

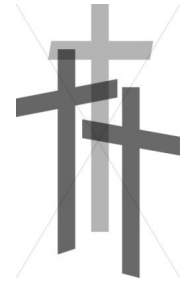
EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 199, 200, 205
Choir will sing: "Jesus My Redeemer"
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8



Thank you Pastor Keith Knupp for leading us in service today.

WELCOME TO ST MATTHEW!

The Lord richly bless your time here this morning as we receive Christ in the liturgy, hymns, and preaching. There are guest cards and envelopes in the pews. All guests are encouraged to fill these out. The envelopes are provided for guests to contribute during the offering.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:00am. Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. Please announce your intention to commune by signing the sheet in the narthex. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please check the box after your name on the announcement sheet .

EASTER FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE FROM;

Loa, Lorna and Lorna to Nancy Schimschack
Dottie Lemke in memory of Keith
Gloria Haeseler in memory of Buck
Sheryl Essenburg, Carol Wilczak
Toni Durick for family, Joe Durick
John Patton, Carol Bundy
Pat & Donna Hutton
Bill & Linda Olczak in memory of our parents



Amanda Allen	Joan Baroudi
Kelly Benedict	Christiana Brenon
Bob Burton	Bill & Pat Doebler
Michele Durick	Toni Durick
Tom Essenburg	Joy Jenks
Pastor Jorg	Hannah Koepsell
Florence Lindaman	Gary Majewski
Doris Matheis	Phil Moldenhauer
Jeffrey Morrison	Jason Painter
Renee Patton	Diane Pieper
Jacquelyn Scott	Mary Smith
Ron Waliszewski	Our Shut Ins

HOME VISITS

Pastor Ken Craig is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

cell: 716-946-5725

home;716-693-1373

email: pastorklc@verizon.net

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud "that is spread over all nations" and "cast over all peoples" (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to "be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast "of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined" (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, "dressed in a white robe" of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received "by the grace of God" is also "delivered to you" by the preaching of Christ, "in which you stand, and by which you are being saved" (1 Cor. 15:1-11).



The Elders will meet on
Thursday, April 4, 2024 at
6:30pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VICTORY BASH

Join us for a Chicken Dinner with potluck sides this Saturday, April 6 at 5pm here at St. Matthew's. H.I.S. Band will perform. Tickets are free, but seats must be reserved. Call Kristen at 231-286-8685.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Today is the **LAST** day to designate your portion of Choice Dollars from 2023. You only have until March 31st. You can call Thrivent Member Care Services at 800-847-4836. You can also assign your Choice Dollars on the website. After today any money left in Choice Dollars programs may be directed or spent at Thrivent's discretion.



Please have your articles for the May/June Communicator into the office no later than Monday, April 15th.

FUTURE MEETINGS IN APRIL

Bible Brunch-April 9th at 10am. Kristen J. will have lesson #7, Toni D. will bring dessert.

Church Council Meeting-April 9th at 6:30pm

Ladies Guild Meeting-April 12 at 12 noon. Time to restock our kitchen. See Communicator for items needed.

YCC-Saturday, April 13 at 6pm.



A gift was St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of Robert Maerten from Tim and Tami Walters.

To The Decorating Committee and congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

After serving in the Lord's house as members of the decorating committee for approximately the last 15 years, we feel we have exhausted our creative ability to come up with unique settings for the various holidays. We have decided to retire at the end of this Easter holiday season. We also believe it's time to make room for others to experience the joy and friendships that we have experienced in being part of this wonderful group.

If there is anyone interested in joining the decorating committee, we would definitely be willing to stay long enough to help you transition into the group. If you have any questions about the Decorating Committee you may call Sue Jaenecke at (716) 213-8015.

Signed,

Sue Jaenecki, Pete Jaenecki,

Becky Heigl, Craig Heigl

THE NEW COPY OF "PORTAL OF PRAYERS" ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN TABLE.



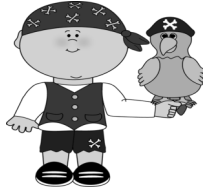
Pioneer on the Lake has sent out a newsletter of up coming activities and important dates. This will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

Niagara Zone LWML will be hosting the Spring Gathering Celebration. See the bulletin board for more information.

**YCC ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL
WILL BE ON SATURDAYS FROM 6-8**

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, bgerner22@gmail.com.

**13th-Pirate Night
27th-Team Games**



HELP FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY

St. Matthew Food Pantry has a great need of **n and peas, Soup and canned fruit. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex.** If you know of a neighbor, friend or family in need, please contact the church office at 716-692-6862. Thank you.

N. T. FOOD PANTRY

The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is need of **cleaning supplies.** They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). Put the items in the blue tote in the Quilting room. Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 3/24/2024	74	
Maundy Thursday 3/28/24	42	
Good Friday 3/29/24	46	
Offering for 3/24/2024	\$5,992.00	
Maunday Thursday 3/28/24	\$697.00	
Good Friday 3/29/24	\$653.00	
Week Ending 3/30/2024		YTD
Budget	\$4,365.00	\$52,380.00
Received	<u>\$7,342.00</u>	<u>\$49,195.00</u>
	\$2,977.00	-\$3,185.00
Capital Improvements YTD	\$165.00	

**MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW
MARCH 31, 2024**

Sun: 9:00am-Worship Service
Thurs: 6:30pm-Elders Meeting
Sat: 5:00pm-Victory Bash

MICHELE'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 10:00am-2:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thu: 9:00am-1:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-11:00am

EASTER BLESSINGS

May God bless you at Easter, and keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes, to make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help, to guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now, To bless your Easter Day.
Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
TO-DAY**

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick
Vestrymen: Gary Majewski, Joe Siegmann
Ushers: Jeff Reischel, Chris Reischel, Dave Wendt
Greeters: Debbie Kenney
Sunshine Committee: Open
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Sr. Choir Director: Open
Male Chorus Director: Open
Chimes: Open
Offering Counters: Team 3
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