



Welcome to Thanksgiving worship! At Christ's table of grace, all are family, and all belong. To longtime friends and new ones: Welcome as we gather to praise God for his generous outpouring of love and blessings!

Thanksgiving Décor: Thanks to Patti & Jim Engelhardt and Mary Thoma for the festive Thanksgiving décor in the Chancel and Commons areas.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Cross and Tosa Cares

All donations can be brought to the food collection area under the coat rack in the elevator hallway across from the office. Thank you for your generosity! If you didn't have the opportunity to bring food this evening, you are invited to bring some on Sunday morning. Both Cross Lutheran Church and Tosa Cares are in need of these supplies to keep up with the demand. Thanks for the great variety of items.



Pie Social follows Thanksgiving Eve Worship!

Thanksgiving Eve is a festive time where we give thanks, offer our offerings of food and money, and a time when we take time and celebrate with PIE! All pies will be available throughout the Upper Commons, Library Commons, and Upper Room. Please stay and join us, even if you weren't able to bring a pie.

The Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week, November 23 & 24.

Repairers of the Breach bag lunches will be assembled this Sunday 11/26 at 9:30 am.

The Giving Tree is Up! We hope you will share our blessings with Cross, Reformation, ERAS and Allies for Teens in Foster Care. Take a tag and bring the unwrapped gift to church with the tag attached by **December 10th**. Attaching the tag helps us to track where the gifts needs to go. Gift cards should be brought to the church office. Here's an online link to the Giving Tree. Shop online, have the gift delivered to church, and you're all done! Thank you for your generosity!



Advent Begins Sunday, November 26: We'll enter with anticipation this beautiful season of light and dark, of hope, peace, joy and love, leading up to the birth of Christ. Look for devotional items at the Advent table in the Upper Commons.

New: Join us for the Advent Season of Light with weekly video worship services

St. Matthew's is offering an On-Line Worship Service for this Advent season

Led by pastors and staff this 20 minute reflective service will help you progress through the Advent season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The services will be released on the Wednesdays of Advent, November 29, December 6, 13 and 20. These videos will be sent out by email, but you can find them on our Youtube page: **[youtube.com/StMattsTosa](https://www.youtube.com/StMattsTosa)**



Decorating for Advent and Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. We especially need people willing to climb ladders! We welcome anyone who can come, and would appreciate your help.

Upcoming Adult Education: *Join us, and let's learn together!* We'll gather at 9:45 am in the Upper Room each week.

The next Adult Education session will be on Sunday, December 3 with Dan Bice. Topic is part 2 of Meeting Paul Anew.

St. Matthew's Christmas Season Singers

Come and be a part of St. Matthew's Holiday Music tradition.

You are invited to Sing in the Season. Join the singers of the Senior Choir, short term, for Christmas Eve worship! **St. Matthew's Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 2023 at 7:30pm.** Rehearsals are December 7, 14, 21 at 7:15. Sing in the Season! Questions? Contact: John Paradowski – JRPmuzik@yahoo.com or Alexa Doebele – treblemakr@gmail.com



Kids for Christ and Disciples of Christ – Attention Parents of 1st thru 5th graders

DOC meets today, November 19, from 12:00-2:00pm for 4th & 5th graders.

1st -5th graders Join us for Combined KFC & DOC for December!

Friday December 15th from 6-8pm. We will gather to have pizza, play flashlight tag, games, have sundaes and end with a devotion. Please sign up in the church office. Friends are welcome. Cost is \$5 Please bring a flashlight!!

Collecting Simple & Small Gifts for Teens in Foster Care: We'd like to collect items such as nail polish, lip balm, gum, deodorant, wrapped candy, etc. The box for these things is outside the church office. You can also check the Giving Tree for larger items for the organization "Allies for Teens in Foster Care." Please bring these items by December 10th. Thanks for caring for these young people who aren't always remembered.

Mt. Meru coffee has many options for great Christmas gifts.

Our six pak sampler has one bag of each of our flavored coffees, one bag of regular and one bag of Peaberry. Our new four pak sampler has one bag each of regular, decaf, Peaberry and Christmas Traditions. Our new ***Christmas Traditions*** is enhanced with rich flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla with a hint of chocolate with other spices which is a perfect holiday blend and is available in drip grind or bean.

The ***Peaberry*** blend in drip grind or bean is an enjoyable regular coffee that is less acidic. These and many other choices are available, such as single serve pods and four pound bags. Stop by the coffee cart to purchase or order coffee from our selections.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Justice Never Tasted so Good!