

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
January 2019 News



Open Board Positions

Director of	Recording
Stewardship	Secretary

Please prayerfully consider whether YOU might be one God will choose to serve.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help is needed for snow removal. If you are able and willing please contact Bert Schauer (880-9973) or speak with Pastor.

Help is needed to run the slides on Sundays and Wednesdays. Pastor can set the whole system up for you; you only have to push the button during service. It is very easy. If interested talk to Pastor.

2019 offering envelopes are in the back of the church. Please stop by to pick yours up.

Youth in Action at St. Matthew for Christmas



Thank you to all the youth that participated in the Christmas program. It was a wonderful performance telling the entire congregation about Jesus' coming and birth!



Paige Schmidt shared her talent with the congregation on Christmas Eve by playing Hark the Herald Angels Sing during the service.



Five youth (Montana Brodersen, Kaylee Goslar, Jayden Meyer, Emily Hinrickson, and Paige Schmidt) attended Mercy Meals on Saturday, December 22nd in Sioux City to help package meals for the less fortunate. Our youth packaged 750 meals during their two hours of service, helping Mercy Meals meet their yearly goal of over 3500 meals packaged.



ATTENTION CONFIRMATION PARENTS

We will be having a youth group parent meeting on Wednesday, January 16th during confirmation to discuss the upcoming Valentine's dinner fundraiser in February. This was a huge success last year and the youth wanted to do the activity again. We need lots of help for this event, so more input/help is appreciated! If you are unable to make it, contact Sarah Schmidt (880-2412).



The youth group will meet on Sunday, January 20th at 12:30 at the church to go to the Ida Grove Skate Palace to skate the afternoon away. Afterwards we will head to Pizza Hut for devotion and food. The cost to attend the event is \$15 per youth. \$7 for admission-snack/\$8 for pizza-drink. Families are welcome to join in the skating, as it will be open skating.

SMASH St. Matthew After School Hour

The kids had a wonderful time decorating the SMASH Christmas tree along with making Christmas cards for the nursing home. We ended the 2018 year with a pizza party.



*Thank
You*

The congregation would like to thank Sam and Matthew Kelm for directing the children's program. We would also like to thank all the adult helpers for their support. The program was wonderful!

The congregation would also like to thank anyone who helped with the meal prior to the program. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with great food.

We need your Help Saving Labels



The church is asking members to please save the proof of purchase barcodes off the Best Choice brand. This is the “cheap” brand down at Fiesta Foods. For every 1000 barcodes redeemed a \$30 gift certificate is given.

These can be used for items for our church organizations. A collection box is located at the back of the church.

For any questions/comments please contact Nancy Albers.

Newsletter Emails

At this time the church is only sending the newsletter out through email and handouts at the back of the church. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the newsletter through email, please have them get their email to Sarah Schmidt (880-2412 or TeacherSMSchmidt@hotmail.com)



St. Matthew has a NEW Facebook page: **St. Matthew Lutheran- Mapleton**. Be sure to like the page to keep up-to-date on weather related announcements and upcoming events and activities at church.

** The Board of Directors did not meet in December. No minutes to report.

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"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(C)- Communion Sundays		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30 Church (C)	7	8	9 3:30-5:00 SMASH 6:00 Confirmation 7:15 Church (C)	10 1:30 In the Word Bible Study	11	12
13 8:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30 Church	14	15	16 3:30-5:00 SMASH 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 Parent meeting 7:15 Church	17	18	19
20 8:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30 Church (C) 12:30 Youth Group- Skating	21	22	23 3:30-5:00 SMASH 6:00 Confirmation 7:15 Church (C)	24	25	26
27 8:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9:30 Church	28	29	30 3:30-5:00 SMASH 6:00 Confirmation 7:15 Church	31		