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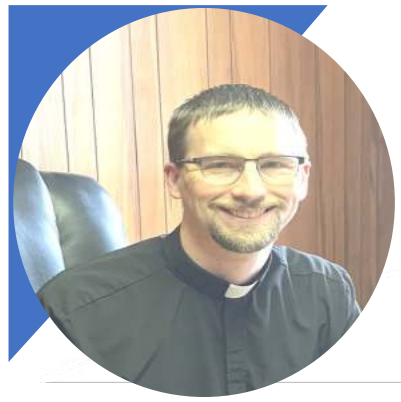
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm sure you by now have heard, our two congregations, St Paul's and St Mathew's are embarking on a new journey. As a solution to the vacancy at St Matthew's, District has helped to connect us up with the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) Program, through Concordia Seminary in St Louis. We are pleased to welcome John Stacy on board as he prepares to enter this program and work with us over the next several years to become a pastor.

The SMP program has been around in our church body for some time now. It is a four year distance learning program for training up men for specific ministry situations. John is beginning his time with us as a "Parish Assistant". In this role he will be helping us to get back to a more "normal" worship schedule at St Matthew's. John will be leading our non-communion worship services at both our congregations until such time as he is able to administer the sacrament. As "Parish Assistant" he will be leading the liturgy for our services, and reading a sermon written by one of our local pastors, or in some cases from another LCMS pastor.

Beginning next year, John will officially start the SMP program. At that time he will begin his course work on the road towards becoming an ordained pastor. He will serve as vicar starting at that point and after he has had his first preaching course, he will be able to start writing his own sermons.

During all of this, our churches have agreed that I will serve as John's supervisor and mentor. We will be working together on his sermons, discussing course work, and doing many visitations together as well. This is a great opportunity for our two churches to work together to help bring one more pastor into the LCMS.

With all this in mind, for some time, we will be trading off which of us is serving at our two congregations. We are doing our best to get this information out to all of you so you are aware of the changes that are coming. So first, our communion schedule: Communion will be served on an alternating schedule at our two churches. The first Sunday of the month it will be at St Paul's, the second at St Matthew's, the third at St Paul's, and the fourth at St Matthew's, on the rare fifth Sundays we will serve communion again at St Paul's. This means 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month, I will serve at St Paul's and John will serve at St Matthew's. The 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we will switch and I will serve at St Matthew's and John will serve at St Paul's.

This is a temporary change for our two congregations until such time as John is able to administer the Lord's Supper. Officially he will be ordained as specific pastor for St Matthew's 2 years into his program time. Although, it was indicated to us that he could start serving the sacrament before this time. We will keep you informed as to the plan and any questions or concerns you have about these arrangements can be addressed to myself or any of our elders.

As we begin this journey together, I encourage you to recall as St Paul talks to us about the gifts God has given to each of us.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." 1Cor. 12:4-6

God equips us each differently to serve Him and His kingdom. What a blessing it is for us to use our gifts and help to encourage God's gifts in another as he prepares to serve our Lord in the pastoral office.

While things may look a little different in our future, we continue to serve the same Lord and learn from His unchanging Word. May God bless our churches as we grow together through this time and may He abundantly bless our new parish assistant and soon to be vicar, John Stacy.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan Peitsch

**Green.** 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.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as “the time of the church,” share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the “green meadow,” no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth.

**Red**

Finally, 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.



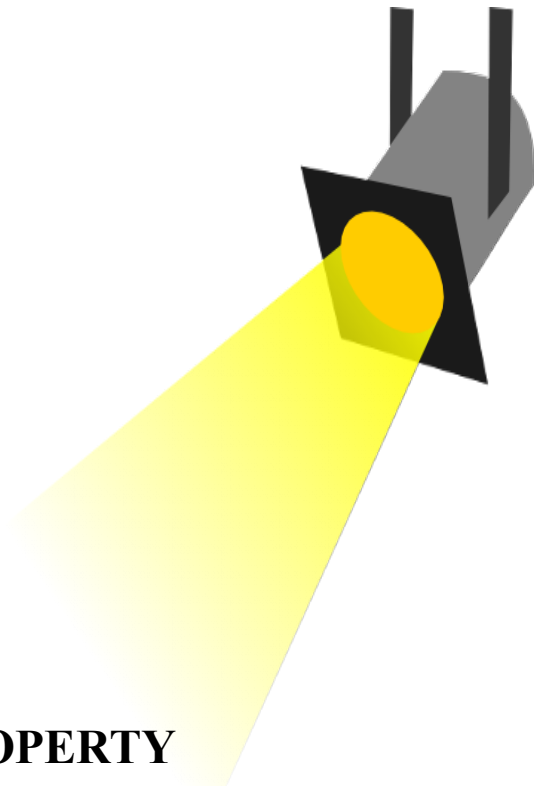
RED

SEASON	DATE	FESTIVAL	FIRST READING	PSALM	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
	Oct. 1 (Prop. 21)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32	Psalms 25:1–10	Phil. 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18	Matt. 21:23–27 (28–32)
	Oct. 8 (Prop. 22)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1–7	Psalms 80:7–19	Phil. 3:4b–14	Matt. 21:33–46
	Oct. 15 (Proper 23)	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6–9	Psalms 23	Phil. 4:4–13	Matt. 22:1–14
	Oct. 22 (Proper 24)	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1–7	Psalms 96:1–9 (10–13)	1 Thess. 1:1–10	Matt. 22:15–22
<b>REFORMATION</b>	Oct. 29 ( <i>observed</i> )	Reformation Day (Oct. 31)	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalms 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 <i>or</i> Matt. 11:12–19

Altar Guild for October

Altar	Karen Kueny 880-2375
Altar	Karla Uhl 883-2514
Altar	Janeal Holmes 712-899-8095

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.



## **A BIG THANK YOU TO PROPERTY**

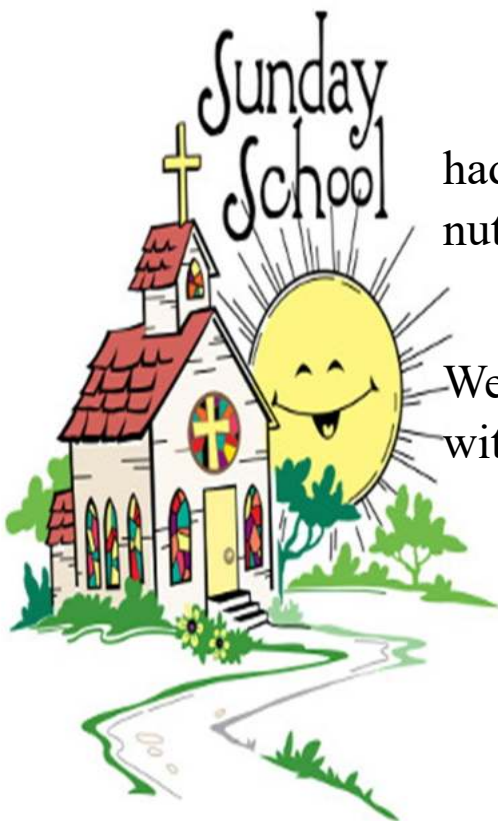
St. Matthew owes a BIG, BIG thank you to our property board and ALL the volunteers that worked on the parsonage, whether it was cleaning, moving in furniture etc. Many hours of donating your time and talents to cleaning, painting were done. Also there was furniture donated, and monies, and loan of vehicles to move the furniture to the parsonage. What a busy group that did an excellent job. We thank you! Thank You!

## **RALLY DAY**

Sept. 10th was our first day of Sunday school. We had 10 kids that day. We enjoyed breakfast pizza, donuts and milk. We made name tags for their desks!

Marla, Dawn & Chelsey all helped.

We have averaged about 10 kids each week and sing with Ryan!!



**Sponsored by Property Board**-Selling apples and apple pies. All money going for church expenses.

4 cups frozen sliced apples bagged for 9" pie \$6.00 w/  
cinnamon & sugar filling \$7.00



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Janeal Holmes-712-899-8095



## A Warm Welcome to John Stacy

**October 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 5:30 pm Supper** at church everyone bring what they like to eat. Pulled pork will be furnished and drinks. Please join in the fellowship at St. Matthew and make John feel welcome to our church family. Hope to see you there.



### SHOWER FOR JOHN STACY

We are collecting monetary gifts and also groceries to fill his pantry. At the back of the church there is a basket where you can put a check or a donation of money for the shower. Please make the check out to St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The Money will be used to purchase a gift card for John.

## HOT BEEF LUNCHEON SERVERS AT THE BEEF



We set a goal of 200 tickets to sell. We were close but wasn't at goal on September 15th, but with a little push we met and exceeded our goal. We had 250 meals sold and a total of \$3600, but still need to pay Beef n Brew for all their work and they did all the clean up. We had amazing help, with many great compliments. Thank you to all that made bars or helped in any way. We appreciate all the volunteers. It is so nice to be able to have volunteers and not begging for help. Thank you. Outreach Marilyn Hamann & Ramona Weber



### MY FAVORITE RECIPE

### CHOCOLATE CHUNK-STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE

**SUBMITTED BY: Janeal Holmes**

**PREHEAT oven to 350\***

**servings 24**

- 2/3 c flour
- 1/2 c firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 c (1/2 stick) cold butter
- 1 c chopped Planters Slivered Almonds
- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- Brewed strong Maxwell house Coffee (any variety), cooled
- 1-1/2 pkg. (4oz. Each) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate (6oz.), chopped

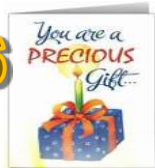


Mix flour and sugar in medium bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in almonds.

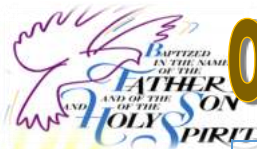
Prepare cake batter as directed on package, substituting the brewed coffee for the water. Pour into greased 15x10x1 inch baking pan; sprinkle with half of the chocolate. Top with almond mixture and remaining chocolate.

Bake 20-25 min. or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Cover and store at room temperature.

# October Birthdays



Belinda Bartels	1950-10-27
Kirk Bollig	1957-10-07
Eva Bridgeman	2020-10-26
Betsy Brodersen	1983-10-29
James Brodersen	1964-10-04
Christina Davis	1979-10-11
Lennox Fox	2015-10-17
Anna Goslar	1994-10-01
Kaitlyn Goslar	1994-10-17
Kaylee Goslar	2005-10-13
Ben Hinrickson	1983-10-18
Daryl Ingram	1960-10-05
Caitlyn Jacobson	2005-10-11
Natalie Jacobson	2005-10-11
Nicole Jacobson	1977-10-02
Billie Krusen	1971-10-18
Karen Krusen	1951-10-18
Katie Krusen	1988-10-12
Kody Krusen	1990-10-18
Gary Kuehl	1945-10-02
Nolan Lamb	2007-10-04
Abby Larson	1995-10-16
Matt Mckibben	1968-10-19
Mollie Mckibben	1995-10-19
Mandy Meseck	1998-10-01
Boston Paulsen	2015-10-24
Brianne Rickert	1990-10-19
Nicole Schiltz	1986-10-08
Jeffrey Stoll	1969-10-18
Laurie Streck	1974-10-17
Wyatt Streck	2005-10-26



# October Baptisms

Shelly Boyle	1962-10-28
Patrick Brodersen	2000-10-22
James Brodersen	1964-10-25
Alan Bruhn	1960-10-02
Ruth Bruhn	1932-10-09
Mitchell Elmquist	1998-10-10
Dale Engelke	1952-10-19
Shari Erlemeier	1962-10-14
Gloria Fletcher	1955-10-07
Shelly Frahm	1965-10-10
Gayle Gibson	1952-10-25
Harper Goslar	2017-10-22
Jordan Goslar	1999-10-31
Sean Goslar	1993-10-03
Christopher Gray	2011-10-09
Terrance Gray	2011-10-09
Virgil Gronwoldt	1961-10-29
Shawn Hamann	1971-10-31
Daryl Ingram	1960-10-23
Steven Ingram	1961-10-01
Pam Jahn	1948-10-31
Jacy Jochims	1992-10-03
Andy Kaderabek	1992-10-12
Wayne Kafton	1946-10-27
Peggy Ketelsen	1952-10-11
George Koithan	1932-10-30
Aaron Krusen	2006-10-01
Billie Krusen	2006-10-01
Katie Krusen	1988-10-30
Gary Kuehl	1945-10-21
Cody Meseck	2011-10-16
Mandy Meseck	1998-10-18
Matthew Petersen	1982-10-17
Jonathan Pickel	1998-10-22
Brianne Rickert	1990-10-19
Ariel Rotnicke	2001-10-06
Nicole Schiltz	1988-10-19
Theodore Thoreson	1972-10-11

## 80+ Birthday God's Blessings

God's Child	Age	Birthday
Darlene Albers	84	1938-10-28
Barbara Bumsted	88	1934-10-11
Delores Gosch	83	1939-10-11
Kay Johnson	83	1939-10-30
Joyce Kruse	88	1934-10-23
Kathi Tweet	85	1937-10-30



## God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Kirk and Tosha Bridgeman	5 years	2018-10-06
Fred and Gloria Fletcher	35 years	1988-10-19
Roger and Chana Hinrickson	51 years	1972-10-14

# MISSION FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 22ND AT ST MATTHEW



Here at St. Matthew we will have our annual Mission Festival on October 22nd. Our speaker will be Steve Schultz. He is the new missionary from Mission Central. There will be a breakfast brunch in the basement of our church to follow the serves. Please join us. The Stewardship Board, Joan Chandler and Zola Kafton.

God didn't add another day in your life because you needed it, He added it because someone out there needs you.

Kelly's Treehouse

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help plan services in the park please contact Joe Hogan at (712)-420-0775



Q: Who were the 3 oldest men whose ages were recorded in the bible and what were their ages? A: Found on pg. 11





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><b>1 18th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost of services 9am Dedication Quilts Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 9am-10am Bible Cl. after services</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Rita Lafrentz</p>	<p><b>4</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Pastors Family Day</p>	<p><b>7</b> Welcome for <b>John Stacy</b> 5:30 pm supper. Gary Schuschke from Germany at Mission Central at 1 pm</p>
<p><b>8 19th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost Sun. services 9am w/HC Uber: Alan Dale Elder: Alan Dale Reader: Sarah Schmidt Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 9am-10am Bible Cl. after services</p>	<p><b>9</b> Cleaning at the church 9-11 am </p>	<p><b>10</b> Rev. N. Peitsch in office 12N to 3:30 pm Winkle Conference Uber: Sue Kruse</p>	<p><b>11</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Pastors Family Day</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15 20th</b> Sun. a. Pentecost of services 9am <u>Congregational meeting a. service</u> Elder: Mark Witzel Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Dennis Muckey Sunday School after serves</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Ernie Witzel In the Word 10 am Board of Elders 7 pm Uber M. Witzel</p>	<p><b>18</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Pastors Family Day</p>	<p><b>21</b> Kim Bueltmann from Germany at Mission Central at 1 pm</p>
<p><b>22 21st</b> Sun. a. Pentecost services 9am w/HC Mission Festival Uber: Karla Uhl Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 9am-10am Bible Cl. after services</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Alan Dale Board of Directors 7pm Uber: Mark Witzel</p>	<p><b>25</b> Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Catechism Class 4:30 PM 5-6 6 pm Catechism 7-8</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Pastors Family Day</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29 22st</b> Sun. a. Pentecost of services 9am Reformation Day Elder: Ryan Paulsen Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 9am-10am Bible Cl. after services</p>	<p><b>30</b> </p>	<p><b>31</b> Rev. Nathan Peitsch in office 8:30am-3:30pm Uber: Janeal Holmes</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild</b> Karen Kueny 880-2375 Karla Uhl 883-2514 Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095</p>	<p>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</p>		

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Acts

It's time to "fuel up." Use your Bible to answer these questions about the book of Acts—Stop 44 on our *Route 66* road trip!

1. How many chapters are in the book of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Jesus say His disciples would be? (1:8) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What happened when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples? (2:1–12)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who did Peter and John heal on their way to the Temple? (3:1–10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was stoned to death for preaching about Jesus? (7:54–60)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who did Philip baptize by the roadside? (8:26–40)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Who did Saul (Paul) meet on the road to Damascus? (9:1–6)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What important mission did God give Paul? (9:15)  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How did Peter escape from prison? (12:1–19)  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Paul and Silas were thrown in jail for preaching the gospel. What happened at midnight?  
(16:25–34)  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What delayed Paul's trip to Rome? (27:27–44)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*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-Home  
Deloris Boysen

Selma Schrader  
Marlene Phillip  
Maxine Thies-at Mercy

Myrna Gosch  
Roberta Conyers

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; **Jenikka Schaffer**, former member, (friend of Zola Kafton). Hiedi Zimmer; P.O. Box 272 Early, IA 50535 (Joan Chander's daughter) Sandy Donovan (Nazaria Kaderabek's Mom)

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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A: Genesis 5:5; Genesis 5:27; Genesis 5:20.



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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

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Dear Lord, when people around me are difficult, give me perspective and faith. When I am weak, give me strength to forgive. Let me trust in Your promises, Father, and let me live with the assurance that You are with me not only today but also through out all eternity.  
Amen. ✝