

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2026

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: LSB 412,409,393,400  
First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15  
Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40-52



Please remember to sign the Communion sheet on narthex

### 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.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION?** *Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.*

There will be one Worship Service at 9:15 A.M.. **Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. There will be a evening Worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month with Communion at 7:00pm.** 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 .

**Pastor Blaine Jorg** 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.

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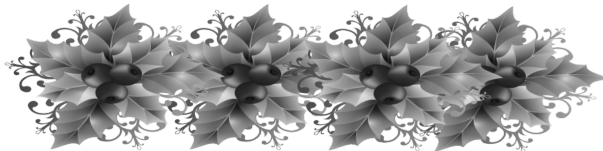


Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Michael Davidson	Bill Doebler
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Mark Haeseler	Marilyn Heigl
Sue & Ned Holmes	Hanna Koepsell
Abby & Nathan Lacey	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Matheis
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Linda Pascucci	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Meredith Roberts
Mary Smith	Karen Tischler
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Jeremy Trombley
Dave Urtel	Ron Waliszewski
Tami Walters	Curt Webb
Santa Wendt	Jim Connell
Michele Menkiena	Toni Durick
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## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus "grew and became strong" (Luke 2:40); He "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might "have redemption through his blood" (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up "to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover" (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father's house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in "the word of truth, the gospel," by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain "an understanding mind" to go about our vocations, discerning "between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand "before the ark of the covenant of the Lord" (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of birthdays in January from Ladies Guild.

*God's Blessings!*

A gift was given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church General Fund in celebration of Richard and Linda Davidsons 59th wedding anniversary, for all God's blessings.



A memorial from Earl and Ellen Graf was made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in memory of Patricia Doebler

In memory of Patricia Doebler a memorial was given to the church from Ladies Guild.



Please keep Santa Wendt in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering at home from a fall. Cards may be sent to 3326 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY 14132.

## WHATS HAPPENING IN JANUARY

**TODAY- Jan 4th**-1:00pm-YCC-Sledding

**Thurs: Jan 8th**-10:30am-Bible Study

6:30pm-Elders Meeting

**Sun: Jan 11th**-10:30am-Sunday School Party

7:00pm-Evening Worship w/Communion

**Tues: Jan 13th**-10:00am-Bible Brunch

6:30pm-Church Council Meeting



The 2026 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for birthdays, anniversary's or in memory of a loved one please contact Toni Durick at 716-695-2596.



Please have your annual reports for 2025 into the office by January 31st so we can have them ready for the Voters Meeting on February 15th. Thank you.

## YCC ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, gerner22@gmail.com. Meetings are on Sunday from 6-8.

### TODAY

**4th - Sledding!! @ 1pm, Chestnut Ridge**

**\*\*\*Weather Permitting\*\*\***

## PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **household products, paper goods**. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.



**THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY** is in need of. items for hearty dinners, canned stew, soups, boxed mac & cheese. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance 12/28/2025	80
Attendance 12/31/2025	23

Offering for 12/28 & 31/2025	\$4,013.00
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Week Ending 01/04/2026	YTD
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Budget	\$4,138.00	\$215,176.00
Received	<u>\$4,013.00</u>	<u>\$207,695.00</u>
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Capital Improvements YTD	\$3,800.00
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## MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW JANUARY 4, 2026

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service /w Communion  
10:30am-Bible Study  
10:30am-SARB  
10:30am-Sunday School  
1:00pm-YCC

Weds: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study  
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

## NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon:	9:00am-12:00pm
Tue:	Off
Wed:	Off
Thurs:	9:00am-12:00pm
Fri:	9:00am-11:00pm
Sat:	Off



## SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Craig Heigl, Rob Pidanick  
Vestrymen: Bill Bundy  
Ushers: Dave Urtel, Tank Jorg, Tim Jorg  
Greeters: M/M Patton  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Offering Counters: Team 6  
Video Team: Hunter Knoell  
SARB: Debbie H\*, Sharon E  
Altar Committee: Ellen G\*, Carol W, Lisa E