



St. Matthew
Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE ACTS...of God's People

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~March 2019~



In this age of social media, of instant and ubiquitous communication, there are many people who say that the world has actually become more lonely.

I am fascinated by the gift that technology has given us to share so much about one another and our lives and what we are doing and what people (even strangers!) are thinking. We have instant access to information about everything and everywhere. I know more about more people than at any time in my life. It's amazing, overwhelming, wonderful.

And it's not enough.

The point of relationships is quality, after all, not quantity. The danger of social media is that we mistake it for relationships, for the deeper connections that enable us to build each other up and provide help and comfort in times of need. What we gain on social media is useful, even helpful, but real life demands much more than that brief and intermittent contact.

It demands real love. Which we desperately need.

I do not believe that loneliness is anything new in the world, nor that it is any greater in this age than any before. I believe loneliness is the true outcome of our brokenness, the result of our constant inward turn to our own desires and our own fears. It does not matter how many people surround us – we cannot build relationships as long as our attention is focused on our own needs. We can only fear those who would wrench our attention away.

How life encourages this self-devotion! How much of the noise around us encourages our fear of one another, friend and stranger alike. How we are pushed and manipulated and cajoled to separate ourselves from others. How easy it is to discriminate, to hate. It is not how we are created. It is how the world shapes us. The other day I was watching the movie *South Pacific*, and was reminded of this truth in the Song “You’ve Got to Be Carefully Taught:”

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You've got to be taught
To hate and fear,
You've got to be taught
From year to year,
It's got to be drummed
In your dear little ear.

You've got to be carefully taught.
You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade,
You've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late,
Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate,
You've got to be carefully taught!

And what is the price of this instruction? We are driven from one another, turned against others, and we are robbed of the relationships with others, this vital necessity of life. We cannot grow closer to one another if we are guided by our mistrust. We cannot open our hands and our hearts if we are only experts at suspicion. We cannot speak or hear words of comfort and encouragement if we are deafened by our dread of others. We need to learn to love others – neighbors and strangers all.

Life is hard. It is full of trials and temptations, of struggles and sufferings. Why should we desire so to go through it all alone? As we have put so much time and energy into learning to hate, let us put the same determination into learning to live in community. And you will do so, as we embrace this promise: you are not alone.

The spiritual journey is not easy. Nothing worth doing is. But on this passage we are aided by the one who sets the path for us. Not in some abstract or unworldly way, but in the very real and tangible relationships we share every day. Christ is present to us in the other, in the friend, neighbor, and yes, in the stranger too. Let us reach for him with our whole being, that he might aid us and teach us as we journey closer and closer to the day of Resurrection.

Pastor Glen

Lent Midweek Gatherings



We are Church Connected

As individuals and congregations of the Synod and the ELCA, we are connected in numerous ways: we are connected to Christ, connected to each other, connected to community congregations through ministerial associations, connected to sister congregations through clusters, connected to our serving arms through the Synod, connected as a Synod, and connected to our ecumenical partners through our full communion agreements.

Together with our ministry partners in the metro-Omaha area, we will explore the various themes of the idea of connectedness. Each week we will host a pastor from one of our partner churches (Pastor Glen will be traveling to other churches as well). Each week we will look at one of these places where we are connected:

Gathered By the Holy Spirit
Shaped By Word and Sacrament
We Are Connected
Diversity and Challenges
Joys and Burdens

On Wednesday, March 27th, we will gather together with our metro Lutheran partners to worship at Augustana Lutheran Church. Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod will bring us message.

Each Wednesday (except March 27th) we will join together for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm.

Alter Flowers & Coffee Hour



SIGN UP now for 2019! 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!

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who purchased an Entertainment Book from me, it is much appreciated! Thirty some years ago I began selling them for Special Olympics and then for senior youth at St. Matthew for mission trips. This was my last year, I am giving it up as the new thing is apps.



Thanks to All,
Rogene Foy
March 2019

Jubilee Campaign



Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land. (Leviticus 25:24)

The lengthy and complicated narrative of the Jubilee laws in the 25th chapter of the book of Leviticus represent, I think, a simple truth of grace: God does not intend for his people to be held captive to the worldly demands of property and wealth. The demands of the Jubilee laws – the prohibition against charging interest on loans, the requirement of returning property its original status every 49 years – are meant to deter God’s people from the unending pursuit of affluence and power. If you cannot own land “in perpetuity” (as Leviticus describes it), then why go through the work and stress of accumulating lots and lots of it? Not profiting from lending to those in need dramatically alters the way we look at helping each other. In the end, these radical (and generally ignored) biblical laws serve an important and wonderful tenet: we should not be slaves to the perils of our worldly investments.

The **Jubilee Campaign** is about the same thing.

Nearly 20 years ago, this community showed great foresight in purchasing property adjacent to the church with the hopes that it would give us, in time, opportunities for expansion, either of our physical space or our ministry. We also determined that by holding the mortgage for the property in our own Endowment Fund, it would also generate income for a variety of projects. Now it is time to fulfill those hopes of that purchase by freeing ourselves of the remainder of the mortgage so that we can move forward to new and better things.

Last summer, we called together a task force to consider the place of the Hickory Street property in the life of this community. After their deliberations, they recommended, and the congregation approved, moving forward to retire the debt on the house so that it can serve the future of our work either as for income producing or other ministry uses.

Please prayerfully considering how you can support this effort to free the congregation from the mortgage on the Hickory Street property and open up its great potential for ministry and mission. We hope that you will make a one-time gift and/or a weekly or monthly pledge paid between now and the end of 2020 that will make this dream a reality. The goal is fairly small and well within our reach. The result will benefit this community greatly. While we are in the process of making our pledges, we will also talk together about the many possibilities for the property in the future.

As you have questions or thoughts about this campaign, please talk to Pastor Glen, Randy Cramer or any Church Council member.



You are not in this alone

For many, the lenten journey toward deeper spirituality is a personal one, a time of individual examination and growth. Perhaps because we think that the goal, the reward, is also for ourselves alone. We want to become more spiritual for our own sake, for our peace and our well-being and our wholeness.

That is why so many such journeys fail. After all, when was the last time someone did something really important all by themselves? It is a great human myth that we are ultimately self-dependent, that our greatest achievements and our toughest tests belong to us and to us alone. The world is damaged by the way we have come to despise the encumbrance of others and prefer the solitude of separation. The danger to ourselves is that too often we face the world alone, and often we fail.

To borrow a phrase from a popular TV show, “When the snows fall and the white winds blow, the lone wolf dies but the pack survives.” Or better, to use the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

We are not made to be alone, any more than the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are, through one, alone. God is a community of relationships – the work of his grace could not befall us otherwise. So we too, though unique individuals with unique gifts and unique experiences, are defined by relationships, with God, with our neighbor, with strangers and enemies too.

Lent is a season of spiritual discipline, of attention to our personal habits and our personal temptations and demons. But this season of rigor and toil comes with good news: we are not alone. In our battles against temptation and fear, in our striving to grow in our discipleship and overcome our failures and love Jesus more deeply, we have help. We have God’s help. It comes from the Spirit given us in our baptism, it flows through the communities in which we move daily. Sometimes we are the recipient of help – sometimes we are help for those around us.

Lent 2019 continued



This Lent, as we seek again to take up our cross and follow where Jesus leads, let us face those battles with hope and confidence, knowing that we are not alone in the journey, trusting that God goes with us and that help in the form of friend and neighbor is not far away. Let us reach out for such help, let us be such help as we can to one another, that the journey be meaningful and fruitful, that even as we are transformed we may transform the world in which we live.

March 6th – (Ash Wednesday) The death of self gives us the freedom to live in community.

March 10th – The greatest weapon in our daily battle with temptation is community, mutual care and support for one another. We should make the most of these tools for our spiritual journey.

March 17th – Jesus gathers his own under his protective care in the face of fear. Even if we do not know what lies ahead, we trust that we are cared for and protected.

March 24th – When we struggle to fulfill our calling and bear the fruits of our discipleship, we are mindful of who created us and the spirit that flows from us.

March 31st – No matter how far we go, we are never alone. There is one who waits for our return with blessings and compassion.

April 7th – We carry in us a deep passion to love and be loved. Jesus is the object of our love. As we touch his humanity, love flows through us and we are fulfilled as it returns to us.

April 14th – Jesus makes his journey to the cross alone, betrayed and denied by those closest to him, mocked and beaten by his enemies, so that we may not have to make our journey alone.

April 17th – (Maundy Thursday) In the bread and wine we are fed by the true presence of Christ and become one with him so that we can be that same presence for the world.

April 18th – (Good Friday) We plunge deep into the crucifixion of Christ and all of its attendant darkness and sin, so that we might be turned in faith and hope to the light which lies beyond.

Calendar of Events @ St. Matthew

MARCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**~SUNDAY, MARCH 3~
WORSHIP WITH HOLY
COMMUNION**

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
9:40 am Sunday School

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
Ash Wednesday**

9:30 am Wednesday Women
12 Noon Ash Wednesday
Worship
6:00 pm Festival Choir
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship
8:00 pm Praise Team &
JuBELLation Ringers
7:30 pm Children & Youth Ministry
Team

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

1:30 pm Adult Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 am Jochebed Circle

**~SUNDAY, MARCH 10~
WORSHIP WITH HOLY
COMMUNION**

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks
9:30 am Bible Study
9:30 am Stephen Ministry
9:40 am Sunday School



MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

12 Noon Lutheran Women of Omaha
at St. Michael's

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Lenten Night**

9:30 am Wednesday Women
5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Supper
6:00 pm Festival Choir
7:00 Worship Service
7:30 pm Praise Team &
JuBELLation Ringers



THURSDAY, MARCH 14

1:30 pm Adult Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

🌀Calendar of Events @ St. Matthew🌀



~SUNDAY, MARCH 17~ WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
9:40 am Sunday School



MONDAY, MARCH 18

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, MARCH 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 Lenten Night

9:30 am Wednesday Women
5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Supper
Served
6:00 pm Festival Choir
7:00 pm Worship Service
7:30pm Praise Team &
JuBELLation Ringers



THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 am- 3:00 pm Sewing For Babies
1:30 pm Adult Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 am Deborah Circle
10:00 am Jazz Rehearsal

~SUNDAY, MARCH 24~ WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 am Book Chat
9:30 am Bible Study
9:40 am Sunday School
11:30 am-2:30 pm Chili & Soup Cook
Off



MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 pm - Phoebe Circle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

No Wednesday Night Meal

9:30 am Wednesday Women
6:00 pm Festival Choir
7:00 pm Worship Service at
Augustana
7:30 pm Praise Team &
JuBELLation Ringers



THURSDAY, MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1:30 pm Adult Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

~SUNDAY, MARCH 31~ WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
9:45 am Thrivent Choice
Meeting
9:40 am Sunday School



Food Pantry



In April, we would like to offer our guests Easter baskets to take home to their families. We would like to collect Easter grass, egg dye kits and small items to include for children i.e. crayons, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, etc. We will also be providing them with an Easter dinner so additional items needed will be boxed potatoes, canned fruit, jello, cake mixes and frosting.

~Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry~ Items Needed

Canned Tuna

Pasta

Boxed Cereal

Breakfast Bars

White Rice

Bottled Juice

Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. We couldn't keep our doors open if it wasn't for your generosity.

Book Chat



Book Chat will meet in the lounge on Sunday, March 24th between services in the lounge. The selection is "The Last Anniversary" by Liane Moriarty. It is available through the Omaha Library system. Do read the book and join us for the discussion!

On April 28th we will be discussing "Educated" by Tara Westover.

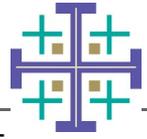
Scholarship Opportunity



College Scholarships are available to St. Matthew members through our Endowment Fund. Students may be awarded up to \$500 and may receive scholarships for up to four years of post-secondary education. Students must be members in good standing and active participants of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Students must be a high school graduate or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) test, they must be accepted into the desired school and/or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution for the upcoming school year. Application for scholarships must be received by the Secretary of the Endowment Board by **March 31st** for the ensuing school year. Applications must include two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's character and faith. To get an application form, contact Pastor Glen or the church office.

Worship Servants & Donations

~March 2019~



DATE	8:30 SERVICE	10:30 SERVICE
3/3	LECTOR— BARB ENGLUND COMMUNION ASSISTANT—DENNIS MAGNUSON, CURT ENGLUND VIDEO TECH - DEANNA HANSEN ACOLYTE - ORION KUCIREK USHERS - CHARLES COLE, CURT ENGLUND, BARB ENGLUND	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - BRENT THOMSEN VIDEO TECH - ANDREW ROUILLARD ACOLYTE - ISABELLA YEOMAN USHERS - John Hollenbeck, Rochelle Foy
3/10	LECTOR - MICHAEL WAITS COMMUNION ASSISTANT—MICHAEL WAITS, CURT LOSEE VIDEO TECH - LORIE THOMAS ACOLYTE - SHANE WAITS USHERS - DAVE LOVETT, RANDY CRAMER, VALORIE ZENTNER— CRAMER	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - SUSAN HOLLENBECK VIDEO TECH - AUDREY SCHELL ACOLYTE - ASHLEY SCHELL USHERS - Nate Houfek, Andrew Rouillard
3/17	LECTOR - KATHY COLE COMMUNION ASSISTANT - KATHY COLE, MARLYS HANSON VIDEO TECH - CURT LOSEE ACOLYTE - ORION KUCERK USHERS - MICHAEL LISKO, DEANNA HANSEN, ROGER ZEEB	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - NATE HOUEFK VIDEO TECH - ORESTES COOPER ACOLYTE - ISABELLA YEOMAN USHERS - Richard Hollenbeck, Rochelle Foy
3/24	LECTOR - LINDA HILL COMMUNION ASSISTANT - JIM WELTZ, CURT ENGLUND VIDEO TECH - KENT TIES ACOLYTE - SHANE WAITS USHERS - CURT LOSEE, DENNIS MAGNUSON, MARGIE MAGNUSON	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - ANDREW ROUILLARD VIDEO TECH - ANDREW ROUILLARD ACOLYTE - ASHLEY SCHELL USHERS - Dave Sherwin, Teri Yeoman
3/31	LECTOR - LORIE THOMAS COMMUNION ASSISTANT - LORIE THOMAS, CURT LOSEE VIDEO TECH - LORIE THOMAS ACOLYTE - ORION KUCERIK USHERS - MICHAEL LISKO, MARLYS HANSON, ROGER ZEEB	PRaise TEAM COMMUNION ASSISTANT - JESSICA WELTZ VIDEO TECH - AUDREY SCHELL ACOLYTE - ISABELLA YEOMAN USHERS - John Hollenbeck, Rochelle Foy

ALTAR GUILD: Kim Hansen, Phyllis Preuss, and Pat Mandel

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	ALTAR FLOWERS DELIVERY
3/3			Donald Thomsen (3/1)
3/10			Bobbi Smith (3/8)
3/17	Deborah Circle	Beverly Deen	Fritz Rokahr (3/15)
3/24			Rogene Foy (3/22)
3/31			Fritz Rokahr (3/29)

Church Staff



Pastor ~ Glen Thomas
Administrative Assistant ~ Carrie Conley
Communications Coordinator~ Jacob York
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
Brett Fuller—Vice President
Randy Cramer— Secretary
Margie Magnuson—Treasurer

Tammy Nelson– Lovett - Financial
Secretary
Luke Compton– Faith Formation
Dave Sherwin– Community Care
John Hollenbeck– Property
Kelli Stott– Staff Support

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 March 23rd

Study Leader: Charlotte Jensen

Hostess: Linda Houfek

Jochebed Circle

8:30 am Saturday March 9th

Study Leader: Jenny Fuller

Hostess: Michelle Keebler

Phoebe Circle

7:00 pm Tuesday March 26th

Study Leader: Phyllis Preuss

Hostess: Phyllis Preuss

Service Project ~ Popcorn

~Daily Devotional “Daily Grace”~

Women of the ELCA website: www.womenoftheelca.org

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

Children & Youth Ministry

No WOW or Confirmation for the month of March

~CHILI AND SOUP FUN-DRAISER!!!~

Sunday, March 24th

We have moved the Soup and Chili Cook-off back to give us time to be better prepared for this big day. Mark your calendars now! There is still time to register to show off your cooking skills! Sample the work of some of the best cooks at St. Matthew, and vote for your favorite. Vote for the best decorated cookie by our youth. Donate something for the Silent Auction and bid on the great prizes. **CONTACT PASTOR GLEN IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DONATE.** Support our young people as they prepare to join the Nebraska Synod Mission Trip this summer to Chicago.



~Sunday School~

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

Lutheran Women of Omaha



Lutheran Women will meet at St. Michael's Church on March 12, 2019 at 12 Noon. Program will be Saving Grace with the offering going to Saving Grace.

Send reservations to Mardell Gocek at (402)292-1329 by
March 10th at 5:00 pm.

Reconciling Works



More about Reconciling Works:

Our Vision for the Church

Freed by God's grace, the body of Christ on earth leads a joyous dance of transformation, integrating sexuality and spirituality, justice and mercy. Through continuous reformation, the Church embraces in holiness and into wholeness people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, strengthening us for authentic, visible, faithful lives. Dedicated to radical reconciliation, the Church falls into the heart of God's passionate intent, co-creating a world without outcasts, calling all to serve as guests and hosts at God's table of blessing and power.

Our Mission

Working at the intersection of oppressions, ReconcilingWorks embodies, inspires, advocates and organizes for the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical and global partners.

Our Values

We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice. The ministries of ReconcilingWorks embody, inspire, and support the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, their families, friends, and allies, within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical and global partners.

On Sunday March 10th, 24th, and April 7th, there will be a Bible study during the coffee hour to help us consider how Scripture speaks to us on this journey.

Health Ministry

~Blood Pressure Screening~

March 10, 2019

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

HAVE your blood pressure checked between services.

Financial Report

~January 2019~



General Fund Activity

Beginning			Transfers		Ending
Balance	Receipts	Payments	In (Out)	Balance	
18,050.80	20,109.44	19,524.35	6,000.00	24,635.89	
<u>Benevolence Offerings</u>			<u>Hunger Offerings</u>		
Receipts	Dispersed		Receipts	Dispersed	
1,882.93	2,528.00		212.86	80.33	

Tella Lutheran



ASANTE SANA (Thank you very much in Swahili)! Deanna Hansen and Mary Mayfield extend their sincere gratitude for the unique opportunity to visit our Partner Parish- Tella Lutheran located on Mount Kilimanjaro!

We had awesome experiences visiting the serving arms of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's Northern Diocese. We visited Mosaic's international program called Building Caring Communities for young children and their young adult program, which included gardening, card making, and chicken projects. We toured the deaconess center, a farm, Montessori school for teachers, a bed and breakfast, and much more. We saw schools, training centers, hospitals, nursing school, orphanages, and the Houses for Health program. But the highlight of our trip was the weekend spent at Tella Parish with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We were greeted by Pastor Damson NGowi, Evangelist Charles Owenya, Jane Saria, and Oshasia. We worshipped together, had dinner at Oshasia's new home, spent two nights at the Olomi family home, and met the 350 plus students and teachers on Monday.

While Deanna and the 15 other participants went on Safari, Mary spent the day hand dying fabric with Mama Shoo's Coop. She spent two days at Agaza Women's Training Center getting to know our 6 scholarship recipients and teaching sewing class how to make a butterfly block. Pastor Barnaba and Luiana Ngowi, the first Tella Parish Pastor Mary stayed with in 2004, has now adopted 6 children.

Being part of a Vision trip is an incredible experience that changes your life. We recommend it to YOU!

Please mark your calendars for April 28th for a presentation of pictures and more from our trip during coffee hour!

Lovingly in Christ, Mary and Deanna



"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!