz	Jan 12	Natalie McCastland	Jan 22
Larry McClure	Jan 4	Scott Erdman	Jan 13	Jack Sullivan	Jan 22
Santos Ares	Jan 6	Deborah Kant	Jan 13	Karrie Altringer	Jan 23
Amanda Baldyga	Jan 6	Michael McCastland	Jan 13	Benjamin Hogan	Jan 23
Kathy Henrikson	Jan 6	Megan Duffy	Jan 14	Thomas Smith	Jan 23
John Bellisario	Jan 7	Maci Nickleski	Jan 14	Paul Bellisario	Jan 24
Ted Krieg	Jan 8	Holly Nona	Jan 15	Diana Grube	Jan 25
Katie Leffler	Jan 8	Michael Sullivan	Jan 15	Brandon Potaczek	Jan 26
Ryan Nolasco	Jan 8	Ashley Baldyga	Jan 16	Al Wend	Jan 27
Maureen Kolzow	Jan 9	Karen White	Jan 16	Meghan McClure	Jan 28
Grant Metz	Jan 9	Robert Boldt	Jan 19	Jessica Demitriu	Jan 29
Virginia Metz	Jan 9	Colin Elder	Jan 19	Alyssa Gallet	Jan 31

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries. . .

There are no January member wedding anniversaries.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for January through March, 2019 are now available in the narthex. If you paid for an annual subscription, or wish to subscribe for 2019, please pick up your copy as you enter church. A limited number of large print editions are also available. The cost of an annual subscription is \$5.00 for regular size copies and \$14.00 for the large print edition. Your payment by check, payable to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, or cash may be dropped in the collection basket and labeled "Portals of Prayer". Or you may drop your payment off at the Church Office.

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Deacons	Ushers	Acolytes	Greeters	Altar Guild
1/12/19	5PM	Bob Klukas		Colin Crane	Kathy Henrikson	Sharon Crull Leanne Sloman
		Mark Herman				
1/13/19	9AM	Mike Shackel	Tenleigh Vedok	Emma Pharo	Ken/Nancy Kelly	
		Ron Kolzow	Ella Gudgel	Noah Pharo		Jill Beavers Marianne Leffler
1/19/19	5PM	Bob Klukas	Peyton Kelby	Gavin Kelby	Melanie Earnest	
		Kevin Jensen				
1/20/19	9AM	Ron Kolzow	Ashley McCastland	Gage Leffler	Dori and Michael	
		Jim Selle	Luke Selle	Daniel Selle	McCastland	

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Month

Those who are sick, recovering, in the hospital, or have other needs... (* new entry to list)

Members: (S=Shut-in, M=Military)

Norma Beavers (S)
Char Counter (S)
Wanda Grabys (S)
Ernest Langheld (S)
Gladys Langheld (S)
Grace Laskowski (S)

Murph Leffler (S)
Jeannette Mueller (S)
Alice Oikle (S)
Elsie Schultz (S)
Marilynn Smith (S)

Relatives and Friends:

Ellie Cuiching *
The Ferry Family
Rachel Meyer (Missionary)

Note: Our prayer list is starting fresh with the new year. If you would like to include a specific individual on the weekly prayer list in 2019, you may call the Church Office or fill out a prayer request card, located in the narthex, and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the Church Office. If you need to extend someone's length beyond the first four weeks due to a long-term prayer situation, please contact the Church Office.

Prayer Corps

The St. Matthew Prayer Corps provides an opportunity to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ in their time of need. Will you help? Contact the church office for more information or to join. 1 John 5:14: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

Worship for Shut-Ins



Learn more about worship opportunities for shut-ins at website www.worshipforshutins.org, or call toll free 888-286-8002.

Hospitalization Notification

Going to or coming home from the hospital or an extended care facility? Please let the church office know immediately so that Pastor has the opportunity to minister to you. If you are unable to call yourself, please designate a family member or friend to make the call. We want to be there for you in your time of need!

Altar Flowers to the Glory of God . . .

and in loving memory of our mother, Viola Heatherwick, on her birthday ~
by Terry & Darlene Blanz and Terry & Lenore Duffy



Offerings Received January 5-6, 2019

General Fund and Ministry Operations

General Fund	\$2,496.00
General Fund: Initial Envelopes.....	\$37.00
General Fund: Nativity Repair	\$5.00
General Fund: Portals of Prayer.....	\$44.00
General Fund: Sunday School	\$5.00

Other Dedicated Funds

Harvest Campaign	\$140.00
Missions: Hearts for Jesus	\$50.00

Total Offerings for Ministry Operations.....	\$2,587.00
Weekly Amount Needed for Budgeted Ministry Operations	\$5,440.00

Offerings Received for 2019 Ministry Operations

Amount Needed for Budgeted Ministry Operations (approx. \$5,440/wk).....	\$5,440.00
Amount Received for Ministry Operations.....	\$2,587.00

Totals In Worship

Saturday, January 5, 2019	5:00 pm.....	35
Sunday, January 6, 2019	9:00 am	96
Total in Worship Last Weekend	131

2018 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for year 2018 are available for pick-up in the **narthex**. There are still some 2019 offering envelopes remaining in the **church basement Bible study room** awaiting your pick-up. Special boxes are available for those who give electronically. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please take an unmarked box. Questions? Please contact the church office or Financial Secretary Danny Crull.

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Online Giving Available On Our Web Site

St. Matthew's website, www.smlclemont.com, is set up to receive secure, online donations. Just click on the "Donate Now!" button on the home page, or scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up your account and make your weekly contribution.



The weekly bulletin deadline is **Thursday at 9:00 AM**, unless otherwise noted. Place articles in the church office mailbox in the Communications Center, or e-mail them to office.stmatthewlemont@gmail.com. Write down event dates and times on the church office hallway calendar if you would like them included in the Bridge Builder's calendar.



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The church office is open varying hours Monday-Saturday. Please call ahead if you need assistance.

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Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, High School, and Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Reaching the lost and encouraging the found with the saving grace of Jesus Christ