



## Faith Chat:

***We are called to proclaim God's grace by proclaiming the story of Jesus, to bring light, hope and healing to the world.***

*Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!* Signs of resurrection life are all around. Can you see them? I know signs of abundant life seem obscure right now. And I trust that they exist, even when I struggle to have eyes to see. The line from the Nicene Creed that sparks hope and clears my vision reads, "we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world come." I am comforted that our ancestors of faith needed prodding to remember that resurrection life isn't someday, it isn't down the road, it's here. Can we see it?

I see resurrection life today in our St. Matthew Lutheran community serving each day. I see people caring for each other, feeding each other, joyfully singing, tending to gardens, delighting in children, sacred conversations, praying together, all witnesses to resurrection life. Here. Today.

*Why does this matter?* It matters deeply for our world that we look for resurrection life. Resurrection life vision allows us to see that the harm, cruelty, evil, and death from the powers of the world ARE NOT THE LAST WORD. LOVE IS. We live in a world that manipulates love, manipulates hope, manipulates beauty and joy for control, power over us and profit. When we look for resurrection life beyond the manipulation and coercion, we deny the death dealing rulers of the world this power and we subvert their systems that keep us imprisoned in fear. Resurrection life is God's promise that life and love is in our vision, in our reach, in us, and in the world. It is God's power given freely and lavishly to US. If we can see life and love, we can be life and love. And we can be love for the world to see love.

Our world needs visions of resurrection life. Vision to see a humanity and creation without war, destruction, division, hate, oppression, and death. This is why St. Matthew matters in the community. We are Christ's light in the world, the city on a hill, the salt of the earth. I see it. In you. In our community partners. In the world. Thanks be to God.

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THANK YOU to all who supported St. Matthew's maintenance day on March 21! Along with our ministry partners, South Valley Leadership Academy, Comunidades Unidas, First Tongan Church and Scout Troop 1996, we cleaned, fixed, replaced and spruced up the building inside and out!

Thank you all again, you are a BLESSING!

## Pastor Brigette Weier

\*Reminder that Pastor Brigette will be out for Synod Assembly and time off April 22-May 4. If you have an emergency after April 25, please contact the St. Matthew Office by email at [officeofstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:officeofstmatts@gmail.com) or call at (801) 965-8484.



## Council President Letter: <sup>1</sup>

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”  
— Colossians 3:15

As we move into the month of April, these words remind us that Christ’s peace is not only a comfort but also a calling. When we allow His peace to shape our hearts, gratitude naturally follows. In every circumstance—joyful or challenging—we are invited to practice thankfulness, recognizing that God’s hand is present in all things. A thankful heart unites us as one body in Christ, nurturing harmony and strengthening the bonds of our faith community.

With that spirit of gratitude, we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who came and participated in our Holy Week services and to all who worked to make them so meaningful. Your time, prayers, and dedication brought the story of Christ’s love to life in our church. A special word of appreciation goes out to **Pastor Brigitte Weier** for her faithful leadership, inspiring messages, and tireless service throughout this sacred season. May the peace and gratitude of Christ continue to dwell richly among us as we journey forward together.

Blessings,

*Kelli Wendlandt*

Council President  
kseglem@yahoo.com



## April Newsletter Articles:



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the first Monday of every month at 2 PM. Prayer shawls, hats, baby blankets, and scarves are projects we work on together. We have a great need for yarn donations; please see Mary Wimmer or Henny Johnson for more information.



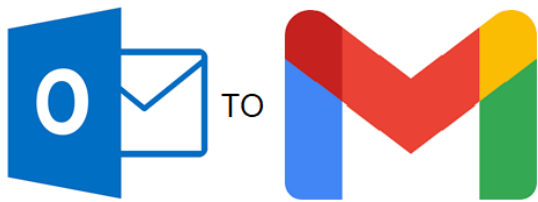
### Sunday Service Streams Live:

It’s too hot, I’m sick or I just can’t get moving on a Sunday morning. Don’t worry you can still watch service.

St. Matthew’s streams service live every Sunday at 10:00 am so join us online. If you can’t join service on Sunday that week, service is still on our web page [www.stmatthewsut.org](http://www.stmatthewsut.org) for five days.

So, if you want to hear the sermon again or want to hear the gospel or Kathleen’s music during that week, just go to St. Matthew’s web page and click on the link.

Submitted by Communication Ministry



### Email Change:

Please note that the emails for St. Matthew’s have been changed. The new ones are:

- Office email will now be [officeofstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:officeofstmatts@gmail.com)
- Newsletter email will now be [newstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:newstmatts@gmail.com)

Submitted by Brian Schuster  
Communications Ministry



### L.E.O’s (Lutherans Eating Out):

Formally known as the Old Timers Breakfast will meet at Dee’s on Redwood Rd. at 9 AM on **April 7<sup>th</sup>** and **21<sup>st</sup>**.

Submitted by Pastor Brigette Weier  
Lutherans Eat Out



### Weekly Bulletins:

We have seen an increase in visitors to our services, which is super fantastic news. But the Worship & Music ministry could use everyone’s help. With the increase in visitors, we have found that in the last couple of services we have run out of bulletins. We are currently printing 12 bulletins each week and 25 for special services.

If you are able, we ask that you please use your phone or one of the tablets that we provide so that visitors may have the use of a bulletin. The QR code is available in the narthex for you to use each Sunday or just pull up your e-mail and use the bulletin that was sent. We try to make sure that the bulletins are emailed out every Wednesday or Thursday for the following Sunday. If you like using a paper bulletin and have the capability to print one off, please print one for yourself and maybe an extra one for someone else. Thank you for all your support and help.

Submitted by Leandra Ludlum  
Worship & Music Ministry

**Holy Week at  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

Palm Sunday March 29 10 AM	Maundy Thursday April 2 7 PM	Good Friday April 3 7 PM	Easter Vigil April 4 6-8 PM & Easter Sunday April 5, 10 AM
			

- Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM
- Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 PM
- Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 PM
- Easter Vigil – April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM
- Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM



### Holy Week Potted Plants Needed!

We would like to decorate the Altar and Sanctuary with as many potted plants as possible this year.

Please bring your plants to any of the services during Holy Week.

Bring them and place them in the Narthex.

You will be able to take them home with you on Easter Sunday and then plant them in your yard or brighten your home.

Thanks,

Submitted by Leandra Ludlam  
Worship & Music Ministry



### World Labyrinth Day:

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

We will have a Labyrinth Worship Service outside with several fun stations such as planting additional drought tolerant plants, making your very own stress reliever finger labyrinth, and making a large string labyrinth in celebration of the day.

We ask that you bring your favorite finger food to share and an item for the little pantry. However, the most important thing we ask you to bring is yourself and any friends to join us in the joy and celebration.

Submitted by Elizabeth (Liz/Lizzard) Hawke and  
Leandra Ludlam  
Worship & Music Ministry

## Hospitality & Evangelism / Outreach & Advocacy:



### The Little Pantry:

We have surplus on some of our pantry items so we are asking for the listed items below that are in short supply.

#### FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED:

Cereal, shelf ready milk, canned meats, & jelly/jam

#### PERSONAL ITEMS:

Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, & paper towels

Or check out our Amazon site and do your shopping from home!

And a big **THANK YOU** for your support of The Little Pantry!

**REMEMBER, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH YOU CAN BRING DONATIONS FOR THE PANTRY TO CHURCH.**

Submitted by Jacki Peercy  
Hospitality and Evangelism / Outreach and Advocacy  
Ministry





### Little Lending Library:

You may have noticed that one of the shelving units in the Narthex is now an extension of The Little Lending Library.

One of the wards within the Heritage Park Stake held a book drive for our Little Lending Library.

This is overflow and you are welcome to take/leave a book for yours and others reading pleasure!

Submitted by Jacki Peercy  
Hospitality and Evangelism / Outreach and Advocacy Ministry



### Chick Sale:

Starting April 12th till May 24th we will have St. Matthew's annual fundraiser for ELCA World Hunger and a fun activity for everyone.

Come to church early or stay later to purchase your chick for 1 dollar, color it any crazy way you want and we will hang them on the walls all around the narthex.

Submitted by Jacki Peercy  
Hospitality and Evangelism / Outreach and Advocacy Ministry

## St. Matthew's Information:



### St. Matthew's Newsletter:

Our newsletter has more information about the life of the congregation that you don't want to miss. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please send an email to Amanda Ventura at [newstmatts@gmail.com](mailto:newstmatts@gmail.com) to get your name added to the list.



### It's Easy, Safe & Convenient!

Go to St. Matthew's Website.  
Click on the **BLUE** donation button.

St. Matthew's provider for online giving is Tithe.ly. You can make one-time donations or set-up a giving schedule that meets your needs. Tithe.ly will do the work for you, making your giving easy and convenient. If you have any questions, please check with the Stewardship Ministry.

**If your donation to St. Matthew's through Tithe.ly fails to process**, you will receive an email from Tithe.ly notifying you that the transaction was unsuccessful. This typically happens when there is an issue with the payment method, such as an expired credit card. If you receive the email, please double check your payment details and update your information to ensure your contribution can be processed successfully.

Submitted by Stewardship Ministry

## *April Birthday Wishes:*



- Samantha Johnson
- Chris Rowland
- Valerie May
- Mike Weier

April 11  
April 12  
April 22  
April 30



# April 2026

Sunday:	Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:
Easter Sunday! Worship - 10 AM No Adult Forum	Prayer Shawl - 2 PM	L.E.O.'s - 9 AM Worship & Music - 7 PM	April Fool's Day! 	Maundy Thursday! Service - 7 PM	Good Friday! Service - 7 PM	Easter Vigil - 6 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship - 10 AM Adult Forum - 11 AM	H.E.O.A. - 7 PM	Preaching - 6 PM	Caring - 6 PM	Communications - 7 PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship - 10 AM Adult Forum - 11 AM	Council - 7 PM	L.E.O.'s - 9 AM Stewardship - 7 PM	Earth Day! Faith Formation - 4 PM		Arbor Day! 	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship - 10 AM Adult Forum - 11 AM						
26	27	28	29	30		

## ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES, MINISTRIES, & EVENTS.

We are called to proclaim God's grace by sharing the story of Jesus to bring light, hope, and healing to the world.

St. Matthew's Mission Statement



Watch for announcements in email, snail mail, text message, voicemails, and Facebook.

# April 2026

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	<b>Intergenerational Message:</b>	<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Usher:</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Presiding Minister	Pastor Brigitte	Eric Stoker	Pastor Brigitte	Kris Rowe	Debbie & Amanda Ventura
	Counters: Leandra & Eric		Hospitality: Rhonda J.		Caring Ministry: None	

<b>12-Apr</b>	Leandra Ludlam	Leandra Ludlam	Rhonda Joa	Liz Hawke	Craig Widdowson	Liz Hawke
	Counters: Cindy & Jacki		Hospitality: Craig & Sandi		Caring Ministry: Mary W.	

<b>19-Apr</b>	Pastor Brigitte	Pastor Brigitte	Eric Stoker	Pastor Brigitte	Kelli & Eli Wendlandt	Cindy B. & Jackie P.
	Counters: Debbie & Rhonda		Hospitality: Jacki		Caring Ministry: Liz	

<b>26-Apr</b>	Leandra Ludlam	Laura Orcutt	Liz Hawke	Samantha Johnson	Eric Stoker	Rhonda Joa
	Counters: Debbie & Lue		Hospitality: Debbie		Caring Ministry: Debbie	

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please switch with someone or find someone to take your place.

Thanks, Mary Kay Arnold (801) 232-7564.

## *Prayer Chain:*

### **For Healing in Mind, Body or Spirit:**

Kris Barr, Mary Beck, Danny Behounek, Jon & Sandy Behounek, Brianna & Dan Bell, Julie Durrance, Leone Eastman, Scott Frandsen, Gretel Gallagher, Annalisa Giles, Josie Granlund, Rodney Huffaker, Lue Humphries, Henny Johnson, Christine Knittle, Edie Knittle, Mark Knittle, Connie Maldonado, Nancy Marple, Kathi Marshall, Sandra Muthreich, Janet Peercy, Jim Peverelle, Pastor John & Jackie Sandstrom, Norman Seglum, Shy Schaugaard, Rick Stevenson, Viki Tellez, Katie Ventura, Artemio Ventura-Gomez, & Allison Winters.



### **To Those Who Mourn:**

Family and friends of Ellen Nelson (Elizabeth (Liz/Lizzard) Hawke's mother)

### **Military & Other Public Servants:**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Clausen, US Army; Andrew Nguyen, US Air Force; Cadet Evan Schomaker, US Army; & Cody Wood, US Army.

### **The Community & World:**

Our prayer partner congregation, Mt. Tabor; schools; all victims of violence and/or warfare; those who have lost homes and businesses in the fires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, all who are suffering because of COVID-19, and those recovering from addictions.