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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We begin this month with the celebration of Holy Trinity Sunday. This is a day set aside for us to consider the mystery of the divine Trinity, God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And to help us in this reflection on the Trinity, many churches recite in some form the Athanasian Creed (aka the long creed). This creed tries in various ways to teach and summarize our belief about the Trinity and the person of Jesus Christ.

Creeds have been used this way throughout the ages. Each of our three creeds addresses different aspects of our belief. In the Apostles' Creed, we focus on the basics of the faith passed down to us by the apostles. In the Nicene Creed, some aspects of the person and work of Christ are dealt with due to a disagreement that was resolved at the Council of Nicea. And as mentioned above, the Athanasian Creed helps to explain our believe in the Trinity.

This covers what the creeds are and their purpose, but why do we recite them so often? Why have our confirmands memorize one? I believe St Paul summarizes it quite well in 1 Thessalonians 2 where we read,

“For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.” - 1 Thess. 2:3-4

We speak not to please men but to please God. We confess this faith together so that we might be equipped to confess this saving gospel to a world that needs to hear it.

I am also drawn the words of St Paul in 2 Corinthians 4.

“Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.” - 2 Cor. 4:13-15

We believe and so we speak. St Paul makes it clear why we confess together it is because of the faith that we share. This faith compels us to speak so that we may bring glory to God as we give thanks to Him for all that He has done for us and taught us.

As God’s children, we are encouraged to be ready to speak of our faith, as we heard recently in church from St Peter,

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect” - 1 Pet. 3:15

And the creeds provide us with a ready answer for the hope that is in us. They serve as a simple (or in the case of the Athanasian Creed, the best we can manage) explanation of what we believe about God and what He has done for us.

Finally, we have this last encouragement from Christ himself in John 3,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.” - John 3:11

Here Jesus is talking specifically to Nicodemus but His encouragement is for us all: to speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen. We know thee salvation Christ has won for us. We have seen as He washes, feeds, forgives, and cares for His children. Knowing these things, we are encouraged to speak of them whenever we can. So no matter what Sunday it is, Trinity Sunday and a time for the Athanasian Creed, communion Sunday and a time for the Nicene Creed, or some other day and you’re reciting the Apostles’ Creed, may we boldly speak of what we know that we may give glory to God for what He has done for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**Red** completes the acronym, “Bg-Bgs-Pwr.” Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of “the Lord and Giver of Life,” who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The *Lutheran Service Book* church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red blood shed in defense of the Gospel offers perpetual encouragement for God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

Additional uses of red are Reformation Sunday; Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14); on such festive occasions as dedications, anniversaries of a congregation and its physical structure; festive days celebrating the office of the public ministry, such as ordination and installation.

**White** is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

**Green**, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year.

*Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year!

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
TRINITY	June 4	The Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1–2:4a	Psalms 8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	Matt. 28:16–20
	June 11 (Prop. 5)	Second S. a.	Hos. 5:15–6:6	Psalms 119:65–72	Rom. 4:13–25	Matt. 9:9–13
	<i>or</i>	St. Barnabas, apostle	Isaiah 42:5–12	Psalms 112	Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3	Mark 6:7–13
	June 18 (Prop. 6)	Third S. a.	Ex. 19:2–8	Psalms 100	Rom. 5:6–15	Matt. 9:35–10:8 (9–20)
	June 25 (Prop. 7)	Fourth S. a.	Jer. 20:7–13	Psalms 91:1–10 (11–16)	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21–33

RED



WHITE



GREEN



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# Matthew's Senior's of 2023



**Kolby Scott**– Will be attending Iowa Western Community College. Studying ex-



**Kaylee Brodersen**- She is planning on working for the City of Mapleton and Hawkeye Bar next year. The following year she is planning on going to college to earn a business degree. Her favorite memories at St. Matthew are helping at VBS. **Kaylee Brodersen**– (parents) Nathan and Betsy



**Tyler Ohlmeier**: After graduation, he will be headed to South Dakota State University for Electrical Engineering. His favorite memory at St. Matthew is going to SMASH with Kolby and doing all the different activities, and then as he got older, getting to help the younger kids with those activities. **Tyler Ohlmeier**- (parents) Shawn and Mindy



**Jersey Divis**- She will be attending WITCC to get her prereqs completed and then will continue towards becoming an Aesthetic/Cosmetic RN. Her favorite St. Matthew memory is attending SMASH and VBS during her elementary years. **Jersey Divis**- (parent) Brittney and Jared

## A Prayer For Our Graduating Seniors:

**May God** who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest. May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you. Amen

# St. Matthew Honors their High School Graduates

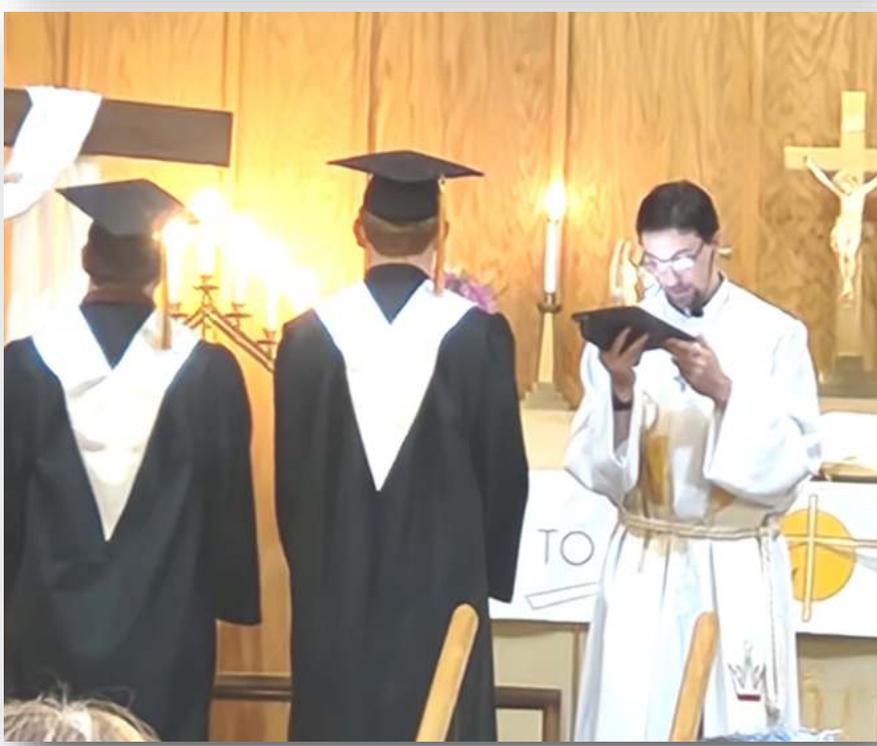


We honored our high school graduates on Sunday, May 21, 2023 thanking God for their accomplishments and continued blessings on them.

Refreshments were served in the back of the church and enjoyed by all.

We also thank God for Zak Scott who graduated from Morningside College with a degree in: Business Administration. He will continue his studies at: University of South Dakota.

May our God's mercy and grace continue to bless these young people.



**Kolby Scott**– Thank you to everyone for the reception in the church last Sunday at honoring us as graduating from High School. Thank you Pastor for you prayers and to the ladies for their bars and refreshments after the service.



**MY FAVORITE  
RECIPE  
SUBMITTED BY:  
Marilyn Hamann**



**RHUBARB CRISP**

**FOR THE CRISP:**  
4 cups rhubarb, chopped  
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup oatmeal  
1-1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
**SUGAR SAUCE:**

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY**

We will be starting a cleaning day inside the church. It will be the first Monday of every month from 9am –11 am. Please come and help when ever you have an hour or two to spare. We always seem to have a good time. For more information contact Lin Scott or Janeal Holmes. Just remember: Many hands make light work. God Bless you all.



**ST. MATTHEW LAWN CARE**

We now have volunteers who have stepped forward to help with our lawn care. A big thank you to them and all who have helped in the past. Of course there are always odd jobs that need doing if you are able to help at anytime physically or financially please contact Janeal Holmes: [\(712\) 899-8095](tel:7128998095) or Lin Scott: [\(712\) 208-0004](tel:7122080004)



**Homemade Ant Poison**

- 1/2 c Sugar
- 1 1/2 T. Borax
- 1 1/2 c Warm water

Soak some cotton balls in the mixture, and put them out near the mess of ants. The sugar attracts the ants and they'll take the borax with it back to their home. Eating the borax kills the ants.

# June Birthdays



# June Baptisms

Julie Bollig	1958-06-18
Brenda Brown	1963-06-26
Jeannette Riesberg	1957-06-30
Diana Schauer	1964-06-27
Chelsea Bernard	1987-06-21
Nathan Brodersen	1981-06-26
Byron Bruhn	1967-06-11
Hudson Bruhn	2011-06-20
Jared Bruhn	1986-06-23
Brenda Davis	1971-06-08
Mitchell Elmquist	1998-06-25
Kaye Flanigan	1990-06-28
Dean Fritz	1962-06-07
Brock Goslar	1975-06-22
Zachery Goslar	1993-06-16
Michael Jacoby	1995-06-19
Susan Krueger	1948-06-28
Sandra Kruse	1961-06-10
Karen Kueny	1948-06-08
Liam Lamb	2005-06-20
Durene Marsh	1960-06-07
MaKenna Meseck	2006-06-20
Randi Meseck	1948-06-20
Frank Negless	1987-06-10
James Rickert	1959-06-15
Harold Riesberg	1985-06-29
Austin Schauer	1987-06-11
Brian Scott	1980-06-12



Bonnie Banks	1934-06-24
Mark Greiner	1954-06-14
Kay Johnson	1941-06-08
Mark Witzel	Jun, 1959
Shawn Ohlmeier	1983-06-26
Emily Boggs	1992-06-07
Byron Bruhn	1967-06-25
Evan Bruhn	1969-06-22
Bruce Burton	1947-06-02
Lexi Frehse	2010-06-19
Brock Goslar	1975-06-29
Jennifer Goslar	1975-06-10
Misty Hinrickson	1973-06-03
Rhonda Kruger	1974-06-05
Joe Krusen	1983-06-12
Brent Kuehl	1974-06-23
Lynette Larson	1967-06-29
Tyler Ohlmeier	2004-06-06
Lisa Rotnicke	1968-06-20
Weston Scheer	2015-06-28
Kathryn Schiltz	1967-06-18
Sarah Schmidt	1981-06-14
Zakary Scott	2001-06-24
Kiana Zawodny	2011-06-26



# 80+ Birthday God's Blessings



# God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Bonnie Banks	1934-06-02	<b>89yrs.</b>
Sharon Pope	1940-06-16	<b>83yrs.</b>
Dorothy Wessling	1942-06-29	<b>81yrs.</b>
Ernest Witzel	1936-06-18	<b>87yrs.</b>
Phyllis Fick	1928-06-03	<b>95yrs.</b>
Gayle Gibson	1942-06-09	<b>81yrs.</b>
Roger Ingram	1935-06-12	<b>88yrs.</b>
Delbert Kroll	1933-06-01	<b>90yrs.</b>

Robert and Wanda Andre	<b>" 55 years"</b>	1968-06-23
Doc and Kay Johnson	<b>"61 years"</b>	1962-06-23
David and Ann Schmidt	49 years	1974-06-22
Kurt and Sarah Schmidt	22 years	2001-06-23
Grant and Shirley Scoles	<b>"60 years"</b>	1963-06-28
Brent and Laurie Streck	26 years	1997-06-28
Russell and Roxie Wray	39 years	1984-06-09

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**– The last day of Sunday School will be 05-28-23. It will start up again in the fall. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach or co-teach Sunday School please contact Marla Hogan. (1-712-420-5621). We also need volunteers for VBS, which will be on July 11-13 from 6pm-8pm Contact Dawn Paulsen. (1-712-880-2941)

**THANK YOU** to all of our Uber drivers that are presently driving and stepping up to give their time and efforts to do this for St. Matthew and for Pastor Peitsch.

**PLEASE**– We need more Uber drivers to step up and volunteer. Call the church office at 881-2243 or Marilyn Hamann at 870-1947 we only have a few that are doing this and it is very hard to make out a schedule when we do not have people to fill it. Pastor would appreciate it if he knew ahead of time who was picking him up.

To **ALL Ubers**: Sunday pickup time is 7 am and Tuesdays time is 8 am. Unless otherwise stated or notified. Thank you. Questions call the church office. 712-881-2243. Please when you arrive at Pastor’s home go to his door and make him aware that you are there or text/call him on your phone. Thank you.



<b><u>Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u></b>
Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans



**On May 4, 2023, Governor Reynolds** signed [House File 718](#), establishing a homestead tax exemption for claimants 65 years of age or older. You need to go to your count assessor to sign up for this **before July 1**, this is the deadline.



Q: How old was Adam when he died? Gen. 5:5

A: Found on pg. 11

# EVENT HELD AT MISSION CENTRAL

It was a very busy day at the Lord's Mission Central on May 18th, 2023 as we held our annual Ascension Service!

What a blessing to welcome Rev. Dan McMiller and his son, Rev. Tyler McMiller. Pastor Dan McMiller was the Executive Director of LCMS International Mission Department in St. Louis and former Missionary to Latin America. He was the Keynote Speaker for the service and did an excellent job of reporting.

His son, Rev. Tyler McMiller is our new missionary in the country of Italy, where seven (7) new locations have been established to help start NEW Lutheran Congregations! The offering in the church service was totally directed to help support Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family, so they could continue their work.

In the pictures you will see Rev. Dan McMiller and his son Rev. Tyler McMiller and old Missionary Gary in our office with our Boss in the background. Also, please note the crowd in the barn, and some of the guests that were partaking of the 5:00PM Meal before the service that was held at 6:00PM. It was a special time.



# ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

## JUNE 2023



### Altar Guild

Ramona Weber 1-712-840-9837  
 Marilyn Hamann 1-712-870-1947  
 Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095

SUN: Pick up 7am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Church Office (712) 881-2243 Fax (712) 881-1163 Email: <a href="mailto:office@stmatthewmapleton.org">office@stmatthewmapleton.org</a> Rev. Nathan Peitsch, Vacancy Pastor Pastor's Cell: (515) 570-8078 Ryan Paulsen, Head Elder (712)840-0125 Mark Witzel, President (760)500-8902				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Holy Trinity services w/HC 8 a.m. Uber: Russ Wray Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Brian Brown	<b>7</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2nd Sun. a Pentecost services 8 a.m. Uber: Sue Kruse Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. after services	<b>12</b> Cleaning Day at church 9-11 am	<b>13</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Win- kle Conference Uber: Sue Kruse Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N am to 3:30 pm	<b>14</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 3rd Sun. a Pentecost w/HC 8 a.m. Uber: Jeff Krusen Elder: Duane Hamann Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. after services	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Brian Brown In the Word 10 am Board of Elders 7pm Uber: Mark Witzel	<b>21</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 4th Sun. a Pentecost services 8 a.m. Uber: Karen Kueny Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. after services	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Janeal Holmes Board of Directors 7pm Uber: Mark Witzel	<b>28</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

*The prayer of a righteous man  
is powerful and effective."*



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek

Myrna Gosch

Selma Schrader

Marlene Phillip

Fred Fletcher

Mary Greiner

Freda Means

Roberta Conyers

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

**Ron Kraffle** (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Jazmin Mauch**, (granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber; **Randy Colshan**, (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Scott Pierce**, (friends of the Hamann's); **Tim Sanderson** friend of Dennis Muckey; **Morgan Bailey** (baby of Sharell and Dillon Bailey, neighbors of Kay Johnson is home on oxygen and gaining!) **Jerri Haindfield** (Marilyn and Duane Hamann's daughter.) **Doug VonWeihe** (Uncle to Sarah Schmidt). **Delores Uhl** 826 5th St Hampton, IA 50441 (641-425-440)(former member and friend of Kay Johnson); **Kristin Webb**; Sarah Schmidt's best friend's sister diagnosed with the rarest form of leukemia AML, she is only 39

Military

**Ryan Trucke** serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson)

**Jackie Cardwell** serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo S. Omaha, NE 68136 (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen)

**Marcus Roupe** serving in USA (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

*Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.*



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*In His Footsteps: It is not in receiving but in giving that you will find lasting joy of living. For share your heart with God's love.*

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Dear Lord, Your holy Word commands me to pray without ceasing. In all things great and small, at all times, whether happy or sad, let me seek Your wisdom and Your strength in prayer. Amen. ✝