

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
**Scripture Search**  
**2018-19**

*While being blessed in Christ, St. Matthew Lutheran Church advances the reign of heaven among the men, women, and children of Spring Lake, Michigan, and beyond. This advancement happens through the proclamation of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, and acts of service.*

**Materials:** The Holy Bible (English Standard Version), Scripture Search Binder, 30-Second Bible

All materials are provided by St. Matthew. If an item is lost or damaged, the family will be asked to pay for replacement material.

**Assignments:** The “Take to Heart the 52” assignments will take place on the date indicated. (Example: On Sunday, September 9, the first session, each young person will attempt to speak every word of Romans 6:11.) The Framework Projects will be due November 18 and April 28, respectively.

**Evaluation:**

Take to Heart the 52: **192** points (6 points per Scripture verse)

Scripture Search Attendance: **128** points (4 points per session)

The Framework Projects: **80** points (40 points per project)

Books of the Bible Quizzes: **66** points (39 points for the Old Testament; 27 points for the New Testament)

Total: **466** points

In early January, each participating family will be updated on the young person’s progress. A final assessment will be given in the month of May. To continue toward the Rite of Confirmation, 70 % of the overall 466 points must be obtained.

Parents are welcome to visit sessions of Scripture Search and keep in contact with Pastor Goers regarding a child’s progress. One person from St. Matthew will also serve as an “SS Guest” for each session as we seek to “involve people of all ages.” If a young person is not able to attend a session of Scripture Search for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Goers ahead of time if possible ([pastor@smslm.org](mailto:pastor@smslm.org)/846-2490 [church phone]/212-8773 [cell phone]).

**Creation**

**September 9: The Creation of All Things**

**Genesis 1:1-2:3**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Romans 6:11--“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

**The Fall**

**September 16: The Fall into Sin, Satan, and the First Promise**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Romans 6:23--“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**September 23: The Great Flood That Covered the Earth**

**Genesis 6:5-22**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Romans 8:1--“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

**The Chosen People**

**September 30: Abram’s Call and God’s Promise to Abraham**

**Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Romans 8:28--“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

**October 7: Abraham’s Faith Is Tested**

**Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-18**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Romans 8:38-39—“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**October 14: Joseph Is Hated by His Brothers and Sold into Slavery**

**Genesis 37:2-28**

*Take to Heart the 52:* 1 Corinthians 13:13--“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

**October 21: Joseph Forgives His Brothers and God Saves Israel**

**Genesis 45:1-15**

*Take to Heart the 52:* 2 Corinthians 5:17a--“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

## **The Exodus**

**October 28: The Lord Saves Israel by the Blood of the Passover Lamb**

**Exodus 11:1-8; 12:1-14, 22-33**

*Take to Heart the 52:* 2 Corinthians 5:21--“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

**November 4: The Ten Commandments**

**Exodus 19:16:-20:17**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Galatians 2:20a--“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

## **Into the Promised Land**

**November 11: The Lord’s Commander Leads Israel into the Promised Land**

**Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18; 2:1-24**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Galatians 5:1a--“For freedom Christ has set us free...”

**November 18: The Judges Rule a Rebellious Israel**

**Judges 2:1-8, 11-19**

\*\*\*\*The Framework Project #1 Due\*\*\*\*

*Take to Heart the 52:* Ephesians 2:8--“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your doing; it is the gift of God...”

**November 25: A Prophet Is Born to Speak the Word of the Lord**

**1 Samuel 1:1-20, 24-28**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Philippians 4:4--“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

## **The Line of King David**

**December 2: A Shepherd Boy Is Anointed King and Kills Goliath**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Philippians 4:19--“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

**December 9: Solomon Is Given Wisdom and Builds the Lord’s Temple**

**1 Kings 3:5-28**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Hebrews 4:12a--“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...”

## **The Prophets**

**December 16: Elisha—The Prophet’s Mantle**

**2 Kings 2:1-15**

*Take to Heart the 52:* 1 Peter 2:2--“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation....”

**December 23: No Scripture Search**

**December 30: No Scripture Search**

**January 6: The Birth of John the Baptist Is Announced**

**Luke 1:1-25**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Revelation 22:20--“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Come, Lord Jesus!”

**January 13: The Birth of John the Baptist**

**Luke 1:57-80**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Genesis 1:1--“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

## **The Birth of Jesus of Nazareth**

**January 20: The Nativity of Our Lord**

**Luke 2:1-21**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Genesis 1:27--“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

**January 27: The Flight into Egypt**

**Matthew 2:1-23**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Genesis 2:24--“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

**February 3: The Temptation of Our Lord**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Exodus 15:1b--“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

**February 10: A Demon-Possessed Daughter Is Healed**

**Matthew 15:21-31**

\*\*\*\*Books of Old Testament Quiz\*\*\*\*

*Take to Heart the 52:* Deuteronomy 6:4--“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

## The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

### **February 17: Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem**

**Matthew 21:1-27**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Deuteronomy 6:5--"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

### **February 24: Jesus' Prayer and Arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane**

**Matthew 26:31-56**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Joshua 1:9b--"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

### **March 3: The Crucifixion of Our Lord**

**John 19:17-42**

*Take to Heart the 52:* 1 Samuel 2:1b--"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD."

## The Ascension

### **March 10: The Emmaus Disciples and the Ascension**

**Luke 24:13-53**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Job 19:25--"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth."

## The Holy Spirit and the Church

### **March 17: Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1-39**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Psalm 1:1--"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers..."

### **March 24: Apostolic Authority: The Word of Jesus**

**Acts 3:1-26**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Psalm 1:2--"...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

### **March 31: Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 5:1-16**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Psalm 23:1--"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

### **April 7: No Scripture Search Due to Easter**

### **April 14: The Apostles Set Apart Seven Men**

**Acts 6:1-10**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Psalm 119:105--"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

### **April 21: The Ministry of Philip**

**Acts 8:26-40**

*Take to Heart the 52:* Proverbs 3:5--"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

### **April 28: Peter's Vision Announces the Gospel to the Gentiles**

**Acts 10:1-48**

\*\*\*\*The Framework Project #2 Due\*\*\*\*

*Take to Heart the 52:* Isaiah 9:6--"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

## The Second Coming of the Christ

### **May 5: The Coming of the Lord**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

\*\*\*\*Books of New Testament Quiz\*\*\*\*

*Take to Heart the 52:* Isaiah 55:6--"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near..."

### **May 12: No Scripture Search Due to Mother's Day**

## The Framework Projects

Scripture Search is designed around The Framework, a structure consisting of twelve core elements of the Christian faith. As we learn The Framework, we will be able to hear individual sections of Scripture and consider how they fit in the overall narrative of God's Word. We also see how The Framework invites us to become a part of God's overarching story.

### The Framework

1. Creation
2. The Fall
3. The Chosen People
4. The Exodus
5. Into the Promised Land
6. The Line of King David
7. The Prophets
8. The Birth of Jesus of Nazareth
9. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ
10. The Ascension
11. The Holy Spirit and the Church
12. The Second Coming of the Christ

### The Framework Project #1:

St. Matthew will provide each young person with an artist's rendition of one of the twelve elements of The Framework. In a one page response, the young person will describe the piece of art. Questions that may be answered include: What colors were used by the artist? What is the central focus? Which individuals or groups of people are shown? What mood is created by the artist? Where are one's eyes drawn in the piece of art? What Scripture passages could have influenced the artist?

### The Framework Project #2:

For each element of The Framework, find a hymn from *Lutheran Service Book* that mentions that part of God's story. Include the hymn title and number. Please type out the stanza that includes the reference.

(Example: #8 The Birth of Jesus of Nazareth/ "See amid the Winter's Snow (LSB 373)/ Stanza 3-"Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this!")