



St Matthew In Action



For this new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
for love and friends.
For everything
Thy goodness sends,
We thank Thee,
dear Lord.

MAY 2023

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IN
OUTREACH
&
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This may be a joyous time for many. There are a number of things being celebrated this month. We celebrate together as our confirmands confirm their faith and become communicant members of our congregation. We join together with our graduates to celebrate their accomplishments as they finish their schooling and move on to new things.

As we find all these different reasons to celebrate, I am reminded of the words of St Paul from Philippians chapter 4. There we read:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -

Phil. 4:4-6

These words remind us of where our true reason to rejoice can be found: in the Lord. It is He who instructs our confirmands by means of His Word and Spirit. He sees our graduates through their time in school and guides them through each day. He prospers the work of our hands as we work every day to serve Him in so many different ways.

With God’s hand in all that we endeavor throughout our lives, it’s easy to see why we are called to rejoice in the Lord always, for without Him we would have nothing. The psalmist says it quite well in the 150th Psalm,

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” - **Psalm 150:6**

As the giver of all good things, we are encouraged to praise God for all the good He has given to us and done for us. Last month we rejoiced together as we celebrated Jesus’ triumphant victory over death and the grave. Sunday after Sunday we remember this victory as we worship together in our churches.

All that being said, our rejoicing isn’t just about the praise we give to God, we also rejoice with our actions. In Colossians 3, St Paul encourages us:

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” -

Col. 3:23-24

Confirmands, graduates, congregants celebrating an anniversary, whatever the case, we are called not just to rejoice in the Lord, but to work as if it is Him we are serving. When studying for a test, we do so as for the Lord. When serving in the church, we serve as for the Lord, not just for the members of our congregation.

As God’s children, everything we do should be done in His name and for His glory. When we worship, we worship with all our hearts knowing it is Christ we are worshiping. When we serve we serve with all our hearts, knowing it is Christ we are serving. All that we have is a gift from Him: our Church, our education, our faith, even our very lives. And so we are called to rejoice in Him, to serve Him in all we do. And worship together as we celebrate all His good gifts.

And so this month as you join together with confirmands or graduates or other members of the congregation to celebrate these various accomplishments, let us ever remember to give thanks and praise to God for without Him, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. Let us rejoice, worship, and serve as if we are doing so it for the Lord that in all things we may bring glory and honor to Him.

In His Service,

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.

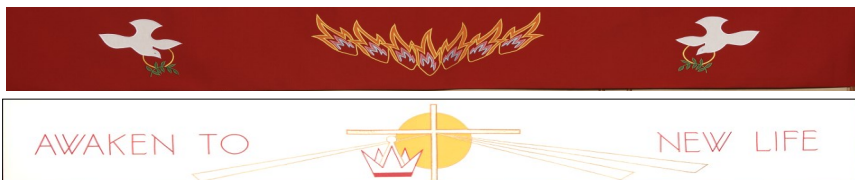
There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The *Lutheran Service Book* church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red 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.

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
	May 7	Fifth S. of Easter	Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60	Psalms 146	1 Peter 2:2–10	John 14:1–14
	May 14	Sixth S. of Easter	Acts 17:16–31	Psalms 66:8–20	1 Peter 3:13–22	John 14:15–21
	May 18	The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1–11	Psalms 47	Eph. 1:15–23	Luke 24:44–53
	May 21	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12–26	Psalms 68:1–10	1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11	John 17:1–11
PENTECOST	May 28	The Day of Pentecost	Num. 11:24–30	Psalms 25:1–15	Acts 2:1–21	John 7:37–39



RED

WHITE



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1. ...God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. ...God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. ...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. ...God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. ...God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. ...God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. ...God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. ...God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. ...God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of hell.
10. ...God won't ask how many people you forwarded this to, He'll ask if you were ashamed to pass it on to your friends. **From Rev. Harland Minscer**

Worship Your Glorified Christ

This bible reading is referenced in chapter of book I'm reading: "Where Do We Go From Here?" By Dr. David Jeremiah. The question was raised in the chapter regarding the future of globalization of our planet and about the future and what the bible says regarding how we should live and what sort of people we should be. This reading answers those questions.

Acts 1:6-11

From Me: This is a response from the chapter that I wanted to share. Makes me think of today's world fears and concerns. Just wanted to share this paragraph with you. I love it! Janeal Holmes.

We too should be caught up in the joy of worshiping or glorified Savior, and our joy should be contagious. Oh, that our children will want to worship our Lord by seeing our example! In uncertain times, we can either worry about the headlines or we can worship Him who is head overall. Just as the disciples gazed into heaven, astounded at their ascended Lord, so we should do the same.

From childhood to old age, a life of praise is a life of peace, for when our eyes are on Jesus Christ, we know it is well with our souls. **Submitted by a Church Member**

Science says we need 4 things to survive: Air, water, food and light.

What the Bible says about **Jesus**:

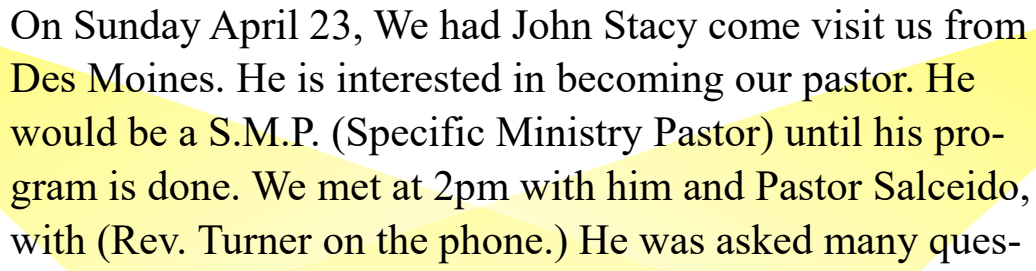
1. **Jesus** is the breath of life. (Genesis 2:7)
2. **Jesus** is the living water. (John 4:14)
3. **Jesus** is the bread of life. (John 6:35)
4. **Jesus** is the light of the world, (John 8:12)

Submitted by Bonnie Banks

JESUS IS ALL WE NEED TO LIVE!

Another thought— When you can't sleep, don't count sheep, talk to the **Shepherd**.

SUNDAY APRIL 23 MEETING WITH JOHN STACY



On Sunday April 23, We had John Stacy come visit us from Des Moines. He is interested in becoming our pastor. He would be a S.M.P. (Specific Ministry Pastor) until his program is done. We met at 2pm with him and Pastor Salceido, with (Rev. Turner on the phone.) He was asked many questions about his life and why he wants to come to our church. He's not here to give us false hope, he wants to be our pastor. He would be in a program of 4 yrs. With a mentor, then he would become a pastor. He would have to stay as our pastor during the four years and however long we want him after that. After the meeting, we went to the Ed wing and showed him around and then the parsonage. We concluded around 4 pm. We formed an invite committee to discuss the process and guidelines and to decide what goes before the congregation. The first meeting is on Wednesday. Our search for a Pastor could be over and we could be on our way to something great. We just have to keep a positive attitude! And look for all the possibilities to come. It is a BLESSING.

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.



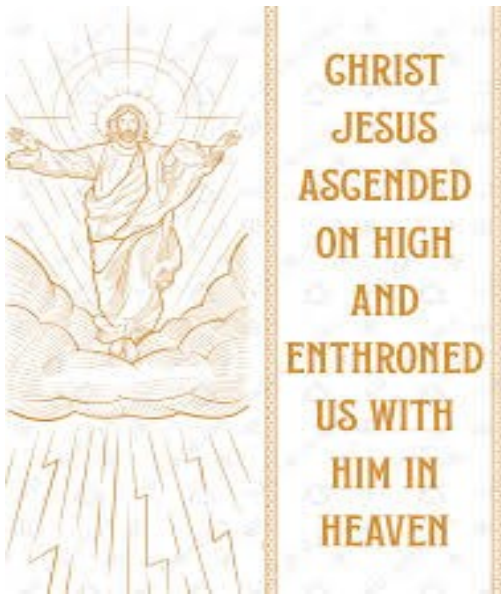
MY FAVORITE RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY: Marilyn
Hamann

Please share your favorite
recipe so it can be enjoyed
by all of us. Thank you.



Lemon Juice
Sugar
Olive Oil
Poppy Seeds
Dijon Mustard
Garlic
Salt
Onion Powder
Cucumbers
Tomatoes
Red Onion



ASCENSION SERVICE

Ascension Service is at Mission Central on May 18. There will be a service and meal. The meal will be at 5 pm and service to follow at 6 pm with Pastor Daniel McMillen.



ST MATTHEW LAWN CARE

We are in need of help with our mowing at church. 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)

We appreciate anyone that will volunteer to help us out with this. Thank you.

May Birthdays

Mark Greiner	May 14, 1954
Dawn Paulsen	May 16, 1968
Betsy Scheer	May 11, 1989
Mark Witzel	May 04, 1959
Shawn Ohlmeier	May 06, 1982
Evan Bruhn	May 15, 1969
Bruce Burton	May 22, 1947
Adam Chandler	May 25, 1978
Susan Creswell	May 13, 1962
Brett Davis	May 15, 1978
Gary Dose	May 27, 1956
Krista Elmquist	May 01, 1965
Patricia Gill	May 22, 1955
Cari Jon Hinrickson	May 04, 1975
Peg Jacobson	May 25, 1956
Rhonda Kruger	May 15, 1974
Joe Krusen	May 09, 1983
Kevin Kuehl	May 01, 1971
JoHannah Mckibben	May 25, 2000
Tyler Ohlmeier	May 11, 2004
Chelsey Paulsen	May 13, 2007
Lisa Rotnicke	May 20, 1968
Sarah Schmidt	May 02, 1981
Schalee Schrader	May 05, 2014
Ethan Streck	May 09, 2002
Michael Wood	May 30, 1950
Shawn Wood	May 05, 1971
Russell Wray	May 13, 1957



May Baptisms

Delores Boysen	May 07, 1939
Brian Brown	May 06, 1962
Alan Dale	May 13, 1995
Darlene Dose	May 20, 1934
Les Goslar	May 09, 1948
Zola Kafton	May 16, 1943
Kathy Wunschel	May 18, 1958
Chelsea Bernard	May 08, 1994
Tasha Bridgeman	May 22, 1994
Christopher Creswell	May 21, 1989
Michael Creswell	May 21, 1989
Jersey Divis	May 14, 2006
Sue Flanigan	May 01, 1961
Darren Goslar	May 27, 1983
Madisyn Goslar	May 05, 2022
Daniel Greiner	May 01, 1991
Julie Joy	May 04, 1980
Jessica Krohn	May 09, 1993
Kyle Krueger	May 01, 1983
Kevin Kuehl	May 30, 1971
Sharon Melby	May 10, 1964
Kandis Muhs	May 25, 1986
Taya Ohlmeier	May 03, 2009
Carol Pritchard	May 11, 1958
Caleb Rickert	May 16, 2009
Jodi Scott	May 09, 1971
Michael Smith	May 21, 1989
Jolene Uhl	May 10, 1959
Inez Voss	May 18, 1951

80 + Birthday God's Blessings

Richard Johnson	5/30/1934	88 yrs.
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God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary



John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."



Leo R. Dose

October 10, 1932 - April 15, 2023

Marriage Name	Married For	Wedding Anniversary
David and Belinda Bartels	53 years	May 15, 1970
Larry and Shelly Boyle	39 years	May 26, 1984
Jeffrey and Susan Creswell	35 years	May 17, 1988
John and Joan Fick	67 years	May 27, 1956
Joseph and Marla Hogan	19 years	May 14, 2004
Mark and Deb Jensen	30 years	May 15, 1993
Wayne and Zola Kafton	60 years	May 05, 1963
Kenneth and Susan Krueger	50 years	May 11, 1973
Dennis and Karla Uhl	39 years	May 12, 1984



Our Church Library

Our church has a small library. It is located in the Ed Unit across from the Pastor's office. You will find informative book, CD and Bible studies to help you know and understand our Bible. Also there are movies and books for family, youth and children. Please come and check it out. Just sign out the items and enjoy. Return it at your leisure. Enjoy our library it is there for you.

Recently Ramona Weber has donated some new videos to our collection in the library at our church, come and see and check them out.

Join us for our monthly Bible study "In The Word", led by Pastor. We meet on the **THIRD Tuesday** of each month at **10 a.m.** in the church basement. **Every one is welcome** We have some good discussions, and then enjoy some great food and fellowship.



Next Study:
May, 16 2023

Bible study for all
ENLIGHTENED IN THE LIGHT



Q: How many years did Jacob offer to work for Laban in exchange for the hand of Rachel? (Gen 29:18)

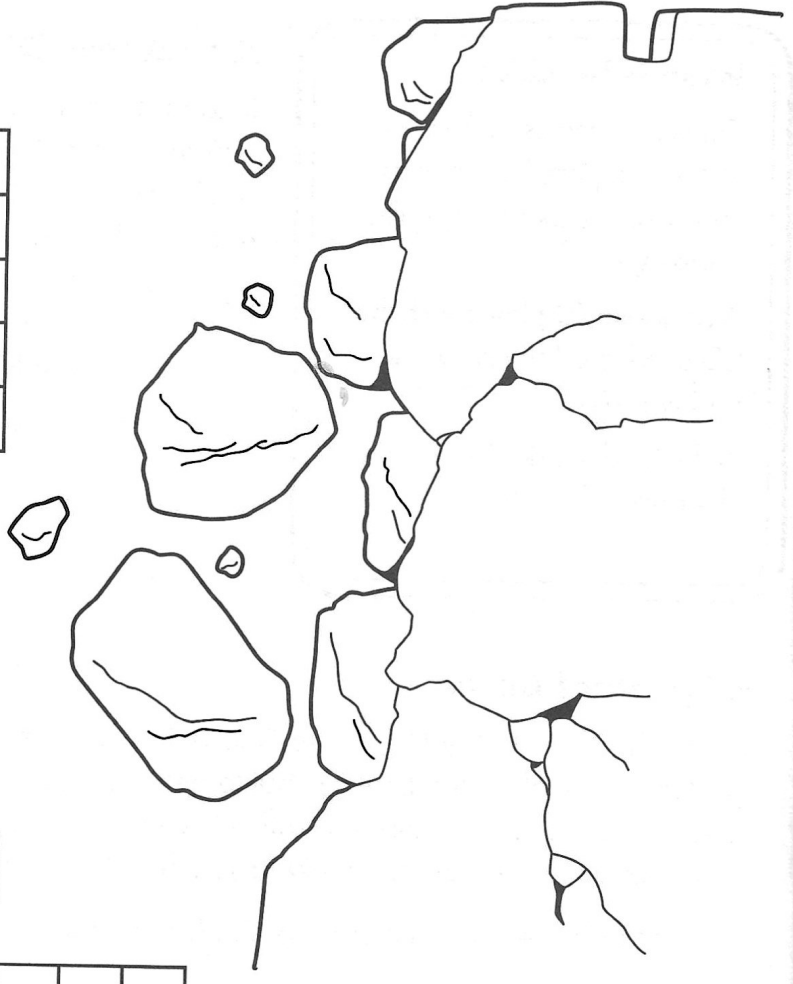
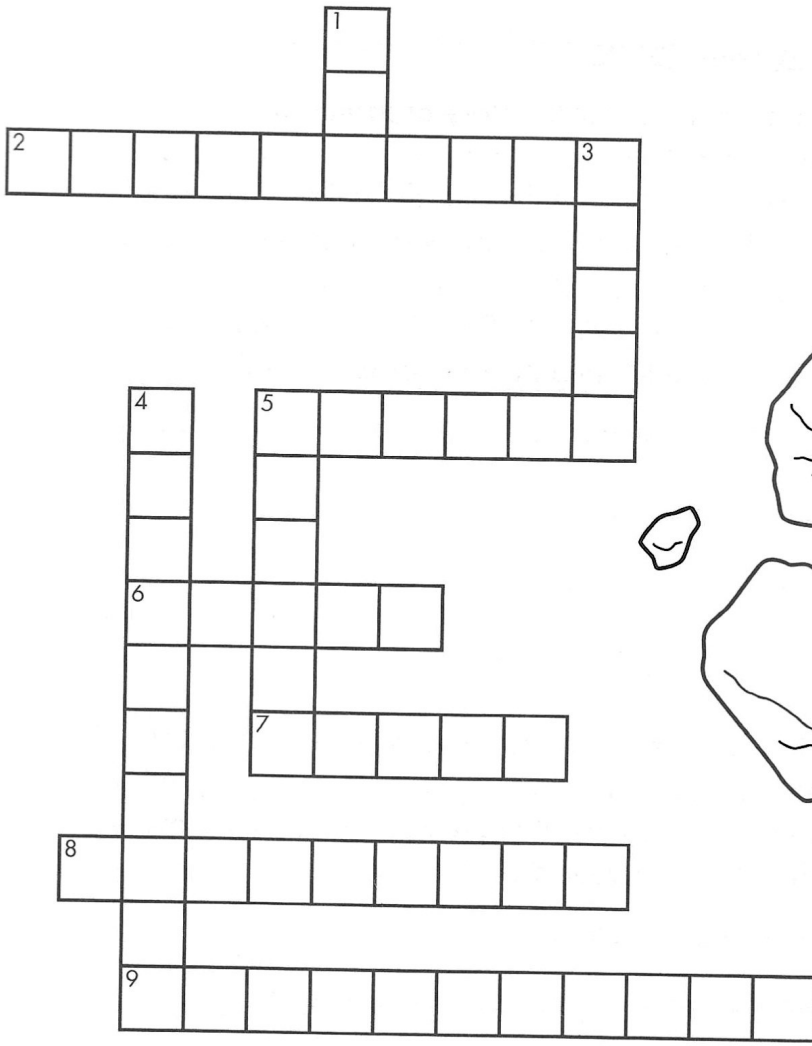
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Joshua — In the Promised Land

Name _____

After the death of Moses, Joshua lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua fought and won many battles with God by his side. Answer the clues to complete the crossword puzzle using the book of Joshua.



Across

- 2. They tricked the Israelites into making a treaty. (9:16)
- 5. This was the river they had to cross. (1:2)
- 6. She hid the Israelite spies. (2:1)
- 7. He stole idols from the ruins of Jericho. (7:20)
- 8. The walls of Jericho _____. (6:20)
- 9. This was the sign for the soldiers to save Rahab and her family (two words). (2:17-18)

Down

- 1. This stood still until the battle was won. (10:13)
- 3. This was the number of days Israel marched around Jericho. (6:4)
- 4. God said, "Be strong and _____." (1:6)
- 5. He led the Children of Israel after Moses died. (1:1)

Trivia A: 7

MAY 2023

ST MATTHEW CALENDAR

Altar Guild: Rita Lafrentz 881-2078/840-9703 Inez Voss 882-9034 Janeal Holmes (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
1 Rev. N. Peitsch out of office at an out of town meeting.	2 Rev. N. Peitsch out of office at an out of town meeting.	3 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	4	5	6	
7 Sun. of services w/HC 8 a.m. Confirmation at Ute Uber: Sue Kruse Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Sun. Sch & Bible Cl. after services	8	9 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Winkle Conference Uber: Sue Kruse Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N am to 3:30 pm	10 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	11	12	13
14 Sun. of services 8 a.m. Uber: Rita Lafrentz Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Mark Witzel Sun. Sch. after services Bible Cl. after services	15	16 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Uber: Ernie Witzel pick up take home In the Word 10 am Uber for the Board of Elders 7 pm (Mark Witzel)	17 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	18	19	20
21 Sun. of services w/HC 8 a.m. Uber: Brian Brown Elder: Duane Hamann Reader: Karen Kueny Screens: Joe Hogan Sun. Sch. after services Bible Cl. after services	22	23 Rev. N. Peitsch on Vacation Board of Directors 7 pm	24 Rev. N. Peitsch on Vacation Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm	25 Rev. N. Peitsch on Vacation	26 Rev. N. Peitsch on Vacation	27 Rev. N. Peitsch on Vacation
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*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
Mavis Skow	Fred Fletcher	Mike Wood	Leo Dose
Freda Means	Roberta Conyers	Mary Greiner	Dennis Muckey

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** (new born baby of Sharell and Dillon Bailey, neighbors of Kay Johnson, born weighing only 2-lb 10-oz on a respiratory in Omaha.) **Jerri Haindfield** (Marilyn and Duane Hamann's daughter.) **Doug VonWeihe** (Uncle to Sarah Schmidt).

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

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Lord give me patience. When I am hurried, give me peace. When I am frustrate, give me perspective. When I am angry let me turn my heart to You. Today let me become a more patient person, dear Lord, as I trust in You and in Your master plan for my life. Amen. ✝