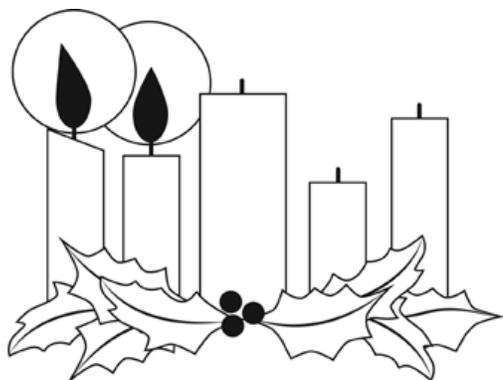


St. Matthew's  
**Weekly** *Bulletin Update*

**Welcome to Worship at St. Matthew's  
December 8, 2019**



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

**A blessed Advent to you!** Today as we worship, we continue the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome.

**Introduction for the Day:** *At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's Table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

**Advent Reflection for the Week - The Gifts of Speech and Silence**

Encountering the angel of the Lord, Zechariah was struck speechless. His imposed silence became a time to reflect on the wonders of God. Like Zechariah, we are called at times to be silent and listen, at other times to shout with joy.

**Join us for Holy Communion:** All are invited to the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive the real presence of Christ in bread and wine at the 7:30 service. Gluten-free wafers are available if you ask your communion server. Those who desire juice instead of regular wine, please tell this to the communion assistant. Due to the weight of the communion trays, you may be asked to take your glass of wine from the tray as it is presented to you.

**Prayer Cards are collected** by the pastors at the time of the Hymn of the Day (after the sermon). If you want the pastor to include your prayer request at the time of the prayers, you may wish to prepare a card now so that it is ready at the time they are picked up. Please make sure you have permission from those you are listing by name on the prayer cards.

**Flowers at the altar** are given by Pastor Ray W. Stubbe in loving memory of his maternal grandfather, Julius Mueller's December 12th birthday.

**Stop by the Advent Table** at the entrance to worship and pick up a devotional to help you observe the season with personal or family devotions at home.

***It's That Time of Year Again!***    **Last Sunday of Collection!**

**Underwear Collection runs November 10 to Dec. 8th!**

We are now collecting underwear and socks for the **homeless shelter run by Guest House** and **women's underwear for the Benedict Center's Sisters Project**. Guest House offers alcohol and drug abuse counseling, employment training, education, and other programs to homeless men. The Benedict Center's Sisters Project provides mental health care, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, education, employment, food, parenting skills, and anger management programs to women trapped in prostitution on the near north side and south sides of Milwaukee. Both of these programs are in critical need for the basics of life—including new socks and underwear. If you desire, use the St. Matthew's AmazonSmile page and ship undies directly to the church address! We will be collecting the following:

**Mens' Briefs or Boxer Briefs (Sizes S, M, L, 2X, and 3X)**

**Mens' Socks, size 6-12**

**Women's Panties, sizes 4—24**

**Women's Bras—sizes 34A-42C**

**Women's Socks**

**Women's Pajamas and long underwear, sizes up to 2X**

***Bring your donated items to the collection box outside the church office. Thank you!***



# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

## Bulletin Announcements - December 8, 2019



**Giving Tree --Bring your items by December 8!** Join us this season as we support our partners with Cross and Reformation Churches, Allies for Teens in Foster Care, and the Community Warehouse as they share gifts and necessities with their members, clients, and neighbors in this holiday season. Bring items back to St. Matt's unwrapped by Dec. 8th. Last Chance: Noon on Monday, December 9th.

**Baptism Class for new parents is offered on December 8 during the Education Hour** Parents of newly-born children or those soon-to-expect a child are invited to join Pastor Matt for our regular baptism class on Sunday, December 8th, between the morning services at 9:45 a.m. in the New Conference Room.

### **City Tins Orders are Here!**

If you ordered a City Tin (or more) from the display in the Commons, you can pick up and pay for your order in the church office. If you missed out on ordering, we do have extra Milwaukee restaurant and Lake Country restaurant tins for purchase. They are available for \$30 from the office. Thank you for supporting the Youth Mission Trip!

### **Sunday School Christmas Program to Be Presented in Worship on Dec. 15th**

This is a Sunday School Christmas Program year at St. Matthew's, when we look forward to experiencing the beauty of the Christmas story as told, sung, and dramatized by children. This year's program will be presented as part of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on December 15th. The 7:30 service will be held as usual, but in the Upper Room.

### **Last Collection Day for Underwear Collection for Guest House and Benedict Center:**

Thank you for generous donations for this annual collection. There will be many people who will benefit from this collection.

**Caregivers Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons - *Sharing joys and challenges*** The caregivers group will meet on the following dates at 1 p.m. in the Library. The group is facilitated by Sharon Thiel, and you are welcome to attend. Next meetings: Dec. 9 and 23

## Coming up this week:

### Monday, December 9

6:30, Men's Morning Bible Study

9:30, LaLeche League Meeting

10:15, Staff Meeting

11:00, Program Staff Meeting

1:00, Caregivers' Support Group

6:00, MICAH Meeting

6:00, Youth Committee Mtg.

7:00, Church Council Meeting

### Tuesday, December 10

9:30, The EmBELLishments

12:30, Deborah Circle

3:00, Harwood Place Advent Service

3:20, Daisy Scout Meeting

7:00, History Subcommittee Mtg.

7:00, Righteous Ringers

7:00, Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday, December 11

10:00, Wednesday Bible Study

6:00, New Generation Choir

7:00, New Creation Choir

7:00, 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Big Group

### Thursday, December 12

9:00, A caBELLa Ringers

9:00, Stephen Ministry

4:00, Praise Kids

6:15, Bells Angels

7:30, Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, December 14

9:00, Synod Meru Comm. Mtg.

**Deborah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30am for a Christmas lunch in the Upper Room at church.

## Adult Education Classes Every Sunday 9:45-10:45am

### Sunday, December 8: Meditation

Learn a bit more about meditation and how the simplicity of this practice can usher in the contemplative spirit of Advent. To learn to meditate, you have to learn to be silent, and not to be afraid of silence. We don't have to create silence. It is there, within you. What we have to do is enter into it. The challenge of meditation is to allow ourselves to become silent enough to allow our interior silence to emerge. Silence is the language of the spirit. The language of the spirit is love. And the purpose of meditation is to be in the presence of love, the love that, as Jesus tells us, casts out all fear. John Main, Order of St. Benedict; 2007 *Upper Room*

### December 15: Social Ministry Spotlight:

#### *How Helping Hurts—The challenge of Charity*

Adult Education on December 15th will highlight the often unconsidered impacts of charity and generosity on communities served by well-meaning Christians. Using excerpts from Robert Lupton's book, *Toxic Charity*, we'll explore the impact of what happens "When we do for those in need what they have the capacity to do for themselves."

### December 22: The Genealogies of Matthew

Join Pastor Matt for an exploration of the birth narratives of Matthew's first chapters... focusing on just who Matthew sees is a part of Jesus' family. No prior reading or experience is necessary—come and explore what these "family trees" show us about God, ourselves, and the ministry and life of Jesus the Messiah! If you'd like to bring your own bible, please do!

### **Items Needed for We Care Packages for the Homeless**

The preschool and kindergarten Sunday School classes will be assembling We Care Packages for distribution to homeless individuals, and we could use your help in filling them. We are in need of the following items:

- \* Hand and foot warmers
- \* Warm socks (new or gently used)
- \* Gloves (new or gently used)
- \* Scarfs (new or gently used)
- \* Hats (new or gently used)
- \* Band-aids
- \* McDonald's gift cards -\$5
- \* Bus tickets
- \* Protein packs of meat ( tuna or chicken)
- \* Beef Jerky
- \* Granola bars
- \* Snack packs of nuts/berries or trailmix
- \* Lip balm
- \* Small (travel size) Kleenex packages
- \* Large ziploc bags (2 gallon size)

If you are willing to help, please place donations by the church office in the container marked "We Care" packages. This ministry will be carried forward by the Dirty Dozen Bible Study Group throughout the winter months, so the collection will be ongoing.

**Immigrants in our own Synod in need of support:** One of the ELCA congregations in our Greater Milwaukee Synod is hosting an immigrant family in sanctuary. The church is asking for some assistance with the physical needs where the family is staying. (Sanctuary is a term for when a church provides temporary free housing for an immigrant while they are seeking additional legal assistance with documentation.)

The following list has been recently updated to reflect current needs: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B44A5AE29A1F49-support>

Once you sign up, you will be contacted with more information about where and when and how to donate. You can always email [pastor.kelly.elca@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.kelly.elca@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Financial Peace University Coming to St. Matthew's in February 2020**

***Save money if you sign up in November using the link below***

**FPU.com/1105733**

Did you know that 78% of workers are living paycheck to paycheck? Nearly 3 in 4 workers say they are in debt. More than half think they always will be. Shocked? I was too. But there's HOPE! And that hope is Financial Peace University (FPU). FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, you will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense. Sign up as a family to learn through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability. Cost is \$109. Come and join us starting February 2nd at 12:30 – 2:00 here at St. Matthew's. Contact Michael Reinicker at 262-893-1117 with any questions.

<b>YTD Financial Results as of:</b>	<b>12/01/19</b>
General Fund Receipts	\$893,846
Hunger Basket Receipts	\$11,711
Benevolence Disbursements	\$262,966
Mortgage Note Balance	\$98,198
Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$72,349

**New Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities @ Cross - Can you serve as a tutor a few nights a month? Might you spend Wednesday afternoons as a co-shopper for the Cross Food Pantry?**

Our partners at Cross Lutheran are in need of some regular short-term volunteers--Tuesday or Thursday evenings for tutoring with young students; Wednesday afternoons (after our lunch date) when there is a need for volunteers to walk with and assist shoppers using the Choice Pantry from 12:30-3:00 (starting in January). If you are interested and have freedom in your schedule for this, please contact Pastor Matt.

**City Tins: We have some extra City Tins for sale** that are for Milwaukee restaurants and another one for Lake Country restaurants at a cost of \$30 each. These are available in the church office. Checks can be made out to St. Matthew's.

**Fellowship Event--Caroling for all!**

Join St. Matthew's members Anne and Dean DeWitt and friends as they carol at the St. Ann's Salvatorian Campus (3800 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee) from 6-7 on Sunday, December 15th! All are welcome. A post-caroling shindig will occur after that at the DeWitt household. To learn more, contact Anne or the church office.

**Planning to Make a Year-End Contribution?**

There are three ways to have your year end contribution to St. Matthew's count toward the 2019 tax year.

- 1) Bring your offering to the church office in person on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 by 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Place your offering in the plate at any of the services on or before Sunday, December 29, 2019.
- 3) Mail in a check dated 12/31/19 or earlier, however, the envelope must bear a postmark of 12/31/19 or earlier.

As always, feel free to contact Al in the church office at 414-774-0441 or al@stmattslutheran.org with any questions.

**Luther Manor Christmas Pageant** will be held on Wednesday December 18 at 2 pm in the Faith and Education Center, 4545 N. 92nd St. Enter the north driveway to get to this location. Residents, staff and volunteers come together to perform and celebrate the birth of Christ.

### **Christmas Musicians:**

We are looking for instrumentalists to enhance our Christmas Celebration this year at the 7:00 and 10:00 services. We would like to invite you to play your instrument with us this year. You may or may not have played for Christmas in the past. If you have you know what an uplifting service it is and how it greatly enhances the congregation's celebration of the Christmas. The group accompanies the congregation in the singing of Christmas Hymns.

Due to the many School Christmas Concerts during the week **the one and only Rehearsal** will be held on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 am.**

Please let me know if you are able to play for Christmas. We would love to have you join in the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Thanks for your willingness to share your talents. Music can be picked up from John Paradowski in December.

### **Fair Trade Holiday Time!**

This is a great time to order coffee and chocolate! Here are some ideas:

- Mt. Meru Holiday Gift Packs (\$18.00)
- Peaberry Roast Premium Mt. Meru Coffee (\$15.00/bag)
- Mt. Meru K-cups for Keurig machines
- Divine Chocolate Large bars (\$3.50) and Small bars (\$1.50) in lots of flavors (for the large bars)

And... a discount if you order ten or more. Look at the display in the Upper Commons. There is also an Order Form for multiple bar orders, also available in the office. Contact Rosie Haas for questions: [rmhaas1@gmail.com](mailto:rmhaas1@gmail.com) or by phone at 414.259-1747.

### **Stephen Ministry**

Are you going through a difficult time? Would it help to have someone listen to your concerns? Stephen Ministers can help!

Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a challenging situation or going through a tough time. They will not pressure you to resolve your concerns quickly or try to fix things for you. They will pray for you and honor confidentiality.

To learn more talk with Pastor Ann, Sue Swing or stop at the Stephen Ministry Center in the Commons on a Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45.

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34



**First Fridays Book Group meets again January 3, 2020:** Fred Heim and Mary Thomae are the co-leaders of the group. Come join us on the first Friday at 7pm in the Upper Room.

**January 3, 2020:** Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans (266 pages)

**February 7, 2020:** We Were the Lucky Ones: A Novel, by Georgia Hunter (416 pages)

Whether or not this piques your interest, at least one or two from the remaining schedule probably will. Pick up a schedule at church (Welcome Center or table across from church office) or find it on our website at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FFBookClub2019-20>

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### **Fill the Plate -- Financial Support needed for Cross Meal Ministry at St. Matthew's**

Each month, St. Matthew's provides lunch for approximately 250 guests who are a part of the Cross Bread of Healing Empowerment Ministry. Following God's call to provide for the hungry, close to 60 families provide fruit, salad, jello, and dessert to supplement a hot meal for those who come to the food pantry.

However, increasing food costs from our suppliers have increased the average cost of the hot meal itself to almost \$4 per guest. We ask you to prayerfully consider helping us continue to "Fill the Plate" for our partners each month by giving in support of Cross Lunches. Might you help to support a "serving"--\$50; a "table"--\$200 or a "meal"--\$400? Could you help provide a smorgasbord--\$1000? Gifts in any amount will help to offset these costs and further our outreach and benevolence ministries throughout Milwaukee! Thank you for helping us to Fill The Plate for our Partners!

## **Children's and Youth Ministry**

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation meets weekly.** Confirmation class meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm with Pastor Chris Manke and adult small group leaders. See Pr Chris if you have any questions.

<b>Wed. Dec. 11</b>	<b>Big Group (The Letters of Paul)</b>
<b>Dec. 18 and 25:</b>	<b>NO Class - Christmas Break</b>
<b>January 1:</b>	<b>No Class - NY's Day</b>
<b>January 8:</b>	<b>Big Group (Revelation)</b>

**Do We Have Sunday School This Week?** With the holiday season upon us, this may be a question in your house. Here's the answer: Sunday School will NOT meet on December 22nd and December 29th. We will start up again on Sunday, January 5th. There will be a big group on that day for 1st – 5th graders.

**The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will present its annual Christmas Concert, "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers,"** on Friday, December 6th at 7:30pm and again on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00pm. Friday's performance will be at First Immanuel Lutheran Church, W67N622 Evergreen Blvd., Cedarburg, while Sunday's performance will be at our own St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The 40-voice choir, celebrating its 83rd season, will perform anthems celebrating both the Advent and Christmas seasons, including Antonio Vivaldi's "Magnificat," accompanied by strings and organ. Also featured will be works by John Rutter, Dan Forrest, Mack Wilberg and others, including three selections with audience participation. For more information about the concert, see <https://www.lutheranacappella.org/lac-2019-20-season.html>.

Tickets are \$15.00 or \$12.00 for Seniors and Students, and are available at the door. Come and enjoy some wonderful music of the season by this fine choir!

**Annual SAINTS Christmas Potluck  
Featuring entertainment by  
"The Uke-Ladies"**

**Wednesday, December 18, 11:30am**

What do you call a group of women who play the ukulele and sing? The Uke-Ladies, of course! They will get us in the holiday spirit performing all the favorites. Plan to bring either a salad or a dessert (or just your appetite) and we'll supply the lasagna. This has become a favorite tradition for many and is often our most popular event of the year. We hope you'll join us! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

## **The St. Matthew's Meal Outreach Ministry**

**Guest House:** Two or three volunteers are needed on the second Sunday each month to serve dinner to 85 men at the Guest House, a homeless shelter in Milwaukee. Seeking volunteers for the January 12 and February 9 dinners. Please contact Carl Johnson by phone or text message at 414-771-1023, or by email [johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com](mailto:johnsoncr@cdmsmith.com).

**Cross Lutheran Lunch Program** We serve 300-400 people on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street. We carpool from St. Matthew's around 10 a.m. and serve beginning at about 11:00 and returning to St. Matt's at about 1:00. **Next Meal: Wednesday, January 29, 2020.** Pick up a card in worship on the Sunday prior to the meal to donate food.

**Repairers of the Breach:** We supply 100 bag lunches for the homeless twice a month. We pack the lunches at church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to provide beverages, fruit, chips and sweets and/or pack the lunches. Contact Tom Geib (414-321-3391) or the church office 414.774.0441.

**Serenity Inn:** Volunteers prepare and bring a warm meal for dinner fellowship with up to 12 residents the second Sunday of each month. Plan to arrive at the Inn at 5:50. Coordinator: Rachel Vetter; [rcvetter1986@gmail.com](mailto:rcvetter1986@gmail.com)

**Just One More:** See announcement elsewhere in these announcements about their new location and their need for volunteers!

# **A Message from Reformation Lutheran Church's Neighborhood Store**

Reformation's Neighborhood Store & Coffee Shop is a place of hospitality where neighborhood folks can purchase high-quality household goods with dignity at low prices. They can enjoy a cup of coffee and a home-baked treat. Moreover, they will be listened to, and sometimes prayed with by Reformation staff and peers. The Neighborhood Store supports the ministries of Reformation. The Neighborhood Store is incredibly grateful to the St. Matt's community for their generosity of new or gently used items, especially during this season! For questions regarding types of items accepted, please contact Carri Brewer at Brew\_C@hotmail.com.

## **ITEMS NEEDED NOW:**

**Bathroom towels, shower accessories**

**Bed pillows, linens, blankets and comforters (queen-sized especially needed)**

**Christmas lights**

**Flat screen TVs**

**Full sets of dishes, glasses and utensils**

**Pot and pans, cookware**

**New goods that can be used as gifts, especially for men (belts, wallets, socks, underwear, cologne)**

**Small appliances including irons, microwaves, toasters, coffee makers, crock pots, electric skillet, vacuum cleaners, blenders**

**Please no other adult clothing or books, no stuffed animals.**

## **SONshine Household Pantry:**

**Bar cleanser**

**Bar soap, family size**

**Bleach**

**Deodorant - men's and women's**

**Dish detergent**

**Feminine hygiene pads/liners**

**Laundry detergent**

**Pine-sol cleaner**

**Shampoo**

**Toilet tissue (wrapped), single roll or 4-pack**

**Toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss**

*If you have items such as these to donate, bring them to the collection area at the Education entrance (south side of parking lot) from the main parking lot. They are transported to the store for you! Thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness to help those in our community who have fewer resources.*

Hello, Parents,

On December 15th, the Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be filling Blessing Bags in Sunday School. The bags will contain a variety of necessary items and will be given to people who are homeless. As the weather gets colder and shelters fill up, there is an even greater need for basic items like socks, gloves, and nutritious foods.



We hope to put together 100 bags. We are asking that children bring any of the items listed below to Sunday School by December 8th. Items can also be brought during the week and left in the box outside the church office. All donations need to be at church by Tuesday, December 10th.

**Items needed are:**

- \* Hand and foot warmers
- \* Warm socks (new or gently used)
- \* Gloves (new or gently used)
- \* Hats (new or gently used)
- \* Band-aids
- \* McDonald's gift cards -\$5
- \* Beef Jerky
- \* Granola bars
- \* Snack packs of nuts/berries or trailmix
- \* Lip balm
- \* Small (travel size) Kleenex packages



Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your help!

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump  
of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of  
the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge  
the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the  
earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of  
his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the  
wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around  
his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
  
<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of  
the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.  
<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy  
mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the  
LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a sig-  
nal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of  
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wil-  
derness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one  
of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in  
the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with  
a leather belt around his waist, and his food was  
locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of  
Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,  
and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they  
were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confess-  
ing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees  
coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood  
of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath  
to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not  
presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as  
our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these  
stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even  
now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every  
tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut  
down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but  
one who is more powerful than I is coming after  
me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will  
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His  
winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear  
his threshing floor and will gather his wheat  
into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire.”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

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# St. Matthew's Weekly Sign-Up Panel

## December 8, 2019

If you are interested in any of the following activities/events, please check the appropriate box and place this sheet in the offering plate, or turn it in to the church office.

Yes, I'm interested in helping with the **Sunday School Christmas Program** to be presented on Sunday morning, December 15.

**Circle choice:** costumes    decorations    crowd control    snacks

I am in 7th grade or above and would like to join the **Christmas Orchestra** by playing my instrument for Christmas Eve at the following services. 7:00 and/ or 10:00. [Circle choices] The rehearsal is Saturday, 12/21 at 9:30-11:00am. My Instrument is: \_\_\_\_\_

### Can you help with Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Worship?

**Chr. Eve 4:00**  
*Circle your choice*

Usher  
Nursery  
Greeter

**Chr. Eve 7:00**  
*Circle your choice*

Acolyte  
Usher  
Lay Reader  
Comm. Prep.  
Comm. Asst.  
Nursery  
Greeter

**Chr. Eve 10:00**  
*Circle your choice*

Acolyte  
Usher  
Lay Reader  
Comm. Prep.  
Comm. Asst.  
Greeter  
Bread Baker

**Chr. DAY 10:00**  
*Circle your choice*

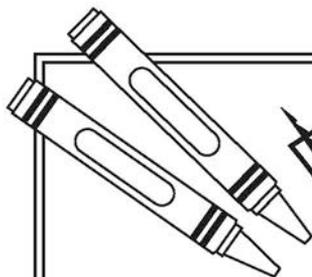
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Lay Reader  
Comm. Prep.  
Comm. Asst.  
Greeter  
Bread Baker

Watch for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for further information, or speak with Al Van Lith.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

For more information on any of these opportunities, please call or email the church office, 414-774-0441 or [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org).



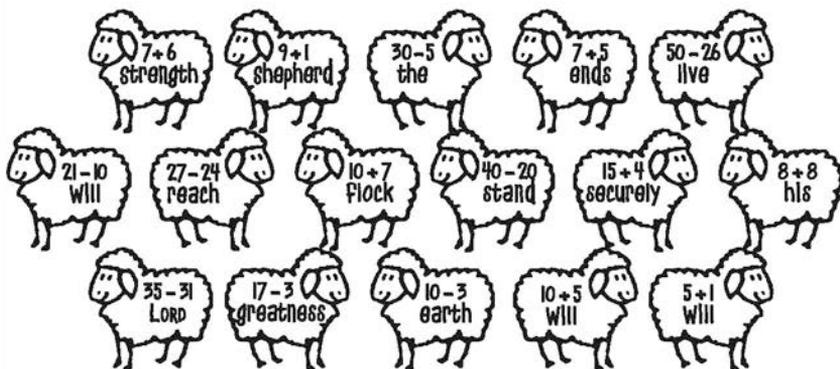
# PUZZLE



## A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

**Directions:** To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.



"He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_  
15                      20                      10                      17

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ .... And they \_\_\_\_\_  
13                      4                      11                      24

\_\_\_\_\_, for then \_\_\_\_\_  
19                      16                      14                      6

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."  
3                      12                      25                      7

MICAH 5:4, NIV

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord .... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV



# St. Matthew's

Ev. Lutheran Church ✠ ELCA

**Vision Statement:** Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are a community of disciples growing in faith, hope and love in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(What we want to become)*

**Mission Statement:** Called to fulfill the Great Commission, St. Matthew's welcomes all to faith in Jesus Christ, nurtures our faith journey, equips us to serve others, and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name. *(What we are going to do)*

**Values:** We want to be people who grow in our Spiritual fruitfulness, which is shown through the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. *(Who we want to be)*

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Lead Pastor	The Rev. Christopher J.P. Manke
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