



St. Matthew  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

# THE ACTS...of God's People

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~April 2018~



**Just** who is this Jesus, anyway?

Yes, that is the right question, though wrongly answered so, so often. We see and hear Jesus depicted as a warrior, as angry vindicator, as judge and King, and friendly bro. Which of these pictures is correct?

There's a lot at stake in the answer.

We are at stake in the answer.

The Gospels are strewn with Jesus' "I am" statements. These famous statements are not scientific prose, they are poetic reflections on what a Messiah is, what it means to have a Messiah, on the effect and the outcome of the work of the Savior on his creation. They are a reminder to us that as the body of Christ in the world, we reflect in our words and deeds our picture of Jesus, our understanding, our faith. If we are not clear who Jesus is and what Jesus has done, if we are wrong, then our word and our works are warped, spoiled.

And the mission of the church is lost.

Michael Gerson, a former speechwriter for President George W Bush, in a formidable reflection on the history of the American Christian community through the past century, noted that the a large (and very visible) part of the church has come to define itself and its faith by its "resentment." We resent the rise of secularism, we resent the teaching of evolution, we resent anything that people do on Sunday morning except coming to church. We have convinced ourselves that we are in danger of becoming irrelevant in the world, we have taken up the mantle of martyr. People both inside and outside of the church are watching its leaders support the rise of nativism, nationalism, misogyny, corruption and lawlessness in exchange for attention and lip service to a few, narrow values.

And what does that say about the Jesus we worship? Do we think him weak, declining? Do we find him hungry for power, angry, resentful? Do we really believe that the sins of the world can overtake his grace, that human greed and selfishness can thwart the coming of his kingdom for even a second? When we picture Jesus locked in a battle to the end

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## Pastor continued



with the devil, we give the devil a place he does not deserve. We demean the Gospel when we even hint that it we fear it could be overtaken by the vagaries of humanity. When we whine about the weakness of the church, we forsake the promise of our baptism. We forget who Jesus is.

We need to remember.

And so we turn, in these weeks following our celebration of Easter, to these “I am” sayings of Jesus, that we would be reminded of who this Savior it is that we follow. The final purpose of these sayings is that knowing Jesus and desiring to follow him, we would shape our lives and our word to reflect his truth. Instead of being small people who lead small lives, instead of projecting our fear and our hopelessness, we are called to take up our own crosses and follow the real and true path of discipleship. We are not called to resent the darkness of the world. We are called to bring light to it.

And so we shall.

*Pastor Glen*

## Holy Week & Easter



**Maundy Thursday ~ April 29**  
**Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday ~ April 30**  
**Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday ~ April 1**  
**Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, April 29th**

We will be voting by ballot on three items: Amendments to the Church Constitution, Revised and updated bylaws for the Endowment Board, and becoming a Contextual Learning site for Janet Anderson as she enters her seminary studies and prepares for ordination in the ELCA.

There will be opportunities for questions and discussion during coffee hour on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Easter



**In** these days of Easter, Jesus calls us into a deeper reflection on himself, on who he is (and who he is not). He calls us to define our lives and our actions by that understanding. He promises us that as we are faithful to him, we will be light in the world's darkness, good in the midst of evil, and hope in the face of despair. Let us return to Jesus, especially in the afterglow of the resurrection, that we may see him clearly and love him more and more.

April 8<sup>th</sup> – **I am the Messiah.** Jesus' first appearance to his disciples after the resurrection describes what it means to be the body of the Savior in this world.

April 15<sup>th</sup> – **I am Real.** As Jesus is real flesh and blood, so we are called to the very real needs of our neighbor and our world.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **I am the Good Shepherd.** Can we love one another in the fashion of his love for us?

April 29<sup>th</sup> – **I am the Vine.** Our life is found in our dependence on Christ and not in our independent will.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – **I am your friend.** What does it mean to have a “personal” relationship with Jesus?

May 13<sup>th</sup> – **I am seated at the right hand of the Father.** As we consider Jesus' ascension, we are drawn to the connection between this Kingdom and the next.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – **I am the Spirit.** Jesus sends his Spirit to infest us with his grace and to make us a channel of his salvation for the world.

## Book Chat

**Book Chat** will meet in the lounge on Sunday, April 22nd. The group will read and discuss "The Necklace" by Cheryl Jarvis. The book is available through the Omaha Public Library system.



## Alter Flowers & Coffee Hour

**SIGN UP** now for 2018! To provide the altar flowers or sanctuary candles sign up in the narthex, chart on the south wall and to host and serve Coffee Hour between services, sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!





## ~Easter Fun!~

St Matthew annual children's Easter egg hunt is launching the Month of April. Thanks for all who donated candy to create this special day for St Matthew children. High School students helped prepare and hide the eggs. Bring your camera and catch the children and their families in action as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Happy Easter!

## ~National High School Youth Gathering ~

St Matthew and Bethel students are working on Bible studies focusing on how we can "Be the Change". As we connect to Bible study lessons on Sunday mornings and in our meetings together with Bethel we are building community and seeing how we are called in this journey to Houston.

The journey to the National Youth Gathering is more than just fundraising, traveling to other places, and having fun! The Gathering journey is about connecting to the larger body of Christ and seeing how coming together has the power to change everything. The National Gathering is about growth in our faith and living out that faith in community with our neighbors. Our Christian journey helps us see our neighbor in need through a different lens. We are not called to swoop in like super heroes and fix everything but to walk with our neighbor, supporting and helping them as they recover from the challenges they face.

During this faith journey to the National Youth Gathering we need the people of St Matthew and Bethel Lutheran Churches to hold us in prayer. Follow our journey during this time by checking out the posts on the St Matthew Facebook page. As a congregation, we are on this journey together!

## ~Sunday School~

### **Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:20 a.m.**

"As we work our way through the New Testament, our elementary Sunday school students have been focusing on the question "Who is Jesus"? As we read through the stories and parables, we get to see Jesus as a teacher, a healer, a miracle-worker, and a storyteller! The upper elementary and middle school students have also been working with the New Testament to understand Jesus as both True Man and True God. On Palm Sunday during the 10:30 service, the elementary students will lead the waving of the palms and reenact Jesus' ride through the streets on a donkey. They are looking forward to sharing their music with you all!"

## ~Kids News~

Children and youth will host the end of the school year service by assisting in various roles during the Children and Youth worship service in May.

**Like and Share our St Matthew Facebook page! You will find updates and news throughout the month!**

## Food Pantry



No one eats perfectly all the time, and choosing less than stellar quality food once in a while is unlikely to cause major problems. However, a consistent pattern of eating low-quality foods -- foods that are nutritionally imbalanced -- can negatively affect your health. Your body relies on you to get the right nutrients in the right amounts from your diet so that it can function optimally. The goal is to choose a variety of nutrient-dense foods most of the time.

Food quality refers to the balance of nutrients per volume of food. It's common knowledge that regularly consuming excess amounts of sodium, saturated fat, added sugar and calories spells trouble. A food item is of poor food quality when it contains too few vital nutrients such as fiber, vitamins and minerals and too many food components such as sodium, added sugar and saturated fats. Low-quality foods often cost less, but over the long term, eating a poor diet has a high health cost.

Eating a diet made up of poor-quality foods increases your risk for chronic diseases, while consuming a high-quality diet provides protection. When you regularly eat excess calories, you risk weight gain and obesity. Like a domino effect, excess weight raises your risk for diabetes. Eating too much salt, saturated fat or trans fat hikes up your risk for heart disease. Diet even influences certain types of cancers. A nutritious diet lowers the risk for cancers of the colon, breast and kidney among others, according to the World Health Organization.

Not only does a poor-quality diet have negative consequences for your physical health, it can also put your mental health at risk. Low-quality diets often fail to provide enough of the nutrients your brain needs to function properly. A diet deficient in omega-3 fatty acids may increase the risk for depression and other mental health issues, according to a study published in the July 2008 edition of the journal "Nature." This is just one example of how diet may influence your emotional health.

High-quality foods are nutrient-dense, unrefined and minimally processed. Some examples include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, lean meats and healthy fats, such as those found in fish. Low-quality foods are highly processed, refined and have elevated amounts of sugar, salt or fat. Sugar-sweetened beverages, potato chips and red meat are most strongly linked to weight gain, according to the Harvard School of Public Health. Vegetables, whole grains, fruits, nuts, and yogurt are linked to weight loss.

## Food Pantry cont.

While we offer a fair share of processed foods to our pantry guests, we strive to provide a variety of foods that help provide a balanced diet. Each month we provide a variety of proteins that include frozen meat, beans and peanut butter. We supplement the canned fruit by purchasing fresh fruits. During the summer and fall we provide fresh vegetables from our pantry garden. With the recent grant that was awarded Project Hope, Inc. we are able to provide milk and cheese. With your support of donated foods and monetary gifts we are able to help our guests choose high-quality foods that are nutrient-dense. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **~Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry~ Items Needed**

Boxed Cereal	Crackers
Canned Vegetables (not corn or green beans)	Tuna
Pork & Beans	Breakfast Bars
<b>Non-Grocery Items:</b>	Toothpaste
Paper Towels	Laundry Detergent

## Health Ministry

**~Blood Pressure Screening~  
April 8, 2018  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**



**HAVE** your blood pressure checked between services.

## Office Hours

**NEW** Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday - 9am to 4pm  
Tuesday and Thursday - 9am to 12 noon  
Friday 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
(or by appointment)



# Calendar of Events @ St. Matthew

# APRIL

**~SUNDAY, APRIL 1~**  
**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM**

9:30 am Easter Breakfast  
9:40 am Easter Egg Hunt



**MONDAY, APRIL 2**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday Morning Men  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tanzanian Treasures

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sewing for Babies  
6:00 pm Worship Ministry Team  
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

9:30 am Wednesday Women  
6:00 pm Confirmation @ Bethel  
6:00 pm Festival Choir  
6:50 pm Worship Services  
7:15 pm Praise Team &  
JuBELLation Ringers  
7:30 pm Children & Youth Ministry Team

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

10:30 am Coffee w/ Pastor @ Elmwood Tower  
1:30 pm Adult Study  
7:00 pm—8:00 pm Campus Ministry @ Jones Bros Cupcakes Aksarben

**FRIDAY, APRIL 6**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

**~SUNDAY, APRIL 8~**  
**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM**

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks  
9:40 am Sunday School



**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

Monday Morning Men  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tanzanian Treasures

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

9:30 am Wednesday Women  
6:00 pm Confirmation @ Bethel  
6:00 pm Festival Choir  
6:50 pm Worship Services  
7:15 pm Praise Team &  
JuBELLation Ringers

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

1:30 pm Adult Study  
7:00 pm—8:00 pm Campus Ministry @ Jones Bros Cupcakes Aksarben

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

8:30 am Jochebed Circle

# 🌿Calendar of Events @ St. Matthew🌿

~SUNDAY, APRIL 15~

WORSHIP WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

9:40 am Sunday School



**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

ACTS Newsletter Articles

Due in the Office Today

Monday Morning Men

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tanzanian Treasures

7:00 pm Congregation Council  
Meeting

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sewing for Babies

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

9:30 am Wednesday Women

6:00 pm Confirmation @ Bethel

6:00 pm Festival Choir

6:50 pm Worship Services

7:15 pm Praise Team &

JuBELLation Ringers

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

1:30 pm Adult Study

7:00 pm—8:00 pm Campus Ministry @

Jones Bros Cupcakes Aksarben

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

10:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

~SUNDAY, APRIL 22~

**PALM SUNDAY**  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

9:40 am Sunday School



**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

Monday Morning Men

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tanzanian Treasures

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

7:00 pm - Phoebe Circle

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

9:30 am Wednesday Women

6:00 pm Confirmation @ Bethel

6:00 pm Festival Choir

6:50 pm Worship Services

7:15 pm Praise Team &

JuBELLation Ringers

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

1:30 pm Adult Study

7:00 pm—8:00 pm Campus Ministry @

Jones Bros Cupcakes Aksarben

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

9:30 am Deborah Circle

10:00 am Jazz Rehearsal

~SUNDAY, APRIL 29~

WORSHIP WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

9:30 am Special

Congregational Meeting

9:40 am Sunday School



**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

Monday Morning Men

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tanzanian Treasures

April  
SHOWERS  
and  
May  
FLOWERS

## Easter Sunday



~THE DAY OF RESURRECTION~  
Sunday, April 1st



Who's the fool now!?

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
featuring Festival Choir and  
JuBELLation Bell Choir  
with Holy Communion

10:30 am Joyful Noise Worship  
Featuring the Praise Team  
With Holy Communion

Brunch Served in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt for small children at 9:40 am (gather in the  
Narthex)

## WELCA Event



**Be** a Bold Woman, Be Bold in your Faith.  
All women are invited to attend the WELCA Event  
Thursday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.  
Light meal and Program  
Join Us, Bring a Guest.

## Easter Egg Hunt



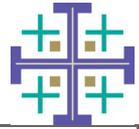
**~Children and their families are invited!~**

**ON** Easter Sunday we will be searching for Easter Eggs between  
services.

Come and join the fun!

# Worship Servants & Donations

~April 2018~



DATE	8:30 SERVICE	10:30 SERVICE
<b>4/1</b> EASTER	LECTOR— DEANNA HANSEN COMMUNION ASSISTANT— DEANNA HANSEN, CHRIS CHUBB, CURT LOSEE VIDEO TECH - CURT LOSEE ACOLYTE - ORION KUCIREK USHERS - MICHAEL LISKO, MARLYS HANSON, CURT LOSEE, CHARLOTTE JENSEN	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - JESSICA WELTZ, BRENT THOMSEN, ANDREW ROUILLARD VIDEO TECH - JIM MOELLER ACOLYTE - MAXWELL CARTER USHERS - John Hollenbeck, Jim Moeller
<b>4/8</b>	LECTOR - KATHY COLE COMMUNION ASSISTANT—KATHY COLE VIDEO TECH - LORIE THOMAS ACOLYTE - SHANE WAITS USHERS - JOHN GORMLEY, DEANNA HANSEN, ROGER ZEEB	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - SUSAN HOLLENBECK VIDEO TECH - ORESTES COOPER ACOLYTE - ISABELLA YEOMAN USHERS - David Sherwin, Andrew Rouillard
<b>4/15</b>	LECTOR - BARB ENGLUND COMMUNION ASSISTANT - CURT ENGLUND VIDEO TECH - KENT TIES ACOLYTE - ORION KICIREK USHERS - CHARLES COLE, DENINIS MAGNUSON, MARGIE MAGNUSON	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - ANDREW ROUILLARD VIDEO TECH - AUDREY SCHELL ACOLYTE - ASHLEY SCHELL USHERS - Richard Hollenbeck, Rochelle Foy
<b>4/22</b>	LECTOR - MICHAEL WAITS COMMUNION ASSISTANT - MICHAEL WAITS VIDEO TECH - DEANNA HANSEN ACOLYTE - SHANE WAITS USHERS - MICHAEL PRIBYL, RANDY CRAMER, VALORIE ZENTNER	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - NATE HOUEFK VIDEO TECH - JIM MOELLER ACOLYTE - MAXWELL CARTER USHERS - Nate Houfek, Judy Miller
<b>4/29</b>	LECTOR - SCOTT ALBRIGHT COMMUNION ASSISTANT - CURT LOSEE VIDEO TECH - CURT LOSEE ACOLYTE - ORION KUCERIK USHERS - CURT ENGLUND, BARB ENGLUND, DAVID LOVETT	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - MARLYS HANSEN VIDEO TECH - ANDREW ROUILLARD ACOLYTE - ISABELLA YEOMAN USHERS - David Sherwin, Veda Keebler

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** Ron and Carla Johnson  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Barb Englund, Kim Hansen, and Pat Mandel

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	ALTAR FLOWERS DELIVERY
<b>4/1</b>	Easter		Fritz Rokahr (3/30)
<b>4/8</b>	Charles & Kathy Cole		Donald Thomsen (4/6)
<b>4/15</b>	Deborah Circle		Bobbi Smith (4/13)
<b>4/22</b>	Jochebed Circle	Rogene Foy	Fritz Rokahr (4/20)
<b>4/29</b>			Rogene Foy (4/27)

## Church Staff



Pastor ~ Glen Thomas  
Minister to Children & Youth ~ Janet Anderson  
Administrative Assistant ~ Carrie Conley  
Bookkeeper ~ Veda Keebler  
Custodian ~ Jack Wiese  
Music Director ~ Ric Swanson  
Organist ~ Kim Hansen  
JuBELLation Ringers Director ~ Ginger Britt

## Church Council



Glen Thomas ~ *Pastor*  
Andrew Rouillard—President  
Kelli Stott—Vice President  
Scott Albright— Secretary  
Margie Magnuson—Treasurer  
Randy Cramer - Financial Secretary

Ryan Keebler—Worship and Music  
Luke Compton— Faith Formation  
Teri Lisko—Hospitality  
Dave Sherwin— Community Care  
John Hollenbeck— Property

## Church Office Information



**OFFICE HOURS** ~ Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Occasionally staff will not be in the office during these times; therefore, please call before coming to make sure we are available to assist you as needed. If no one is available, leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

**CALENDAR** ~ All events, activities or meetings planned to be held at St. Matthew need to be placed on the church calendar. To schedule an event, activity or meeting call the church office and speak with Carrie.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN** ~ All information for announcements need to be in the church office by **Wednesday at noon**.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** ~ All information for the monthly newsletter “The Acts” is due in the church office on the **second or third Monday of each month**. Specific date listed on the monthly newsletter calendar page.

**PAPER RECYCLING** ~ We collect all office related paper items, catalogs, and books for recycling. Cardboard products are not included in this recycling program. The recycling waste containers are located in the secretary’s office.

## **Women of the ELCA**



### **~Bible Study Groups~ Deborah Circle**

9:30 am Saturday April 28th

Study Leader: Lucy Younie

Hostess: Donna Reinig

### **Jochebed Circle**

8:30 am Saturday April 14th

Study Leader: Cindy Gengel

Hostess: Margie Magnuson

### **Phoebe Circle**

7:00 pm Tuesday April 24th

Study Leader: Mary Peters

Hostess: Janet Sievers

### **Service Project ~ Toothpaste/Brushes**

#### **~Daily Devotional “Daily Grace”~**

Women of the ELCA website: [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

You can go to the free site (above) to access short daily devotions as you wish, or subscribe for daily emails.

## **SALT Group Activity**



### **Take me out to the Ballgame!**

Saturday, April 21

Meet at Phoenix 370 (Hwy 370 and 132<sup>nd</sup> St) at 5 pm, then we will go across the street to Werner Park to see the Storm Chasers play Nashville. We will purchase tickets at the gate. Hosted by Terry and Carol. RSVP to Terry at [peewee8620@gmail.com](mailto:peewee8620@gmail.com)

## **Project Hope**



**The Project Hope Career Clothing Event** will be held April 26, 2018 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, down the hall from Project Hope.

Please consider donating gently-used career clothing (interview-appropriate) for this event: career pieces or suits for women (skirts, pants, jackets, blouses) in all sizes, suits for men, shirts and ties for men, interview-appropriate shoes in all sizes for men and women, unopened hose for women, and new black socks for men. The items will not be sold; they will go directly to those in need!

For more information, or to donate or volunteer for this event, please contact [PHCareerClothingEvent@gmail.com](mailto:PHCareerClothingEvent@gmail.com).

## “EVENSONG”: a Celebration of Campus Ministry in Omaha

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry (NeLCM) is inviting congregations to take part in our 3rd annual celebration of our outreach to college students, faculty, staff and administration in the Omaha metro area! In 2014 we began a new chapter of ministry with college students attending Omaha area colleges and universities. Pastor Jim Holthus is the campus pastor and works with two groups: The first-- God & Grads--is made up of graduate students and young adults who work in the Omaha area. The second group--NeMO (Nebraska Metro Omaha)--is made up of undergraduate students. Between these two groups, 75 students actively participate through regular gatherings or via social media, and interest in this ministry continues to grow. Participating students attend Creighton, UNO, College of St. Mary, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Metropolitan Community College, and Iowa Western Community College, and represent several congregations from the Omaha Metro.

Besides the success of connecting with students, there has been great support and enthusiasm from area ELCA congregations. Thus far, many of the 35 Metro congregations have pledged or provided some kind of financial support for this ministry. This support is crucial if we want to continue reaching out and connecting to our college students.

As a way to further celebrate this ministry, we are excited to invite you and your congregation to our 3rd annual “Evensong: A Celebration of Ministry with College Students in the Omaha Metro.” This event will feature a reception with silent auction, and worship using Holden Evening Prayer with special music from students and anthems from a combined choir from area congregations. Please mark your calendars now, and plan on joining us for this special celebration. Please see details below:

**What:** Evensong: Celebration of Ministry with College Students in the Omaha Metro Area. A Reception with Silent Auction and Holden Evening Prayer with special music by students, bell choirs, and a combined community choir.

**Who:** Omaha area ELCA congregations and friends of Omaha Metro Campus Ministry

**Where:** Augustana Lutheran Church, 3647 Lafayette Ave, Omaha

**When:** Sunday, April 15, 3:00 – 5:00

**Why:** To inform and celebrate Omaha College Ministry to Metro Congregations and raise funds to support this important ministry.

How your congregation support this ministry and event: Help us get the word out, have members of your choir participate in the combined choir (the choir will practice from 3:00 to 3:45 the day of the event.), donate a gift basket for the Silent Auction, and come celebrate!

For information, contact Pastor Jim Holthus at 218-760-2028 or at [lootr@hotmail.com](mailto:lootr@hotmail.com)

# Financial Report

~February 2018~



## General Fund Activity

Beginning Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers In (Out)	Ending Balance
1,823.35	17,281.14	20,539.75		(1,435.26)

## Benevolence Offerings

Receipts	Dispersed
1,921.00	1,886.00

## Hunger Offerings

Receipts	Dispersed
158.69	250.70

## Coffee Mugs

ONLY \$6 each, dishwasher safe. Pick yours up from Pastor today.



## Electronic Giving



~Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving!~

OUR church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. It's very convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form available at church and return it to the church office. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account.

For those members who use electronic giving to make their offerings to the church, the blue cards in the pews may be put in the offering plate allowing you to participate in the liturgy of giving.



"Empowered by God as committed disciples, we boldly care for and serve our congregation, our community and our world."

**~CONTACT INFORMATION~**

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**~WORSHIP SCHEDULE~**

Sunday @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Every Week

Nursery space available to families with infants and toddlers during worship services.

**~SUNDAY COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP~**

9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**~SUNDAY SCHOOL~**

9:40 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

A journey for everyone from 2—102!

Adult Program for the  
Developmentally Disabled

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1725 S 60th Street  
Omaha, NE 68106-2149

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

This newsletter is now available on our church website and is emailed to our members and friends. To help decrease the cost of printing and postage, please notify the church office of your current email address. Thank you!

