



The Messenger

February 2012

Famous Last Words

The final words spoken by a person prior to death are often significant. Frequently these words tell us something about that person, their values, their faith, or their philosophy of life. As a result, they are often referred to as "famous last words."

For example, former U.S. President John Quincy Adams is reported to have said, "This is the last of earth; I am content." Alexander Graham Bell expressed remorse with "So little done, so much to do." Writer Joseph Addison testified to his faith: "See in what peace a Christian can die." Edgar Allan Poe appealed, "Lord help my soul." Babe Ruth said, "I'm going over the valley." While these are famous people, their last words are probably not remembered by many.

However, that is not the case with the final words of Jesus. His "last words" from the cross have proven to be "**WORDS THAT LAST FOREVER.**" That will be the theme that will guide us in our journey of faith this Lenten season at St. Matthew. Each week we will consider one of the "famous last words" uttered from the cross by our dying Savior. We will see why these words have endured through the centuries, and we will seek to let the Holy Spirit use them to produce a profound impact upon our walk of faith this Lenten season.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Mid-week services will be conducted each Wednesday at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm. A mailing from your elder with a full schedule of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services should reach your home by mid-February. Let this Lenten season bring rich spiritual blessings to your life. Make these mid-week worship opportunities a priority as we take this journey of faith together.

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Church Records

Communicant Members:	572
Children:	91
Total Membership:	663

Pastoral Call Update

The St. Matthew Pastoral Call Committee will convene again in early February to help us determine who our next Pastor will be. The slightly reorganized committee will begin by meeting with Pastor Haney of our Northern Illinois District. Please keep the committee and their deliberations in your prayers as they go forward on our behalf.

Walt Dalitsch

Music Notes Cathy Gathman



I know this is late, but.....I would like to thank the choirs, instrumentalists and accompanists for presenting a gloriously beautiful Christmas Concert in December. Your heartfelt message was such a joy to listen to and be a part of. Special thanks also to Paul Heinze, Chris Schiestel, Joan Kosman, Rachelle Eifert, Delaine Schiestel, Louann Hudziak, and Gary Krohne for individual contributions to the concert. Thank you for filling our hearts and minds with the love of God shown through the birth of His Son. To God be the Glory!

*Music has the ability to change us.
From the valley of despair to the mountains of hope...
From the swamps of sorrow to the dry sand of faith...
From the pain of fighting to the joy of peace.
You who make music know the song of life,
Because music is a way into the presence of God.*

"Jesus would make sure his neighbors knew his door was always open for questions. One way to share is simply by letting your neighbors know that you're willing to talk about it - to hear their views and not just give your own." Lee Strobel

What's Happening at St. Matthew?



Kitchen Cleaning - Saturday, February 4

The church kitchen is in need of a thorough cleaning as we look ahead to the Lenten Lunch/Supper season. The more hands we have, the easier (and more fun) the task and the more we can get done. Cleaning Day is set for Saturday, February 4, from 8 to 11 am. Come when you can, even an hour will be truly helpful.



Game Night - Friday, February 10

Invite some friends for pizza and games! We'll serve pizza at 6 pm and start playing games at 7 pm. Cards, board games, kids games in the gym. Bring your family, bring your friends!



Prime Timers Valentine's Day Luncheon - Friday, February 10th, 11:30am

Please sign up at either the Information Center or the south Narthex to enjoy a special luncheon. Depending on how many people are participating, we will decide upon either dining out or dining in (pot-luck?). Please sign up early so we can finalize our plans. Bring a friend!



S.I.G.E. Valentine's Day Bake Sale - Sunday, February 12th

SIGE is planning to hold a bake sale for Valentine's Day. We need the congregation to help bake some goodies and to buy the goodies! Proceeds go to fund SIGE activities. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, Feb. 10th during the day and Saturday, Feb. 11th between 9-11am when SIGE will be baking for the sale. Thank you.



Church picnic - We're planning a party!

The cold days of February are a great time to plan our church picnic. **Anyone and everyone** who would like to share ideas about a St. Matthew summer picnic are invited to join the Board of Fellowship on Monday, February 13 at 7 pm. Can't make the meeting? Call or email the church office. Facebook your ideas! We're planning a party!



Confirmation Unit - Saturdays, beginning February 25

The Lord's Supper confirmation unit will be taught on four consecutive Saturdays beginning February 25 from 9:00 to 11:30. Call the church office for additional information or to enroll your child in the class.

Nursing Notes By Pat Marks, RN

It is estimated that 24.6 million people in the U.S. have diabetes. 5.7 million are unaware that they have diabetes and every year 1.6 million new cases are diagnosed. Type 2 diabetes occurs when 3 defects happen:

- 1) Insulin resistance (cells are no longer sensitive to insulin)
- 2) Beta-cells in the pancreas die
- 3) Increased liver glucose production

Complications of diabetes include:

- Cardiovascular disease (heart attack and stroke)
- Blindness
- Kidney disease
- Neuropathy
- Amputation/slow wound healing
- Cancer



FRESH PRODUCE

Don't forget to bring your fresh produce on **Sunday, February 12th.**

JOURNEYS FROM PADS TO HOPE



We will be supporting PADS during the month of February. Pads is located in Palatine and provides services to the homeless in Northwest Suburban Cook County. During the winter months, they have an immediate need for socks, scarves and thermal underwear (both tops and bottoms). Other things on their wish list include cleaning supplies, paper products such as aluminum foil, plastic wrap, 9" & 6" paper plates, paper cups, paper towels, napkins, sandwich bags, & lunch bags. Also, personal care products (regular & travel size) - soap, dental floss, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, tissue, disposable razors, combs and brushes.

Our food drive will also support PADS and they have requested ready to eat snacks, cereal (hot & cold), oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese dinners, juice boxes or cans, coffee, crackers, raisins, beef stew, canned soups & vegetables.

Thanks for your help!



Funeral Luncheons

For a long time, St. Matthew has been offering funeral luncheons for members and their families. This is a wonderful service to our members and is always very appreciated by the families.

In order to continue this service of love to our congregation, we need members who are willing to help serve in the following capacities:

- Provide food (salads & desserts)
- Pick up groceries
- Set up
- Serve
- Clean up

If you would be willing to help out, please sign up at the Information Center.

Thank you!
Evelyn Fennell
Board for Human Care Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Mark your calendar for **February 19th - Farewell Alleluia Sunday**. Be sure to attend the **10:30 a.m.** service. The children will be singing a lot of alleluias (with some help from the congregation) and "burying" their alleluia butterflies during the first part of the service.

The butterflies will appear again on the Saturday before Easter. We hope that all of the children can help the Altar Guild hang them in the church (April 7) followed by an egg hunt. We want to encourage children from our community to attend.

We had our Sunday School Staff Meeting on January 29th. We have a wonderful Sunday School staff this year and we work together very well. It was a terrific meeting and some very good ideas and suggestions were made. In the coming weeks we will be implementing those suggestions.

Also, VBS is beginning to take on a life of its own. We already have some volunteers. We would love for you to bring a niece, nephew, grandchild or neighbor child to Sunday School. We want to spread God's word and grow by reaching out to children.



What's in a Color?



You may be wondering why Altar Guild changes the colors of paraments on the altar, pulpit and lectern. Each color has been handed down through centuries in the community of faith to communicate a powerful message. You will see four colors during the month of February.

Green is used during most of Epiphany which may entail a total of as many as eight Sundays. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, along with the emphasis on growing the Kingdom for the Lord through missions, calls for the use of green to symbolize growth.

The last Sunday after Epiphany is February 19th marking the Transfiguration of the Lord. **White** is used because it is the best festive color for the church year. It symbolizes purity and completeness.

Ash Wednesday is one of the two times we use **black**. There's no mistaking the message that this somber color gives. Black is the absence of light. Good Friday, or Black Friday in combination with Ash Wednesday, calls for somber reflection on the cost of our redemption. Without Christ's sacrifice on the day the sky turned dark and hid the light of the sun, there would be no bright Light of Christ to live in, nor new life in Christ to enjoy.

Purple is used during Lent. Like black it is a penitential color in contrast to a festive one. Five Sundays that fall during this season use this deep, rich color which represents somberness and solemnity, penitence and prayer.

Violet or purple was a very cherished and expensive color in the world Jesus lived. The dye used to make the color was painstakingly acquired by massaging the neck of a Mediterranean shell fish that secreted a special fluid. Only the rich could afford this color, which was worn most exclusively by royalty.

Jesus, the king of the Jews, wore a purple robe only once. As the soldiers mocked and tormented him, the Scriptures record they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a monarch.

Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

The paraments, altar clothes, banners and vestments used each Sunday are more than an attempt to decorate. Interior decoration is important but these liturgical colors are providing more than beautiful surroundings. They play an important role in the worship of our Lord.

Parts of this taken from the Lutheran Worship: History and Practice published by Concordia Publishing House summarized on LCMS.org



February Youth Happenings

**Like
Chinese
Food?**

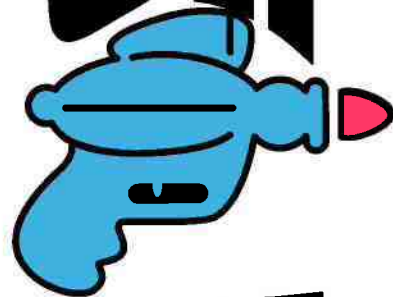


The Eddleman's are opening their home to all youth and their parents to come celebrate the Chinese New Year (even if we're celebrating it a little late). Set aside Saturday, February 11 to learn all about the Chinese New Year and how to cook some delicious food! 5:30 P.M. :) See you there...YUM!!!

**Extreme
Trampolines**

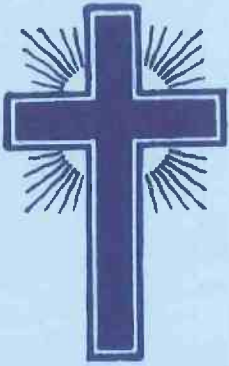


OR



Laser Tag?

Cast your vote for activity and day at the information center.
Whichever wins, that's where we're going!



Special Gifts

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

February 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Matthew has a number of funds that offer support opportunities through special gifts. To highlight the purpose and impact of these funds, each subsequent Special Gifts Letter in 2012 will feature a related group of funds and provide additional details. If the Holy Spirit moves you to support any of these funds, use the blue Special Gifts envelopes and specify the name of the fund on the front.

Boiler/Roof Repairs - Accumulate funds to purchase a new roof and/or boiler.

Tractor Replacement - Accumulate funds to purchase a new tractor.

Church Furnishings - Major upgrades/replacements of church furnishings.

Technology Enhancements - Upgrades to audiovisual equipment, sound system, etc.

Church Worker Scholarships - Tuition subsidization for SMLC members enrolled in college, pursuing a degree to become a Lutheran schoolteacher or Pastor.

Ritchey Memorial Scholarships - To fund a number of scholarships for students at Santisima Trinidad in Juarez, Mexico to continue their education beyond 6th grade.

Mission Projects - Provide materials/supplies for Vacation Bible Schools run by SMLC mission teams and for construction projects run by SMLC mission teams.

Medical Mission Clinics - Provide medical supplies for the medical clinic at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX and provide materials/supplies for other medical missions run by SMLC mission teams.

Outpost Ministry - Cover initial expenses related to investigation of new ministry opportunities.

Youth Ministry - General support for Youth Ministry projects and needs.

Youth Mission Trips - Provide for travel, lodging & meals on youth trips.

Special In God's Eyes (SIGE) - General support of the SIGE program.

Mutual Love - Provide emergency financial assistance to members of SMLC.

Public Relations/Communications Special Projects - Non-budgeted projects related to the mission of the Board of Public Relations/Communications.

Music Program - Generally, for larger music-related purchases e.g. musicians for special services; musical equipment; bells & bell supplies; choir robes; percussion instruments; etc.

Library - Provide new and additional library materials.

In the name of our Lord,
The Board of Stewardship

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Every gift that has been part of the Special Gifts Program is gratefully acknowledged. Since this program began (December, 1984), a total of \$1,976,797.92 has been contributed through Special Gifts. During the period covered by this report (Dec. 1, 2011 – Jan. 22, 2012) the following areas of ministry received gifts totaling \$16,429.95.

For privacy, the names of specific donors are not published on this internet copy.

February BIRTHDAYS

2/1

Kyle Storzbach
Robert Leese
Isabella Eifert

2/2

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Ken Hauser
Barb McWilliams
Jason Merz

2/3

Bob Bunn

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Lorraine Zehr
Marj Mack
Cole Kucharski



February ANNIVERSARIES

2/2

Joe & Cynthia Bulgarelli

2/3

Ed & Wally Preissner

2/13

Rod & Patti Cartwright

2/20

Dave & Nancy Danley

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult/Sr&Jr High Bible Studies 9:15 AM <i>Board of Education</i> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion	30 9:15 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	31 3:00 PM S.I.G.E	1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Weds. Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM First Wednesdays Bible Study 7:15 PM Sr. Choir	2 8:00 AM Bible Study 7:15 PM Bell Choir	3 8:00 AM Bible Study 7:15 PM Bell Choir	4 8:00 AM Kitchen Cleaning
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Join us for Worship!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 9:15 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 22 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services Weds .11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.