



The Messenger

January 2012

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Fellow Members of St Matthew,

Pastor Moll is our Pastor!

We are happy to share this good news as St Matthew prepares for what promises to be an exciting 2012!

When Pastor Moritz determined that he needed to be in Michigan with Lorrie before the snows started to swirl, most of us thought it would be a relatively short time before our Call for a new Pastor would be accepted. Now that Pastor Doug Croucher of Concordia Church in Fort Wayne has returned our most recent Call, getting a new Call issued and accepted will likely take until at least June 2012. Believing this would be too long a time to be without a full-time Pastor, your Elders turned to Pastor Moll, who (with Penny's support), has generously agreed to "un-retire."

President Walt Dalitsch has asked the Call Committee to resume its work early in 2012. We are very thankful for the members of the Call Committee – they have put in many hours of service since late in 2010, and the candidates called to date have been excellent. We anticipate that most Call Committee members will continue to serve, but there will likely be one or two new names on the Committee as it resumes its work.

Pastor Bach has served St Matthew faithfully on a part-time basis over the past three months. He continues to maintain his office at Trinity Roselle where numerous special assignments await his ministry skills in 2012. We thank Pastor Bach for his service during this challenging time in our congregation's history, and pray for him and his future work on behalf of our Lord and His people.

Now...please pray for all the Pastors who have served St. Matthew, and especially for Pastor Moll as he returns to again put his heart into serving in this very special place. There's only one of him and lots of us. We pray that the Holy Spirit move us to give Pastor Moll the encouragement and support – our time, our talents, and our financial resources – that both he and St Matthew need for our congregation to thrive!

On behalf of St Matthew's Board of Elders,

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Chuck Kraft



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Church Records

Communicant Members:	577
Children:	93
Total Membership:	670

Hibernating for the Winter?

If you are a member who heads to a warmer climate for the winter, please inform the church office so we can direct your first-class mail to the alternative address. Don't forget, you can read *News & Notes* and the *Messenger* online on our website.



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From the Board of Elders

After many years of faithful service contributing to, and overseeing, our joyous and spiritual music program, Cathy Gathman has asked to give up some of her music responsibilities. She intends to remain our Director of Music and to continue directing our handbell choir, but will no longer direct our Senior Choir. We thank Cathy for all she and the senior choir have done to God's glory (and for our ears) and know that she will remain heavily involved as she continues to oversee all of our music.

We are pleased to announce that one of our own, Randy Kosman, has volunteered to take over direction of our Senior Choir on an interim basis. Randy knows our choir well, being a long time contributor, and is a well qualified, competent director and musician with many years experience in church music. Randy also understands and cherishes the Lutheran musical heritage and is well suited to continue our fine musical traditions. We are confident in all that Randy brings to this important ministry.

Randy will continue in this position through the end of our music season in late May. At that time, discussions about future roles and responsibilities will take place among all the involved team and church leadership.

Our thanks to Cathy for her past and continuing contributions to our music programs. We also thank and congratulate Randy for stepping forward to ensure we maintain a strong and God focused musical praise program. And finally, we ask our fellow parishioners for their continuing prayers and support for all who contribute to this wonderful ministry of ours, always to the glory of our God.

Upcoming Bible Studies

Training Your Brain to Adopt Healthful Habits (Meets Sundays at 9:15)

Do you make New Year resolutions every year, only to break them two days later? Join Pat Marks, RN, starting January 8th for five weeks to look how we can change from making unhealthy decisions to making healthy ones. Topics include learning to value behaviors that promote wellness, enriching your life to tame the need for immediate gratification, enhancing resiliency to chronic stressors, how to break addictive circuits to make healthy habits and making flexible decisions to empower your brain to make healthful choices.

Walking with God in the Desert (Meets Sundays at 9:15)

This is a seven week program, built around a series of DVDs hosted by renowned Biblical scholar Ray Vander Laan. This course of study will show, among other things, how there can indeed be hope in the spiritual desert.

First Wednesday Group: January 4 at 1:30pm

DVD Series: "Conquering the Gates of Hell" by Ray Vander Laan. This month learn about Ephesus, Asia Minor's equivalent of today's New York City. In the face of opposition, recent converts worked hard to make Jesus' name known and proclaim His message of salvation.

Wednesday Women (Meets Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am beginning January 11)

All women are invited to come and bring a friend, neighbor or relative, to join our study. Starting January 11, we look forward to getting to know God better by considering 35 names that He is given in the Old Testament including Creator, Provider, Ruler and Redeemer. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 am every Wednesday morning. Child care is provided. This is a great opportunity to open God's Word, share His love, and get to know some wonderful women. Call Sue Mullen for more information.



Barrington Family Snowman Day

Saturday, January 28

10:00am to Noon

Invite friends and neighbors to join us as we fill the property with snowmen. Bring a hat and gloves/mittens to decorate your snowman. After the event, these hats and gloves will be donated. We'll supply the sticks for arms, the charcoal and the carrot noses. Then come and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies.

Nursing Notes By Pat Marks, RN

Diabetes can be diagnosed in 4 different ways. These include:

1. Hemoglobin A1C equal to or greater than 6.5%. This shows what percentage of your hemoglobin is saturated with sugar.
2. Fasting blood sugar equal to or greater than 126mg/dl. Fasting means no caloric intake for at least 8 hours.
3. 2 hour blood glucose equal to or greater than 200mg/dl following a glucose tolerance test.
4. Classic symptoms of high blood sugar and a random blood sugar reading of 200mg/dl or greater.

Symptoms of diabetes include:

- *frequent urination
- *unusual thirst
- *extreme hunger
- *unusual weight loss
- *extreme fatigue
- *frequent infections
- *blurred vision
- *cuts that heal slowly
- *tingling and numbness feet and hands



Please see your doctor if you have any of these symptoms. Pat Marks is also available to do a random blood sugar. Monthly blood pressures and blood sugars will not be done in the winter but talk to her for a quick check.

Praise God for Faithful Servants

We are thankful for the faithful service offered to our Lord and this congregation by so many individuals who serve as officers and board members. We are deeply grateful for the service rendered by the following, who left the offices indicated at the end of the year:



President
Walt Dalitsch

Board of Education
Pat Priniski
Jean Ruzicka

Board of Elders
Todd Ruzicka
Joe Tomczak

Board of Evangelism
Roberta Bandy
Wally Preissner

Board for Human Care Ministries
Darlene Moslander

Board of PR/Communications
Alaine Peters

Board of Stewardship
Jim Bock
John Schippel

Board of Trustees
Rick Gotlund
Barry Korecky

Board of Youth
Erik Ringstrand

Finance Committee/Counters
Phyllis Tichy

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

December was a busy month for our Sunday School. We had Sunday lessons and pageant practices. On December 17th the Board of Education hosted a Christmas Party/Lunch for the children between pageant rehearsals. It was a really fund time and the children enjoyed it. A big thanks to each BOE member. The pageant itself, "Good News Flash", was held during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 18th. The script was written by Pastor Moritz and is one of the four which he gave to our Sunday School. We thank him for his generosity. Claudette Carstensen and Darlene Moslander built a theatrical set for the pageant. The chancel became the town of Bethlehem through their artistry. What a wonderful gift to the children and our church. Thank you both so much. Each and every participant was a messenger of God. Each and every attendee received God's Message and, we know, are now spreading His Word. It was a wonderful pageant and we thank everyone, including the children, who helped make it happen.

Beginning January 8th, we start studying the life of Christ. There are some plans in the works - new projects to try. We will have a Sunday School Staff meeting in January to plan the first half of 2012. From everyone in our Sunday School, we wish you Good Health and God's Blessings in the New Year!



Special in God's Eyes - The telling of the Christmas Story



January Youth News

It's almost here...

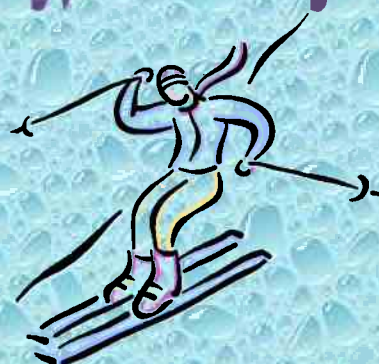
THE ANNUAL SKI TRIP!

January 27-29



Pick up your packet at the information center!

Deadline is Friday, January 13!



January BIRTHDAYS

1/2
Dave Danley

1/3
Craig Leese
Kelly Rogers

1/4
Lee Melhop
Chloe Gierthy

1/5
Kolleen Ritchey

1/6
Janet Salnick

1/7
Rosalie Schneider

1/9
Jim Bonham

1/10
Nicholaus Hacker
William Nazha

1/14
Jamie Gotlund
Leigh Wiedelman
Lynn Wiedelman

1/15
Jack Dern
Sue Tomczak
Sofia Gierthy

1/16
Nikki Teik
Jeff Pahlke

1/17
Betty Bruch
Nancy Donovan

1/18
Bob Crimmins
Tiffany Rogers

1/19
Bill Chapman
David Marks

1/21
Sally Kroc
Rev. Robert Moll

1/23
Robert Teik
MacKenzie McWilliams

1/24
Cathy Gathman
James Wambach
Keith Andersen
Michael Caplan

1/25
Walter Renner
Wendy Marro

1/27
Brian Eatherton

1/28
Cynthia Bulgarelli
Max Greiman

1/29
Chris Thompson
Joel Mueller

1/30
Gwen Eatherton

1/31
Shirley Wiese



January ANNIVERSARIES

1/2
James & Tina Moslander

1/17
Charles & Nancy Donovan

1/18
Jack & Jean McKee

1/29
Herman & Maude Hacker

1/30
Pete & Wendy Arnesen

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion	2 Office Closed	3 7:00 PM Church Council	4 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM First Wednesdays Bible Study 7:15 PM Sr. Choir	5 8:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bell Choir	6	7 Restore Trinity Mission Trip 9:00 AM Confirmation Unit
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