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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of November, there's a lot we have to think about on the horizon. We begin the month celebrating All Saints' Day. Thanksgiving is coming up. The end of the church year is approaching and I imagine some of you are already thinking about Christmas. With all this in mind, I encourage you today to think for a bit about who we are.

In our epistle reading for All Saints' Day, we hear from 1 John 3, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2 John reminds us who we are. We are God's children, and as God's children we worship together. We look forward to Christ's return together. Throughout this month we are presented with different opportunities to live out our lives as God's beloved children.

On All Saints' Day, we comfort one another with the hope of eternal life we all have as God's holy saints. As we mourn the loss of those saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we also look forward in hope to the joyful reunion God has promised us as His beloved children. All because of who we are, and who they were who have gone before us.

We gather later this month to give thanks to God for His many blessings to us as His children. Throughout the Scriptures, God calls on us to give thanks. He provides for us as Luther states in the small catechism: "He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." SC; The First Article God provides us with all we have and for this we give Him our thanks and praise. Or as we sing in one of our offertory songs, "We give You but Your own." That is to say to God, "You've given us all we have, and so all we can do is give back to You what is already Yours." And so, what do we have left that is ours to give Him? Our thanks. And so, we hear repeated throughout the scriptures: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" 1 Chr. 16:34 His love endures forever! That love He has shown us in Christ, who gave His own life for us, which brings us to our third thing to look forward to in November.

As this month comes to a close, we look to the season of Advent. Throughout the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ for us. We remember all the promises God has made to us throughout the scriptures about His Son, Jesus and looking forward to the fulfillment of those promises both at Christmas, and in the age to come when Christ returns in glory.

So, as God's holy saints, as His beloved children, let us rejoice together. Let us give thanks together. Let us anticipate together and encourage one another with God's words of hope, comfort, peace, and joy.

In His Service,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

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!

Epiphany’s message of Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles along with the season’s traditional emphasis on extending Christ’s kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green—the color symbolic of growth.



SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
ALL SAINTS' DAY	Nov. 5 <i>(observed)</i>	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
	<i>or</i> (Prop. 26)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Micah 3:5-12	Psalm 43	1 Thess. 4:1-12	Matt. 23:1-12
	Nov. 12 (Prop. 27)	Twenty-fourth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 25:1-13
	Nov. 19 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-fifth S. a. Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:14-30
THANKSGIVING	Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6-20 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
	Nov. 26 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Cor. 15:20-28	Matt. 25:31-46

Altar Guild for November

Zola Kafton 881-2395-880-1222
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I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.



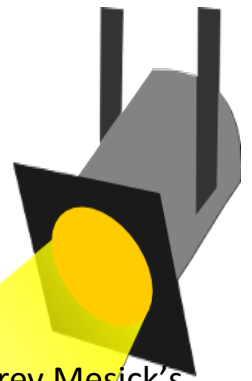
Rev. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve the Lord through the Lutheran Church– Missouri Synod in the Asia region, based in Taiwan. Their children are Isaac, Gary and Virginia



Rev. Jonathan and Anita Clausing serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church– Missouri Synod in Easter Africa, based in Tanzania. They have nine children, Emil, Ellie, Erne, Eunice, Ethan, Eric, Eileen, Elijah and Emmanuel. Emil, their oldest, attends Concordia University in Chicago, and the other eight join them on the mission field.



David and Rachel Baker and their children



In January, 2023 we reached out to Corey Mesick's daughters to see if they had any thoughts about what to do with the \$5,000 that was given to St Matthew to be used for a mission trip. We decided at the time, that probably wouldn't happen. They suggested we give it to the missionaries, to help with their funding. \$1,000.00 each was given to 4 missionaries. \$1,000 was given to the Lutheran Hour Ministries to send to Nicaragua for their mission support. It was to be sent to the general area where Duane Mesick helped fund the building of a school.



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with the local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands—both locals and expats—with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

QUILT DEDICATION

St. Matthew quilt dedication was held on Sunday, October 1 during our church service. Quilts were displayed on the pews. A total of 272 quilts were made this year. 6 went to Lifehouse Ranch (addiction rehab) in Wilton, IA. 5 quilts were sold, 11 was a fire quilt and 1 was a benefit auction quilt. We saved 3 in case there is a need for them. The rest were taken to the Orphan Grain Train in Ida Grove to be shipped wherever there is a humanitarian need. We have had several donations of fabric and have picked up used sheets from 3 motels (used them for liners). We have had several newcomers to our group and enjoy working together to make blankets for the needy. A special thank you to everyone who has helped in some way. \$279.00 was given and sent to Orphan Grain Train for shipping of quilts. Helping Hands. Zola



November 12, 2023 Service time change to 8 a.m. here at St. Matthew is having a Guest Speaker from Iowa District West: Pastor Keith Haney.



Rev. Keith Haney
**Assistant to the President Missions,
Human Care & Stewardship**

Thank you!



MVAO Elementary

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the school supplies you donated! We will put them to good use for those that are needing them. We always appreciate it when you think of us!

Sincerely,
MVAO Elementary
Staff



MY FAVORITE RECIPESUBMITTED BY: Apple Pie in a Jar “VERY GOOD”

4 1/2 C Sugar

1 C Corn starch

1 1/2 tsp Cinnamon

3/4 tsp Salt

10 C water

Cook above ingredients until syrupy. Add 3 Tbsp. Lemon Juice. Peel & Slice apples, fill jars cover with Hot syrup. Hot water bath 20 min.



SUBMITTED BY: Joan Chandler

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelopes have arrived. We hope to have them ready by November 1!

ANNUAL MISSION FESTIVAL 2023



Our Annual Mission Festival was held on Oct. 1 . We had a guest speaker from Mission Central. His name was Steve Schultz. He did our church service and gave us a lot of information on mission work around the world. There was a breakfast brunch served in the basement with about 25 people attending. Our church gave \$580.00 to help spread the Good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

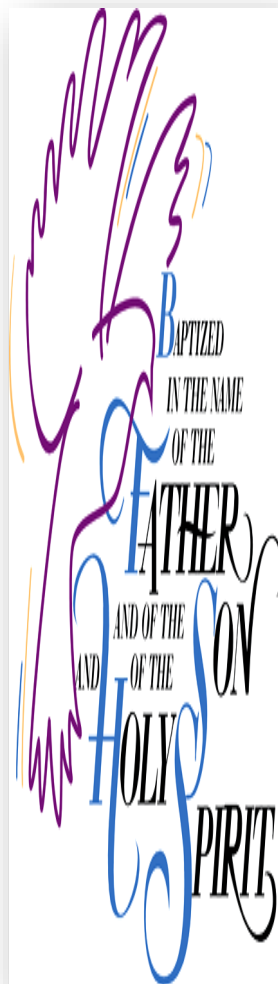
WELCOMING JOHN STACY OUR PARISH ASSISTANT

On Oct 7th we held a 5 pm supper to welcome John Stacy to our Church Home. There was a lot of wonderful food enjoy by about 30 people. John told us about his family and his desire to be a pastor. John is in the office Mon-Fri 8am to 3 pm so stop in and get to know him.



November Birthdays

Diane Brahms	1988-11-02
Jason Divis	1981-11-27
Leo Erlemeier	1961-11-07
Donna Goslar	1948-11-30
Maverick Goslar	2010-11-11
Mary Greiner	1954-11-30
Chana Hinrickson	1949-11-06
Vernon Jahn	1969-11-02
Cole Jensen	1997-11-13
Andy Kaderabek	1988-11-06
Dan Kovarna	1951-11-27
Betty Kuhlmann	1938-11-19
Emily Lamb	1979-11-13
Lynette Larson	1966-11-24
Erika McGrain	1993-11-23
Jerry Means	1951-11-16
Trista Ohlmeier	2006-11-28
Drake Paulsen	2014-11-02
Chad Rickert	1980-11-16
Kade Rotnicke	1998-11-29
David Schrader	1962-11-24
Selma Schrader	1929-11-12
Carolyn Sexton	1939-11-02
Tyler Soukup	1988-11-22
JoAnn Thoreson	1940-11-07
Beth Trucke	1968-11-30
Mardelle Vandevanter	1951-11-26
Ramona Weber	1961-11-04
Terrance Wood	1977-11-18



November Baptisms

Darlene Albers	1952-11-16
Zachary Arndt	2009-11-07
Belinda Bartels	1950-11-12
Wendy Buss	1966-11-13
Michael Carley	2000-11-04
Robert Conyers	1955-11-06
Jason Divis	1981-11-29
Bryan Fritz	1968-11-03
Delores Gosch	1939-11-05
Kaitlyn Goslar	1994-11-13
Kaylee Goslar	2005-11-20
Ben Hinrickson	1983-11-20
Roger Hinrickson	1958-11-16
Michael Jacoby	1995-11-04
Karen Krusen	1951-11-04
Clint Lamb	1996-11-24
Abby Larson	1995-11-12
JoHannah Mckibben	2008-11-08
Matt Mckibben	1969-11-26
Mollie Mckibben	1995-11-26
TariKay Miller	1994-11-23
Boston Paulsen	2018-11-11
Chelsey Paulsen	2018-11-11
Lawrence Paulsen	2021-11-07
Chad Rickert	1980-11-30
Craig Riesberg	1987-11-15
Harper Schrader	2018-11-18
Schalee Schrader	2014-11-02
Donna Shaw	1958-11-09
Jeffrey Stoll	1969-11-09
Kathi Tweet	1937-11-07
Adreana Wunschel	2022-11-22




God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary


Robert and Roberta Conyers	68 years	1955-11-13
Leo and Shari Erlemeier	44 years	1979-11-23
Gary and Judy Kuehl	57 years	1966-11-20



80+ Birthday God's Blessings

God's Child	Age	Birthday
Betty Kuhlmann	84	1938-11-19
Selma Schrader	93	1929-11-12
Carolyn Sexton	83	1939-11-02
JoAnn Thoreson	82	1940-11-07

 We pray for the family of Brent E. Kroll age 62, of Ricketts, Iowa, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 may they find comfort in, *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."*

 We pray for the family of Michael Marvin Kruse age 67, of Mapleton, went to be with Jesus on Sunday, October 29, 2023, may they find comfort in, *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."*

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith this past year of 2023.

Deloris Livermore

Bernie McBride

Leo Dose

Brandon Jacobson

Joan Fick

Brent Kroll

Michael Kruse

Let us pray:

Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving Your servants who trusted in Christ and who now stand in Your nearer presence where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we may await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Pastor Peitsch hit with telemarketing scheme, wants to let you know he will never solicit funds from membership under any circumstances.



Q: What book ends, Let everything that has breath praise the Lord Praise ye the Lord. A: Found on pg. 11

NOVEMBER 2023

ST MATTHEW CALENDAR



SUN: Pick up 8am Take home after service	MON	TUES: Pick up 8am Take home: 3:30 pm	WED Catechism class held in Ute	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Church Office (712) 881-2243 Email: office@stmatthewmapleton.org Rev. Nathan Peitsch, Vacancy Pastor Pastor's Cell: (515) 570-8078 Ryan Paulsen, Head Elder (712) 840-0125 Mark Witzel, President (760) 500-8902</p>	 <p>Humbly welcome the world that has been planted in you.</p>	<p>1 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm All Saints Day Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Pastors Family Day</p>	<p>4 Chelsea Irwin, from Czech Republic at Mission Central at 1 pm Helge family from Czech Republic at 1:30 pm at Mission Central</p>	
<p>5 All Saints Sun. a. Pentecost services 9am Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch a. services</p>	<p>6 Organ tuner Coming 1:30pm</p>	<p>7 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Ernie Witzel</p>	<p>8 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Pastors Family Day</p>	<p>11 Rev. James and Christel Neuendorf from Latin America at Mission Central at 1 pm</p>
<p>12 24 th Sun. a. Pentecost Sun. of services w/HC 9 a.m. (Missionary Visit) Rev. Haney Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch a. services</p>	<p>13 Cleaning at the church 9-11 am</p> 	<p>14 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Winkle Conference Uber: Sue Kruse</p>	<p>15 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Pastors Family Day</p>	<p>18 Carol Lee Halter from Asia at Mission Central at 1pm</p>
<p>19 25 th Sun. a. Pentecost of services 9am Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Dennis Muckey Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch a. services</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Duane/Marilyn Hamann In the Word 10 am Board of Elders 7 pm Mark Witzel</p>	<p>22 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p>23 Thanks-giving Day</p>	<p>24 Pastors Family Day</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Last Sun. of the Church Year services w/HC 9a.m. Uber: Mark Greiner Elder: Brian Brown Reader: Sarah Schmidt Screens: Joe Hogan Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch a. services</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Janeal Holmes Board of Directors 7 pm Mark Witzel</p>	<p>29 Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Altar Guild Zola Kifton 881-2395 Dawn Paulsen 880-2941 Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095</p>	

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



Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
Fred Fletcher
Shirley Scoles
Mark Greiner

Selma Schrader
Marlene Phillip
Deloris Boysen

Myrna Gosch
Roberta Conyers
Maxine Thies

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle (friend of Marla & Joe Hogan); **Beth Weber**, (cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber); **Tammy Tollfuson**, in 3rd stage heart failure (relative to Dean and Ramona Weber); **Suzie Jacapello**, (sister of Nazaria Kaderabek); **Tim Sanderson** (friend of Dennis Muckey); **Kristin Webb** (Sarah Schmidt's best friend's sister) diagnosed with the rarest form of leukemia AML, she is only 39; Hiedi Zimmer; P.O. Box 272 Early, IA 50535 (Joan Chander's daughter); **Sandy Donovan**, (Nazaria Kaderabek's mother.) **Jerri Hainfield** (daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann); **Annie Greiner** (sister-in-law of Mark Greiner) **Doug Von Weihe** (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)

Ryan Trucke serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming son of Beth & Ed Trucke,
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: The
way to God is with
faith in your heart take
the path that He trod.
The way of the cross

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran Family Service:** www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** [Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) [Camp Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living**— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear Lord, help me to be a person of faith. Help me to remember that You are always near and that You can overcome any challenge. With Your love and Your power. Lord, I can live courageously and faithfully today and every day Amen. ✝